

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, March 10, 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, and William White. Roger Zimmerman was absent.

There were four citizens and guests present at the meeting including Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, George Gier, and Steve Darmofal.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and for the special meeting held on February 24th, and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

BALANCE ON HAND – FEBRUARY 28, 2005

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$	531.48
LIP Account	\$	133,341.41
Flagstar Checking	\$	786.64
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	858.75

WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$	107.59
LIP Account	\$	92,478.44
Certificate of Deposit	\$	56,116.23
BOL Statement Savings	\$	17,116.77
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was no public comment offered.

Supervisor, Fred Horwath signed the three letters for USDA Rural Development certifying 1) that Wright Township will obtain by 2007 no less than 196 actual users for the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facility; 2) that Wright Township has established and will maintain an adequate system of accounting records including a chart of accounts, general ledger, check register, receipts and disbursement journals, and account receivable ledger; and 3) that Wright Township Sanitary Sewer Project is in compliance with all local, county, and State zoning laws.

There was also a letter to certify that an ordinance had been adopted for mandatory use of the sewer system. We do not think that the Township has adopted an ordinance for mandatory use of the sewer system. We will contact our Attorney to have an ordinance prepared concerning the mandatory use of the sewer system.

Steve Darmofal from Feller, Finch & Associates, reported that they are in the process of obtaining all the necessary permits from DEQ required by USDA Rural Development.

George Gier, Road Commissioner, reported that the Road Commission's annual budget for snow removal has been nearly depleted. At this time their Fund Balance is very low. He also reported that right now the gravel roads all over the county are in bad shape.

A cost estimate prepared by the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed during the 2005 construction season was received and reviewed as follows:

- Seely Road, at Blanchard Drain North of Hartley Road. The description of work to be performed is removing existing structure, prepare streambed, install new pipe arch culvert, backfill and widen roadway, erosion control and riprap, construction signing and engineering. The Township's estimated cost (50%) is \$26,500.00.

A letter was written to the Hillsdale Daily News outlining the problems that occurred with the insufficient publication of the notice for the Public Hearing to be held on October 14, 2004. Along with the letter a check for was sent the amount of \$825.76 that the board felt was owed to the Hillsdale Daily News. A response letter was received from the Hillsdale Daily News accepting our payment and stating they will credit the balance on our account.

The motion was made by Board Member, Connie Strong, and supported by Board Member, William White; to approve the land division application submitted by Fred and Cindy Horwath in Section 4, Northeast ¼. Total acres of parent – 35, Total number of splits allowed – 6, Total splits used – 1, Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll Call Vote: Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – abstain, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent.

A letter was received from Renee Batt, Executive Director of Domestic Harmony, thanking us for supporting them through the Purchase of a Service Contract last year; and requesting we contract with them once again this year. Domestic Harmony provides services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to contract with Domestic Harmony for \$500.00 for the next fiscal year for services for victims of domestic violence for residents of the township. (*A copy of the contract is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

Notification was received of a six part seminar series examining the issues surrounding land use in Hillsdale County. It is to be held April 11th, 18th, and 25th, May 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension meeting room in Hillsdale. The cost of all six sessions is \$35.00 per person. Individual sessions are \$10.00 each per person.

Clerk, 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, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to amend the budget in the amount of \$9,271.16 as proposed. (*A listing of the budget modifications follows.*) The motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS, MARCH 10, 2005 FOR FISCAL YEAR, APRIL 1, 2004 to MARCH 31, 2005						
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET AMOUNT	Y.T.D. ACTUAL	RECOMMEND INCREASE	RECOMMEND DECREASE	NEW BUDGET
209-801	Assessor – Contractual	13,902.00	14,661.40	759.40		14,661.40
215-703	Clerk – Meetings	90.00	105.00	15.00		105.00
215-800	Clerk – Services	389.00	514.00	125.00		514.00
215-726	Clerk – Supplies	800.00	824.07	50.00		850.00
735-801	Sanitation Activities	0.00	8224.76	8,224.76		8,224.76
171-703	Supervisor – Meetings	210.00	225.00	15.00		225.00
253-702	Treasurer – Wages	12,180.00	12,232.00	52.00		12,232.00
101-703	Trustee – Meetings	195.00	225.00	30.00		225.00
	INCREASE – TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES			<u>\$9,271.16</u>		
890-000	Contingency Fund	27,240.18	0.00		9,271.16	17,969.02
	DECREASE – TOTAL BUDGET CHANGES				<u>9,271.16</u>	

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to sign the contract with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for replacing the bridge structure as proposed on Seely Road at the Blanchard Drain North of Hartley Road. The motion carried.

A budget hearing was conducted, which covered estimated Revenues and proposed Expenditures for the Township's fiscal year, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

The budget for the Township's General Fund for estimated Revenues and proposed Expenditures for the fiscal year, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006, was presented for consideration, review, discussion, and input. The total of estimated Revenues is \$216,515.00. The total of estimated Expenditures is \$249,346.51.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to adopt the Revenue and the Expenditure Budget for fiscal year, April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. The motion was approved. *(A copy of the budget is available under Approved Budgets, 2005-2006.)*

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$11,682.45 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk