

The Wright Township regular monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee, William White, due to the absence of the Supervisor, Fred Horwath.

The meeting was chaired by Trustee, William White until the arrival of the Supervisor, Fred Horwath.

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

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

There were a total of nine guests and residents present at the meeting including Sharon Zimmerman, Harold Douglas, Brad Benzing, Bob Godfrey, Leroy Morr, Christie Cook, Maxine Vanlerberg, Doug Hukill, and Richard Buck.

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

BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 12, 2008

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 1,294.17
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 267,008.40

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Flagstar – Checking (Construction)	\$ 28,849.83
O & M - Checking	\$ 11,419.82
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$ 224,808.91
RRI - Money Market Account	\$ 20,040.01

WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND

First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 425.07
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 203,226.56
First Federal - Statement Savings	\$ 22,099.43

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was none offered.

Doug Hukill introduced himself. He is from Woodbridge Township and he is a Republican candidate for the office of the Hillsdale County Commissioner for the Fourth District, which includes Amboy, Camden, Woodbridge, and Wright Townships.

Brad Benzing is also, a Republican candidate for the office of the Hillsdale County Commissioner for the Fourth District. He gave a presentation on his personal information, qualifications, and his experience.

Bob Godfrey, Hillsdale County Road Commissioner, reported that the gravel road grading, gravel patching, and dust control are completed. The Lickley Road project will probably be done in the fall after the crops are harvested.

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, reported that the construction at the County Courthouse for the elevator and the interior renovations are near completion. Recently the animal control

ordinance was passed; basically it was a rewrite of the old ordinance and updated with new state laws. Also, the board passed the county millage rate for 2008.

Maxine Vanlerberg representing the Community Action Agency (CAA) updated us on those getting financial assistance for connection to the sewer system. Two people are supposed to have the work done this week and completion next week. Currently they are working with seven people for financial assistance. For one property owner their bid was higher than the \$3,000 funding limit.

Christie Cook reported there are problems with Anglin regarding the repair at the drive to the wastewater treatment plant. She reported that has been some problems with storm water around Kipp Street and Nelson Street in Prattville. The problem was noticed right after construction for the sewer began in that area.

There was discussion on those currently not connected to the sewer system. At this time there are thirty-three property owners not connected to the sewer system. The CAA is working with seven property owners on financial assistance, and has an appointment set up with one other property owner.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, for Christie Cook and Attorney, Dan Boyd, to prepare a letter and send to each property owner that is NOT connected to the sewer system, excluding those that are making an effort to connect to the sewer system. The motion was approved.

A letter was received from Nicolas Wheeler, Director of the Hillsdale County Equalization Department, concerning renewal of the contract for various services provided by the Hillsdale County Equalization Department in assisting local assessing units in the assessment administration process. A copy of the contract was enclosed for our review.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve and sign the Hillsdale County Equalization/Mapping Service Agreement selecting Option two (2). The agreement is for various services provided by the Hillsdale County Equalization Department in assisting local assessing units in the assessment administration process. *(A copy of the agreement is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

Clerk, Lois Hills presented an estimate from Melvin Schaedler from Mel's Construction for drive and tile repair at the Waldron Cemetery. After discussion it was not sure if this was a bill or an estimate. Further information will be needed.

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 2007 total taxable value was \$47,085,938.
- ✓ Our 2008 taxable value is \$48,920,036..
- ✓ The 2007 inflation rate for 2008 calculations is 1.023.
- ✓ Our 2007 operating millage rate actually levied was 2.7676 mills (Allocated – 0.8364 and Voted Roads – 1.9312).
- ✓ The 2008 maximum allowable operating millage under Headlee and MCL 211.34 is 2.7587 mills (Allocated – 0.8337 and Voted Roads – 1.9250).
- ✓ The 2008 base tax rate without a hearing would be 2.6967 mills (Allocated – 0.815 and Voted Roads – 1.8617).
- ✓ The proposed increase is for a total of 0.0620 mills (Allocated – 0.0299 and Voted Roads – 0.0689) in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2008.
- ✓ The 2008 maximum total revenue without Truth in Taxation is \$131,823 (Allocated - \$39,870 and Voted Roads - \$92,053).

- ✓ The 2008 maximum total revenue with the Truth in Taxation is \$134,956 (Allocated - \$40,785 and Voted Roads - \$94,171.) The total revenue increase with a hearing is \$3,033.
- ✓ If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 2.30% 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 1.23% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The resolution was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, 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 5, 2008. The resolution will increase the 2008 operating tax levies to the maximum allowable millage rate of 2.7587, an increase of 0.0620 (Allocated Operating is 0.8337, increasing 0.0187, and Voted Roads Operating is 1.9250, increasing 0.0433). The maximum total revenue amount is \$134,956 (Allocated - \$40,785 and Voted Roads - \$94,171). The revenue increase is \$3,033 (Allocated Operating - \$915 and Voted Roads - \$2,118). Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Connie Strong reported that at the Fire and Ambulance Association meeting it accepted a bid from 5 Points Painting, Kevin Hall, 8098 W Weston Road, Morenci, MI 49256, in the amount of \$3,890.00 for painting of the exterior siding, pass doors, soffit, and overhead doors frame work. Description of the work to be performed: *"Painting of the exterior siding, pass doors, soffit, and overhead doors frame work. Complete powerwashing of exterior surface to remove loose paint and chalking of existing coating. Prime all areas of exposed bare metal with specified primer and apply one top coat of 100% acrylic waterborne paint in color specified. Remove and refasten lettering on front of building. Corner trim, soffit above overhead doors, and frame work for overhead doors to be painted to match new steel on roof and trim. Walk through doors to be sanded and painted with two coats of oil-based enamel with color specified."*

It was the consensus of the board to mow the township lot in Prattville, southwest corner of Prattville and Coman Road.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve for payment the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$2,542.41 from the Sewer Operating and Maintenance Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$11,966.60 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk