

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, May 12, 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, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were thirteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Harold Douglas, Bruce Caswell, Christie Cook, Skip Linden, Leroy Morr, Duane Keeling, Chuck Meade, John Tanner, Leroy Morr, Harold Baum, Leah Rutledge, and Nicholas and Toni Heidelberg.

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 – April 30, 2005

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$	874.07
LIP Account	\$	106,825.36
Flagstar Checking	\$	786.85
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	858.75
United Bank & Trust BAN Loan	\$	(300,000.00)

WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$	136.00
LIP Account	\$	103,966.65
Certificate of Deposit	\$	46,715.49
BOL Statement Savings	\$	18,116.77
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Leroy Morr asked when dust control was going to be applied. He was informed that the County Road Commission policy does not allow dust control to be applied before May 15th or until released by the Road Commission. Presently we have had no word as to when the dust control will be done in the township.

Toni Heidelberg stated she has lived next door to the Prattville Cemetery for the past six years. She has observed that there are other people who are dumping on the pile of rubbish at the Prattville Cemetery where brush and old flower arrangements are discarded. She feels the dumping by other people is becoming a problem along with the pile being unsightly.

Board Member, Lois Hills made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to direct Dean Hoard, cemetery caretaker, to remove and clean up the piles of rubbish at each of the three cemeteries in the Township hoping this will eliminate the dumping problem. The Township will pay for the cost of the removal and clean up. In the future when flowers and etc. are removed from grave sites instead of putting in a dumping pile it is to be taken to a refuse center with the Township paying for these costs. The motion carried.

Bruce Caswell, 58th District State Representative, addressed several current issues of relevant significance to the Township.

- Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT)
- Trailer Taxes
- \$2.50 Collection Fee for Collecting Summer SET tax
- Uncapping Bill for Assessing
- New Election Laws
- Control of the Sale of Sudafed and like drugs.

Leah Rutledge representing the Waldron District Library, presented the financial difficulties of the Library. They do not have sufficient money for the operating needs of the library, and have been relying on donations, which is an unreliable source of income. The Library board is proposing to have an election on August 2, 2005 and place a millage proposal on the ballot for one (1) mill. To proceed with placing a millage proposal on the ballot the library needs the approval of the Township and the Village of Waldron.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Fred Horwath to give for the Township's approval for the Waldron District Library to place a one (1) mill millage proposal on the August 2nd ballot. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – no, and Fred Horwath – yes.

Lois Hills stated her concern that since the Village is already having an election on August 2nd that it would create confusion to the voters and election inspectors having another election on the same day in the same building. Also, she shared her concerns about the cost of election. The Library would be able to save the cost of the election if the election has held with a state election such as the 2006 August primary.

A letter was received from Assessor, Betty Keeling. Due to her new job requirements 150 miles from here, she does not feel she can adequately service our Assessing and Land Division Administration needs. Hereby she is resigning her duties effective July 15th. This is the 60 day notice outlined in her contract.

A letter was received from Benjamin R. Wheeler from Michigan Assessing Service of Hillsdale, proposing assessing services for the Township. They are a full time assessment company. Their staff consists of two state certified assessors, one which is a Level III and one which is a Level II. The proposal for assessment services for Wright Township is for a contract period of two (2) years for the amount of \$11,800.00 annually.

Christie Cook reported that Tom Traciak, Financial Advisor from ACI Finance, Inc, should be able to refinance the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system project that will be due in September 2005.

Connie Strong reported she is checking into the BS & A Software program for sewer billing.

A special township board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building for the special purpose of Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system business.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman; to approve the land division application submitted by Harold Baum for property in Section 9, Northeast ¼, and Section 8, Northwest ¼, Total acres of parent – 67.9, Total number of splits allowed – 9, Total splits used – 1, Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll Call Vote: Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, William White; to approve the land division application submitted by Harold Baum for property in Section 5, Southwest ¼, and Section 8, Northwest ¼, Total acres of parent – 171.75, Total number of splits allowed – 16, Total splits used – 9, Number of divisions transferred – 0.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$8,007.72 from the General Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

The 2005 Millage Reduction Fraction Calculation worksheet along with truth in taxation information was received from the Equalization Director. It is necessary for the Township to hold a "Truth in Taxation Hearing". We are subject to this Hearing since we are levying more than one mill.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to hold the public hearing on increasing property taxes on Thursday, June 9, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. The motion carried.

Clerk, Lois Hills, read a letter received from Domestic Harmony thanking the township for renewing their service contract and support.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk