

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 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, Roger Zimmerman, Lois Hills, and Fred Horwath. Bill White was absent.

There were a total of ten citizens present at the meeting that included Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Ivan Cole, Christie Cook, George Gier, Chuck Meade, John Tanner, Duane Keeling, Maxine Vanlerberg, and one W.H.S. government class student.

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

<b>BALANCE ON HAND, FEBRUARY 28, 2003</b>	
<b><u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u></b>	
Checking Account	\$ 2,608.70
L.I.P. Account	\$ 1,023.71
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 851.28
Flagstar Money Market	\$234,660.69
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,023.71
<b><u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE &amp; AMBULANCE FUND</u></b>	
Checking Account	\$ 381.65
L.I.P. Account	\$123,465.62
Statement Savings	\$ 13,983.46
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 21,040.19

The meeting was opened for public comment with no comment being offered.

Christie Cook, RCAP, reported that there is not any money in the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project budget for the ADA required improvements; however if the project should be under budget and there is extra money we may be able to be reimbursed.

Christie Cook announced there will a Bean Creek Watershed Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

Fred Horwath reported that Feller, Finch, and Associates has been scheduled to be at our April meeting.

George Gier, County Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission has formed a committee working with the county Michigan Townships Association, in regards to speed limits. He reported that it is very likely the cost bid estimates on paver patching and paving will be higher due to the sale of the business of a regular asphalt supplier. We will be contacted if bids are higher. The road frost laws are scheduled to go into effect on Monday morning, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

A Land Division application was received from Harold Baum. The application was for a division of land located in Section 5, SW 1/4, on South Road between Lickley and Tuttle Roads. The parent acreage is 171.75 acres. The splits allowed are 16. The total number of splits used is 6. The number of divisions transferred is 6.

Board Member, Lois Hills made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the Land Division application submitted by Harold Baum, located in Section 5, SW 1/4, on South Road between Lickley Road and Tuttle Road. The roll call vote was Lois Hills - yes, Fred Horwath - yes, Connie Strong - yes, Roger Zimmerman - yes, and William White - absent.

Two additional cost estimates prepared by the Hillsdale County Road Commission were received. They are for work to be performed during the 2003 construction season for the following projects.

- Lickley Road from Territorial Road to Buckeye Road, a length of 1.02 miles. The description of work to be performed is to fine grad for paving, replace drainage structures, pave with two courses of hot mix asphalt 20' @ 3" thickness of 330#/syd., gravel shoulders, construction signing, and inspection. The Township's estimated share (50%) is \$43,850.00.
- Lickley Road from State Line to Territorial Road, a length of 0.35 mile. The description of work to be performed is berm and spot ditch, install drainage structures, repair base failures, resurface with two courses of hot mix asphalt 20' wide @ 3" thickness of 330#/syd., gravel shoulders, construction signing, and inspection.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve and sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed during the 2003 construction season on Lickley Road from Territorial Road to Buckeye Road, a length of 1.02 miles. The

description of work to be performed is to fine grad for paving, replace drainage structures, pave with two courses of hot mix asphalt 20' @ 3" thickness of 330#/syd., gravel shoulders, construction signing, and inspection. The Township's estimated share (50%) is \$43,850.00. The motion carried.

In accordance with the Michigan Federal Project Review System, notification of a project was provided for our review. The City of Litchfield is applying for a DNR grant to renovate and restore the pool area at the City Municipal Pool, which is part of an on going swimming pool renovation and restoration program. The funds requested are \$210,000.

Lois Hills submitted for review a Financial Report of the Township's Income and Expenses to date – Actual versus Budget, and proposed changes to amend the budget for the current fiscal year, April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to amend the budget in the amount of \$484.66 as proposed. The budget modifications details are attached. The motion carried.

A budget hearing was conducted, which covered estimated Revenues and proposed Expenditures for the Township's fiscal year, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

The budget for the Township's General Fund for estimated Revenues and proposed Expenditures for the fiscal year, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, was presented for consideration, review, discussion, and input. The total of estimated Revenues is \$209,900.00. The total of estimated Expenditures is \$209,900.00.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to adopt the Revenue and the Expenditure Budget for fiscal year, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004 (*a copy is available upon request*); and to increase the annual salaries of the township's elected officials by approximately 4½ % effective April 1, 2003. The salary schedule follows. The motion was approved.

Supervisor	\$ 4,860.00	(\$405.00 monthly)
Clerk	\$ 8,280.00	(\$690.00 monthly)
Trustee	\$ 1,680.00	(\$140.00 monthly) each
Treasurer*	\$11,655.00	(\$971.25 monthly)
*(\$8,280.00 regular salary, in addition \$3,375.00 for Summer Tax Collection)		

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, reported that at the County MTA meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, a version of a new type of voting equipment was demonstrated. The state should be paying for new voting equipment.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$4,925.16 from the General Fund, and a total of \$6,605.00 from the BAN Sewer Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township