

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, June 14, 2007 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, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were sixteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Rich Chudey, Skip Linden, Steve Darmofal, Bob Godfrey, Jim Marry, Jeff Gier, and David Gier.

Board Member, William White 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.

BALANCE ON HAND – May 31, 2007		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	313.16
LIP Account	\$	273,288.30
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	865.96
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	143.10
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	6440.44
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	152,685.82
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	1143.19
LIP Account	\$	173,158.37
Statement Savings	\$	20,779.14
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment, there was none offered.

Bob Godfrey, Road Commissioner, was present. He was concerned about having the utility markers erected at man holes, castings cleanouts, etc (anything sticking up above the ground). The Road Commission would really like to have this done.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller, Finch, & Associates, presented an update on the current status of the construction of the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer Improvements project.

- At this time twenty to thirty grinder pumps are hooked up to the system.
- Anglin and Rothenberger are in the restoration process. Rothenberger had given Steve a date of June 15th for their restoration to be completed. Steve toured the area prior to the tonight's meeting and compiled a tentative list of items (punch list) that need to be corrected before final completion. There was discussion on areas that still need restoration.
- There was discussion on a tank that was cracked while being installed. It was repaired according to the manufacturer's requirements and was given a two year warranty. The owners of this property believe that this isn't right and they should have a new tank.
- Betty and Myron Clark's grinder pump is to be installed next week.
- Steve brought and handed over to the township the copies of the videos of roads and drives, etc. that were taken of the Lime Lake/Prattville area prior to start of the construction on the sewer project.

Jim Marry submitted an estimate from Schudel Farm Drainage for repairs to fix the catch basin East of Channel Drive for a total amount of \$8,650.00, and an estimate for repairs to fix wet spot near Channel Drive for a total amount of \$2,875.00. This is for damage he claims occurred during the construction of the sewer system.

Wayne Shinabery was contacted about purchasing additional land for erecting a utility building. The cost is \$10,000.00 for one (1) acre, and \$5,000.00 for one-half (1/2) acre or less.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to approve for purchase an additional one-half (1/2) acre for \$5,000.00 from Wayne Shinabery for an utility building for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer project. The motion carried.

On April 19th a letter was sent to Rothenberger Company relating to the drain problems, David Young, the owner of the property at 13320 Lime Lake Road, Hudson, MI was experiencing and the explanation to correct this problem. A response had not been received. Clerk, Lois Hills tried to contact Todd Felkey several times and left messages for him to call her back. The calls were never returned. Finally, Steve Darmofal was asked if would attempt and contact Rothenberger in regards to this matter. Steve received a response from Dan Rothenberger. His response was that Rothenberger Company did not feel responsible for this matter since they had never been notified.

The Wright Township Board thinks that Rothenberger is responsible for the cost of this repair. Since the Young's have waited for over two month's for payment we feel they should not have to wait longer for payment. The board believes that the Young's should be paid and the amount of \$673.76 be deducted from is owed to Rothenberger.

Jeff Gier, sewer operator, reported that in order to receive the government discount from Godfrey Bros. the township needs to join Michigan's MiDeal program – Delivering Extended Agreements Locally. Jeff also reported that his annual salary of \$23,000.00 does not include mowing. To hire him to do the mowing it would an additional \$6,420.00 per year.

Clerk, Lois Hills informed that she has applied to join the MiDeal and has the purchasing agreement, which the board needs to approve and return along with a check for \$180.00 for the annual membership fee.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to join and approve the purchase agreement for Michigan's MiDeal program – Delivering Extended Agreements Locally and pay the annual membership of \$180.00. The motion carried.

Clerk, Lois Hills contacted Debbie from D&B Billing Services for billing services for the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project and reported on the following information.

- The billing cost has increased to \$1.35 per bill. (Originally was \$.95 per bill. Cost increase was due to postage increase.)
- The date of billing may be anytime we choose.
- The due date may be anytime we choose. (She suggests it be after the 5th of month for those on Social Security.)
- Most of her clients' bill monthly. She has noticed a better collection with monthly billing. May bill according to our choice.
- Late charge/penalty – suggestion 10%.
- Begin billing as they hookup.
- Will deposit to our account in Bank of Lenawee.
- Will provide a monthly report.
- She is ordering Invoices which takes about three weeks to receive.

- She needed from us Deposit Slips and a “For Deposit Only” stamp, which has been ordered.
- She needs a list of users with Name, Service Address, Mailing Address, and Phone number if possible; optional is the Property Tax Number. This list is currently being prepared.
- Annually she will provide a list of delinquent/overdue accounts to put on the tax bill.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to bill the sewer customers quarterly, January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st; the due date to be set for the 5th of the following month; the quarterly rate to be set at \$66.00; and the late charge be set at three percent (3%) per month. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong, 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 contingent upon the approval of Rural Development.

1. Consumers Energy (Electrical)	\$ 9.08
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3. Nextel Communications – (Sprint Cell Phone)	\$ 133.92
4. WIN Publishing (labels)	\$ 275.60
5. Spielman’s Hardware (supplies)	\$ 84.12
6. State of Michigan – MiDeal (annual membership)	\$ 180.00
7. Jeff Gier (C-Mart – gas)	\$ 1,916.66
8. Jeff Gier (C-Mart – gas)	\$ 14.02
9. Computer Services & Consulting LLC (computer & printer)	\$ 1,350.00
10. Larry Stiverson Water Well Service (well for utility building)	\$ 4,024.22
11. Land for Utility Building (1/2 acre)	\$ 5,000.00
12. Survey, Legal & Misc. for Land for Building	\$ 2,500.00
13. Utility Building 32x40 (Estimated Cost)	\$34,000.00
14. Electrical for Utility Building (Estimated Cost)	\$ 4,000.00
15. David Young – (Repair of damages to drain when grinder pump was installed.)	\$ 673.76
(To be deducted from Rothenberger – Contract B)	
Total	\$54,174.19

Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$25,319.27 from the General Operating fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

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 2006 total taxable value was \$45,435,067.
- ✓ Our 2007 taxable value is \$47,085,938.
- ✓ The 2006 inflation rate for 2007 calculations is 1.037.
- ✓ Our 2006 operating millage rate actually levied was 2.7682 mills (Allocated – 0.8366 and Voted Roads – 1.9316).
- ✓ The 2007 maximum allowable operating millage under Headlee and MCL 211.34 is 2.7676 mills (Allocated – 0.8364 and Voted Roads – 1.9312).

- ✓ The 2007 base tax rate without a hearing would be 2.6688 mills (Allocated – 08065 and Voted Roads – 1.8623).
- ✓ The proposed increase is for a total of 0.0988 mills (Allocated – 0.0299 and Voted Roads – 0.0689) in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2007.
- ✓ The maximum total revenue without Truth in Taxation is \$125,663 (Allocated - \$37,975 and Voted Roads - \$87,688).
- ✓ The maximum total revenue with the Truth in Taxation is \$130,315 (Allocated - \$39,383 and Voted Roads - \$90,932.) The total revenue increase with a hearing is \$4,652.
- ✓ If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 3.70% 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 -0.09% 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 7, 2007. The resolution will increase the 2007 operating tax levies to the maximum allowable millage rate of 2.7676, an increase of 0.0988 (Allocated Operating is 0.8364, increasing 0.0299, and Voted Roads Operating is 1.9312, increasing 0.0689.) The maximum total revenue amount is \$130,315 (Allocated - \$39,383 and Voted Roads - \$90,932) The revenue increase is \$4,652 (Allocated Operating - \$1,408 and Voted Roads - \$3,244). Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk