

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

It was the consensus for Trustee, William White to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor, Fred Horwath.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee, William White.

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 Connie Strong, Lois Hills, Roger Zimmerman, and William White. Fred Horwath was absent.

There were thirteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Rich Chudey, Skip Linden, Robert Godfrey, David and Jeff Gier, Charles Meade, Leroy Morr, Steve Darmofal, Bruce Caswell, Danielle Mann, and Cindy McCallister.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as printed. There was no treasurer's report. The motion carried.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr commented that there are lots of potholes between Coman and Waldron Road.

Robert Godfrey, Hillsdale County Road Commissioner, presented an update on the Hillsdale County Road Commission.

- The frost laws are going into effect tomorrow, March 9th.
- Reports are coming in that there is a significant increase of the cost of emulsion this year, although at this time their bids for emulsion are not in. If the price of emulsion is increased the Road Commission will not be able to do as much sealcoating. Our contracts have already been signed and they will honor the contracts already signed.
- They will not be doing any berming projects in the spring so the scraping of the gravel roads should be completed earlier thus allowing dust control to be applied sooner.
- As of right now the Road Commission will not be doing the berming program as funding has decreased. They will see how funding is in the fall, then may reconsider.

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.

- Rothenberger Company at this time is substantial complete. They will complete their final restoration on Private Lots, Private Roadways around Lime Lake, and County Roadway Areas in the spring. Their punch list items were reviewed.
- Anglin Civil Constructors have completed the testing for Pond #3. They need to complete filling the remaining two ponds and start testing right after. The Flow Meter needs to be installed. The meeting with Consumers Energy to final the electric is scheduled for March 8th. They anticipate to be at substantial completion in 60 days. Steve reported that DEQ is not requiring the testing on all the ponds now and will contact Anglin about not completing the testing.
- There were no pay requests for Rothenberger or Anglin.
- There is approximately \$130,000 remaining in the Contingency Fund budget for the sewer project.

There was discussion with David and Jeff Gier, who will be the sewer operators, concerning their needs for the operating of the sewer and the building for storage of equipment and supplies.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong, and seconded by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, 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) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 839.73

Total	\$ 839.73
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Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – absent.

Bruce Caswell, 58th District representative of the House of Representatives, was present. He addressed the issues surrounding the current budget situation in Michigan and the Governor’s proposed 2% excise tax on services, as well as her other proposed tax increases. He distributed a packet of information.

Clerk, Lois Hills reported that the Road Millage was approved on August 8, 2002. It is for the period 2002 to 2008.

Clerk, Lois Hills submitted for review a Financial Report of the Township’s Income and Expenses to date – Actual versus Budget, for the General Fund for the current fiscal year, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. She also submitted proposed changes to amend the budget for the current fiscal year, April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Board Member, Lois Hills made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to amend the budget in the amount of \$3,129.89 as proposed. (See Attachment # 1 for a copy of the budget modifications.) The motion carried.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$4,991.02 from the General Fund. (A listing of the bills is available upon request.) The motion carried.

A budget hearing was conducted covering the estimated Revenues and the proposed Expenditures for the Township’s fiscal year, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

The budget for the Township’s General Fund for estimated Revenues and proposed Expenditures for the fiscal year, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008, was presented for consideration, review, discussion, and input. The total of estimated Revenues is \$225,000.00. The total of estimated Expenditures is \$285,000.00.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to adopt the Revenue and the Expenditure Budget for the General Fund for fiscal year, April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The motion was approved. (See Attachment # 2 – Revenue and Attachment # 2 – Expenditures for a copy of the budget.)

Treasurer Connie Strong, reported that the copier is making terrible copies and asked if it should be repaired or get a new one. The consensus was to get a new one since the copier is now older, repairs are costly and more than it is worth, and new a new copier prices are so reasonable.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk