

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The Supervisor, Fred Horwath, called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and with prayer offered by Board Member, Lois Hills.

The Board Members in attendance were Connie Strong, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were fifteen citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Dan Boyd, Maxine Vanlerberg, Brad Benzing and his son, Christie Cook, John Tanner, Leroy Morr, Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Robert and Brenda Godfrey, Chuck Meade, Betty Keeling, Bret Hutchins, and Keith Brown.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman and supported by Board Member, William White to approve the minutes of last month's and to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows*) The motion carried.

BALANCE ON HAND – June 30, 2004

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$ 249.81
LIP Account	\$ 151,346.38
Flagstar Checking	\$ 14,695.23
Flagstar Money Market	\$ 0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 856.07

WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$ 693.98
LIP Account	\$ 104,662.21
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 61,360.68
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 15,925.85

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Leroy Morr has complaints that the Road Commission did not put grass on the ditches on Coman Road after doing the berming and ditching project.

Bob Godfrey is from Wright Township and lives at 9811 S. Pittsford Rd, Pittsford. He is a Republican candidate for the office of Road Commissioner. He

introduced himself, presented his background, qualifications, experience, and distributed his campaign literature.

Keith Brown from Congressman Nick Smith's office presented an congressional update. Nick Smith is retiring from this position after serving twelve years. Congressman Nick Smith wanted to recognize elected officials serving fourteen or more years. On behalf of each elected official serving fourteen or more years a U.S. flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol. A U.S. flag and a certificate was presented to Roger Zimmerman, Connie Strong, and William White for their years of service as an elected official.

Assessor, Betty Keeling addressed the issue concerning the Equalization Department situation where she didn't give all the assessing information to the Equalization Department. She stated that the Equalization Department sold data, and did not inform the townships. She was not in agreement with the sale of the data. She provided to the Equalization Department only the data that was required by law. County Commissioner, Maxine Vanlerberg reported that the Board of Commissioners stopped the sale of data; the Equalization Department sold the data in innocence and did not realize the consequences. The County has proposed a data sharing agreement. If the Township doesn't give all the information to the county we will be cut out of our portion of the money from the sale of digital information. Betty is talking with Nick (Equalization Director) to work it out.

Brad Benzing is from Woodbridge Township and lives at 9425 Steamburg Road, Hillsdale. He is a Republican candidate for the office of County Commissioner for District 4, which includes Amboy, Camden, Woodbridge, and Wright Townships. He introduced himself, presented his background, qualifications, experience, and distributed his campaign literature.

Bret Hutchins is the incumbent Republican candidate running for Road Commissioner. He has served as Road Commissioner for eight years. He was also filling in for George Gier. He reported that the roadside mowing is done on the paved roads and will now be doing the gravel roadsides, when the gravel roadsides are completed the paved roadsides will be done again.

Fred Horwath and Roger Zimmerman met with Tom Traciak from ACI Finance, Inc. and Engineer, Ray Saneholtz from Feller Finch & Associates, Inc. on June 30, 2004, in regards to the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project. Fred read an email communication from Tom Traciak concerning Wright Township Financing. The email was directed to Paul Miller, Frank Tuma, and Todd MacLean from USDA. In summary, the email was requesting some direction from USDA in order to determine our timing on construction bidding and the special assessment process.

Attorney, Dan Boyd, reported he is being held up with a problem on one particular piece of property which needs to be resolved. He does not want to begin court proceedings until all easements are ready.

County Commissioner, Maxine Vanlerberg reported that currently the Board of Commissioners is working on contracts for the Sheriff's Department and SEIC. She addressed the Building and Site Sinking Fund Millage Proposal that will be voted on at the August 3, 2004, Primary Election. It is a tax increase of ½ mill for 5 years to create a sinking fund for the construction, repair and maintenance of county buildings. She also addressed the Senior Millage Renewal Proposal which will also be voted on at the August 3, 2004, Primary Election. It is a renewal of ½ mill for the period of 2005 to 2024 for the intended purpose of planning, coordinating and providing services to older persons.

Treasurer, Connie Strong reported on the delinquent personal property tax for 2001, 2002, and 2003. She has sent letters and notices. This is an issue that needs to be pursued for collection. Connie also reported that she has been having problems with her computer. The computer is over five years old. It was recommended she get bids from the two Hillsdale Computer stores for a new computer system.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$31,457.95 from the General Fund. (*A listing of the bills is attached.*) The motion carried.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk