

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. 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, and Roger Zimmerman. William White was absent.

There were ten citizens and guests present at the meeting including Harold Douglas, Skip Linden, Ben Wheeler, Duane Keeling, Christie Cook, John Tanner, George Gier, David Gier, Jeff Gier, and Terri Rossi.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting, and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

<u>BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2005</u>	
WRIGHT TOWNSHIP	
Checking Account	\$ 1,366.35
LIP Account	\$ 104,917.20
Flagstar Checking	\$ 787.82
Flagstar Money Market	\$ 0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 859.50
United Bank & Trust BAN Loan	\$ (300,000.00)
WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND	
Checking Account	\$ 106.00
LIP Account	\$ 70,725.21
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 46,715.49
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 18,832.65
Loan (Liability)	\$ 100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment. There were no comments.

Christie Cook, RCAP, reported that Todd MacClean from Rural Development reviewed the proposed ordinance for regulating the use, operation, and maintenance of the sanitary sewage disposal system, and stated it was suitable.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong moved the adoption of the Ordinance Number 107. The Ordinance is the Township's sewer use ordinance. It prescribes the rules, regulations, and sewer use standards applicable to users of the sanitary sewer system, the limits on both toxic and compatible pollutants, the determination, permitting and monitoring of significant individual users, the civil and criminal enforcement of violations of the Ordinance and the penalties related to such enforcement. The Ordinance further establishes sanitary sewer system rates and charges and billing practices. (*See July 14 attachment for the complete wording of the Ordinance.*) Roll call vote: Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Frederick Horwath – yes, and William White – absent.

A proposal to operate the new Lime Lake waste water treatment system was received from Dave Gier. He provided a copy of his State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Class L Waste Stabilization Lagoon License.. His proposal was for \$21,000 if the

township paid for half of his social security and medicare taxes or \$23,000 if we supplied him with Form 1099 and do not pay any taxes.

A letter was received from Terri Rossi expressing his interest in the operator's position of the Lime Lake waste water treatment system.

Dave Gier gave a presentation on his experience and qualifications as waste water treatment system operator. He has ten years experience with the Pittsford system. He introduced his son, Jeff Gier who would assist him with the day to day maintenance and operation. Jeff gave a presentation on his experience and qualifications. He has five years of experience helping and covering the operations of the Pittsford system while Dave has been away. Dave stated his desire to be involved with the project from the beginning of construction. The annual rate quoted in his proposal is for a one year contract, the time beginning when project begins. Then after the first year would like an assessment taken by both sides to decide on the subsequent years.

Terri Rossi addressed the board on his experience and qualifications as a waste water treatment system operator. He has had previous experience with the Waldron system.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to hire Dave Gier for the operator of the Lime Lake waste water treatment system for \$23,000 (We will supply him with Form 1099 and he will pay social security and medicare taxes.) for a one year contract. The motion was unanimously passed.

George Gier, County Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission is still working on getting the Vebra Hoff Dairy Farms to be liable for the cost of the repair for the damage their equipment has caused on local roadways due to their continuous hauling of heavy loads.

An agreement for contracting with Michigan Assessing Service, Benjamin R. Wheeler, representative, was signed effective the 15th day of July, 2005 for a term ending July 15, 2007. They will perform and provide all duties of tax assessment as the Township Assessor.

A "Truth in Taxation" hearing on increasing property taxes was conducted. We were subject to this hearing since our tax levy total was more than one mill. The Truth in Taxation computations were presented as prepared by The County Q\Equalization Department. Our 2004 taxable value was 41,347,464. Our 2005 taxable value is 43,652,001. Our 2004 operating millage rate actually levied was 2.8256 mills (Allocated – 0.8540 and Voted Roads – 1.9716). The 2005 maximum allowable operating millage under Headlee and MCL 211.34 is 2.7738 mills (Allocated – 0.8383 and Voted Roads – 1.9355). The 2005 base tax rate without a hearing would be 2.7114 mills (Allocated – 0.8194 and Voted Roads – 1.892). The proposed increase is for 0.0624 mills (Allocated – 0.0189 and Voted Roads – 0.0435) in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2005. The maximum revenue without Truth in Taxation is \$118,358 (Allocated - \$35,768 and Voted Roads - \$8,2590). The maximum revenue with the Truth in Taxation is \$121,082 (Allocated - \$36,593 and Voted Roads - \$84,489.) The revenue increase with a hearing is \$2,724.00.

The motion was made by Board Member, Lois Hills, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to increase the 2005 operating tax levies to the maximum allowable millage rate of 2.7738, an increase of 0.0624. (Allocated Operating is 0.8383, increasing 0.0189, and Voted Roads Operating is 1.9355, increasing 0.0435.) The maximum revenue is \$121,082 (Allocated - \$36,593 and Voted Roads - \$84,489.) The revenue increase is \$2,724.00. Roll call vote: Connie Strong – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, and Lois Hills – yes, and William White – absent..

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$22,899.78 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk