

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, June 9, 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, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were eight citizens and guests present at the meeting including Chuck Meade, Duane Keeling, Christie Cook, Maxine Vanlerberg, John Tanner, Leroy Morr, George Gier, and Ray Saneholtz.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and for the special meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

**BALANCE ON HAND – MAY 31, 2005**

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

Checking Account	\$	1,366.35
LIP Account	\$	111,351.45
Flagstar Checking	\$	787.50
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	\$	92,478.44
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 submitted the proposed ordinance regulating the use, operation, and maintenance of the sanitary sewage disposal system for Lime Lake/Prattville. The proposed ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Action on this ordinance will be taken at next month's meeting allowing sufficient time for review. The adoption of this ordinance is not delaying the funding of the project.

Christie Cook also reported on her conference call with Todd MacClean from Rural Development about two weeks ago. They discussed the potential for timing – possibly January 2006 for bidding of the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system project.

Ray Saneholtz from Feller, Finch & Associates, reported that Rural Development is hoping to be able to get funds for additional grants for sewer project.

Three items that the Township needs to do are 1) Ordinance regulating the use, operation, and maintenance; 2) Hiring of an Operator for the sewer system; and 3) Hiring of someone for Billing for the sewer system.

Christie Cook reported that D & B Billing, with whom we had contacted previously concerning billing, is still interested and the cost for billing remains the same as quoted at \$1.10 per customer per billing.

Treasurer, Connie Strong had indicated a possibility of being interested in doing the billing for the sewer system. She declined.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to contact D & B Billing concerning the billing for the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system. The motion carried.

David Gier and Jay Sprunger have been contacting concerning bidding for the Operator's position for the Lime/Lake sanitary sewer system project. Bids for operator of the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system will be accepted at next month's meeting.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to accept the two year contract with Benjamin Wheeler from Michigan Assessing Service for \$11,800.00 annually starting July 16<sup>th</sup> as the Township's Assessing Officer. The motion carried.

George Gier, Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission is recommending that we cancel the contract for replacing the bridge on Seely Road at Blanchard Drain North of Hartley Road. It has come to their attention that there is a failing multi-plate arch culvert on Tamarack Road about 1/3 of a mile west of Waldron Road on the Siegel Drain, also the branch west of this culvert is not good either. It is the Road Commission's recommendation instead of replacing the Seely Road bridge structure we replace both culverts on Tamarack Road due to imminent collapse, and the fact that Vebra-Hoff Dairy with their loads of heavy manure and silage uses this road. The Township's share of the cost of this project is \$18,350.00 (50%). Pictures of the culverts were submitted.

Since the work for the replacement of the two culverts on Siegel Drain is cheaper, they are also recommending the paver patch program on Coman Road. To paver patch deteriorated areas and add shoulder gravel on Coman Road from Camden Road to Lime Lake Road, a length of 2.50 miles, the Township's share is \$11,100.00 (50%).

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to sign the contracts with the Road Commission for work to be performed on Coman Road (paver patch and shoulder gravel) and for replacing the two culverts on Siegel Drain. The motion carried.

Also, a letter was received from the Road Commission concerning applying to the state for critical bridge funds to replace seven deficient bridges in our county. Three bridges selected are in Wright Township: 1) Territorial Road east of Coman Road, which needs rehabilitation to the superstructure; 2) Hartley Road at Seely Road, that superstructure needs to be replaced with new beams and deck; and 3) Seely Road north of Hartley Road, it is an old narrow bridge with a 10 ton load limit on it and needs to be completely replaced. They were requesting a letter of support from the township for each bridge.

Fred Horwath reported that he received a call from Bob Laser that a water hydrant at the Waldron Cemetery was leaking. Fred stated he has contacted Melvin Schaedler to dig it up and make necessary repairs.

A step in the 2005 tax levy request was missed so Clerk, Lois Hills, reported she didn't advertise for the Truth in Taxation hearing to be held at this meeting. The missed step was adopting a resolution proposing an additional operating millage rate.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to establish the proposed additional millage rate of 0.0624 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2005 (Allocated Operating - 0.0189 and Voted Roads Operating - 0.0435). Roll call vote: Lois Hills – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, Fred Horwath – absent, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills for the public hearing to be held on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Karri Doty, President of the Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce announcing the unveiling of the economic development plan by the Economic Growth Group on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and the Davis Middle School Auditorium.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$12,758.24 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, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk