

Township of Wright

Hillsdale County, Michigan

112 East Center Street

July 9, 2009 Minutes

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Clerk	Sharon J. Zimmerman	11891 Waldron Rd.	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6486
Treasurer	Harold L. Douglas	201 South Main St.	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6660
Trustee	Roger L. Zimmerman	11891 Waldron Rd.	Waldron, MI	49288	(517) 286-6486
Trustee	William W. White	13160 Lime Lake Rd.	Hudson, MI	49247	(517) 383-2577

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

The meeting was opened with reciting of the pledge of allegiance and with prayer offered by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman.

Board members present were: Supervisor, Fred Horwath; Trustee, William White; Treasurer, Harold Douglas; Trustee, Roger Zimmerman; and Clerk, Sharon Zimmerman.

There were a total of five guests present at the meeting: Christy Cook, Jeff Gier, Leroy Moore, Brad Benzing, and Bruce Caswell.

The motion was made by Fred Horwath, supported by Roger Zimmerman to approve the minutes of the last month's meeting as printed; and to accept the Treasurer's report. (*See Attached for Treasurer's Report.*)

The motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Jeff Gier, Prattville Sewer Manager, gave a list of residents who have not yet been connected. There are eight occupied dwellings that have not been connected. There are also seven vacant dwellings that are not connected. Of these seven three are condemned. Action needs to be taken to get the hook-up process started.

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Motion was made by Bill White and supported by Harold Douglas to send a letter to eight homes that are not yet connected to the Lime Lake Sewer.

Brad Benzing, County Commissioner, informed the board of his activities for the month of June. They included: a Farmer's Market that included people within 100 miles which brought their local products to sell, the senior center, plat books to be printed by local printers, aerial maps, the cost of public notices and the county audit.

Bruce Caswell informed the board he would be running for State Senate and to please consider voting for him. He then discussed some of his concerns, which included: job issues, getting small businesses established in the area, the wasteful spending in Lansing, and the personal property taxes that are killing us.

Sharon Zimmerman informed the board of a bill from Larry Siegel for three sewer hook-ups in Prattville. Money is to be taken out of Flagstar grant money.

Sharon gave land division information from Ben Wheeler who is wanting approval on a land division. Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Bill White to approve the land division on property on Coman Road owned by Ron Rayba. Roll Call:

Bill White – yes
Harold Douglas – yes
Roger Zimmerman – yes
Sharon Zimmerman – yes
Fred Horwath – yes

Motion was unanimously passed.

Information was given by Sharon Zimmerman as to the need to transfer money out of the Contingency General and Sewer fund. Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Bill White to transfer out of general contingency fund money for the following:

\$120.00 for Telephone
400.00 for Clerk meetings
20.00 for Deputy Treasurer tax
20.00 for Deputy Clerk tax

total of money to be transferred is \$560.00. The motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Roger Zimmerman to take \$500.00 out of the Sewer Contingency fund for permits. The motion was unanimously passed.

Bill White made a request of Sharon Zimmerman to check as to what the Right-of-Way fund can be used for.

Sharon informed the board that, as per last month's meeting, Harold Douglas closed out the Cemetery account and transferred the money, \$295.77, into the general savings account.

The August 4, 2009 Roads and Bridges Millage Renewal Proposal was discussed. Fred Horwath mentioned the need to get the word to residents that this is a renewal only. It was decided to place an add on the WCSR Radio station (which is free) and to put information in the Bi-County Herald at the cost of \$41.25 for one issue.

Motion was made by Harold Douglas and supported by Roger Zimmerman to give the clerk the authority to reimburse contractors up to \$100.00 for incurred expenses when presented with the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Bill White and supported by Roger Zimmerman to pay the general bills. Motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Roger Zimmerman and supported by Harold Douglas to pay sewer bills. Motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Bill White and supported by Harold Douglas to have Fred Horwath check to see if we can get 2,000 tons of stone at the same price as the last order of 1,000 tons. Motion was unanimously passed. Fred will check with Stan Gier.

Harold Douglas informed the board that the O&M checking account was low on funds. The consensus was that the monthly sewer fees should have been set higher at the beginning. The possibility of raising the monthly fee was discussed. Harold will check on the income/expenses of the sewer fund and let us know the results at the August meeting.

The Board made the decision to take money from the RRI Fund account for any bill which exceeded \$500.00.

Motion made by Bill White and supported by Harold Douglas to adjourn.

Motion was unanimously passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully Submitted
Wright Township Clerk
Sharon Zimmerman

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 30, 2009

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP		CD'S
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 2,215.99	
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 260,273.83	\$50,000.00
Tax Account Checking	\$ 786.54	
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND		
Flagstar – Checking (Construction)	\$ 7,048.79	
O & M - Checking	\$ 13,721.33	
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$ 212,588.45	\$50,000.00
RRI - Money Market Account	\$ 20,187.70	\$10,000.00
WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND		
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 110.05	
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 169,866.88	\$50,000.00
First Federal - Statement Savings	\$ 12,139.26	\$12,000.00

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