

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 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 Fred Horwath, Connie Strong, Lois Hills, William White, and Roger Zimmerman.

There were nine citizens and guests present at the meeting including Jim Marry, Charles Meade, Leroy Morr, Ben Wheeler, John Tanner, Harold Douglass, Christie Cook, Robert Godfrey, and Steve Darmofal.

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

BALANCE ON HAND - MAY 31, 2006	
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 246.40
LIP Account	\$ 194,592.87
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 862.51
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$ 511.38
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$ 100.04
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$ 90,306.20
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 101.97
LIP Account	\$ 114,179.20
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 48,060.91
Statement Savings	\$ 19,700.11

The meeting was opened for public comment with comments as follows:

Jim Marry asked why the minutes are not read at the meeting. It was explained to him that it is not required to read the minutes at the meeting if the minutes are sent to the board members prior to the meeting.

Leroy Morr inquired when the dust control was going to be applied to the gravel roads. Robert Godfrey reported that the Road Commission is preparing the roads starting on the north side of county working to the south. Dust control cannot be applied until the Road Commission releases the roads after the completion of their spring maintenance.

Robert Godfrey, Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission is working ten hours for four days a week for the summer. The Road Commissioners are meeting every other week. Ron Murphy, Superintendent of the Road Commission, resigned. Sam Gier was appointed to replace him as Superintendent. Ron Murphy was appointed to fill the remaining unexpired term of George Gier's Road Commissioner's position due to George's death. Dust control is being applied starting in the north of the county going south.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc, presented an agenda of items that needed addressed regarding to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements project.

Project Update:

Anglin Civil Constructors (Contract A) have moved in equipment, installed the signs and started the core trench work at the lagoons.

Rothenberger (Contract B) began work on May 15. They have installed 8,113 of 28,410 feet of total pipe (28%) through June 2nd.

Both contractors have submitted a payment application for work through the week ending June 4th.

There will be a Progress Meeting for each project on Thursday, June 15th, Rothenberger at 10:00 a.m. at their trailer, and Anglin at 11:00 a.m. at the lagoon site.

Service Agreement Update:

A listing was provided showing signed service agreements. Presently there are 116 signed service agreements.

A listing was provided showing those who have not signed service agreements. There are approximately 48 who have not signed service agreements.

It was discussed the procedure to follow for those people who have not signed their service agreement. It was the consensus to send out another letter to those people who have not signed their service agreement.

Electrical Services:

Some resistance from the new Hillsdale County Electrical Inspector is occurring for the electrical construction permit approvals. It sounds like they are going to make us change our details.

Hillsdale County is also expecting that if a substandard service is encountered at a residence, the service would need to be upgraded to the "service disconnecting means".

Requested Changes to Grinder Pump Stations:

- A) New grinder pump station requests to be added to the Project (within district).
 - 1. Gloria & Marion Linton, 13851 Lime Lake Road
 - 2. Gary Klapperich, 13944 Emens Drive (2nd Station)
- B) A trailer has added to the following parcels that were both assessed 0.5 REU's would like a grinder pump added.
 - 1. Chris & Linda Holloway, 9832 & 9846 Coman Road
- C) The following properties were scheduled to receive a grinder pump station and are not habitable or do not contain facilities.
 - 1. David Belcher, 1277a Prattville Road
 - 2. John & Donelda Potts, 12827 Prattville Road
 - 3. Gary Byers, 13017 Prattville Road
 - 4. Frontier Communications, 12640½ Prattville Road
- D) The following property owners outside the sewer service district requested that the sanitary sewer main be extended to their properties and that they be connected to the system.
 - 1. Maynard Brehm, 13851 Lime Lake Road
 - 2. Theresa Bethel, 9184 Coman Road
 - 3. Calvin & Zita Durling, 9491 Elm Road

Future Connection Policy:

With the number of questions from residents outside the district regarding tapping into the system, the Township should adopt a policy on sewer extensions and connection fees. Steve provided a handout on how the Township can look at handling connections of sewer service based on how this is handled in other communities.

Chrisite Cook, RCAP, is going to check to see if it is possible to do some swapping with special assessments.

An application for PA 116, Farmland Agreement, was submitted by Valentine and Ann Grabowski of 9406 East Burt Road, Pittsford. The property is located in Section 18, Town No – 8 South, Range No – south one (1) West, Total Number of Acres – 92.1, Applied for 76 acres.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the application for PA 116, Farmland Agreement, submitted by Valentine and Ann Grabowski of 9406 East Burt Road, Pittsford, for property located in Section 18, Town No – 8 South, Range No – south one (1) West, Total Number of Acres – 92.1, Applied for 76 acres. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

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 Equalization Department.

- ✓ Our 2005 total taxable value was \$43,652,001.00.
- ✓ Our 2006 taxable value is \$45,435,067.00.
- ✓ The 2005 inflation rate for 2006 calculations is 1.033.
- ✓ Our 2005 operating millage rate actually levied was 2.7738 mills (Allocated – 0.8383 and Voted Roads – 1.9355).
- ✓ The 2006 maximum allowable operating millage under Headlee and MCL 211.34 is 2.7682 mills (Allocated – 0.8366 and Voted Roads – 1.9316).
- ✓ The 2006 base tax rate without a hearing would be 2.6797 mills (Allocated – 0.8099 and Voted Roads – 1.8698).
- ✓ The proposed increase is for a total of 0.0885 mills (Allocated – 0.0267 and Voted Roads – 0.0618) in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2006.
- ✓ The maximum total revenue without Truth in Taxation is \$121,752.00 (Allocated - \$36,798.00 and Voted Roads - \$84,954.00).
- ✓ The maximum total revenue with the Truth in Taxation is \$125,773.00 (Allocated - \$38,011.00 and Voted Roads - \$87,762.00.) The total revenue increase with a hearing is \$4,021.00.
- ✓ If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes **3.30%** over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by **0.55%** over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The resolution was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to adopt the additional millage which does not exceed that which appeared in the hearing notice that was published in the Hillsdale Daily News on June 1, 2006. The resolution will increase the 2006 operating tax levies to the maximum allowable millage rate of 2.7682, an increase of 0.0885. (Allocated Operating is 0.8366, increasing 0.0267, and Voted Roads Operating is 1.93165, increasing 0.0618.) The maximum total revenue amount is \$125,773.00 (Allocated - \$38,011.00 and Voted Roads - \$87,762.00) The revenue increase is \$4,021.00. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Lois Hills to adopt a resolution to approve for payment the following bills and invoices relating to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer project from the Construction Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Roll Call vote: William white – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

1) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 26,087.25
2) Dickinson Wright PLLC – Bond Council	\$ 19,503.26
3) ACI Finance, Inc. – Tom Traciak	\$ 8,500.00
4) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd.	\$137,527.61
5) Rothenberger Company, Inc.	\$170,741.57

Total	\$ 362,359.69
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Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$10,130.40 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler reported that the July Board of Review meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 8:00 .am. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

Board Member, William made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to send a letter to each of the property owners outside the sewer service district requesting that the sanitary sewer main be extended to their properties and that they be connected to the system, and providing them with a cost estimate for connecting these properties to the system with their “Yes or No” response due by July 1, 2006, and payment in full required in 30 days. The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk