

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, May 13, 2004 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 twenty citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Skip Linden, Ivan Cole, Richard Chudey, George Gier, Leroy Morr, Harold Douglas, John Tanner, Jim Marry, Chuck Meade, Dan Boyd, F.J. Lasker, Jack Eisenhour, Jay Nieman, Maxine Vanlerberg, and five Waldron High School students.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman and supported by Board Member, William White to approve the minutes of last month's meeting with correction to the berm and ditching project to read Coman Road in place of Center Road and to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. *(Treasurer's report follows)* The motion carried.

**BALANCE ON HAND – APRIL 30, 2004**

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

Checking Account	\$ 224.63
LIP Account	\$ 153,320.10
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,296.66
Flagstar Money Market	\$ 21,334.02
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 856.07

**WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND**

Checking Account	\$ 25.00
LIP Account	\$ 100,640.31
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 61,360.68
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 15,914.87

The meeting was opened for public comment.

George Gier, Road Commissioner, reported on the bids for asphalt are higher than last year. The cost of the Burt Road paving project will increase about \$4000.00. He also reported the township was allotted an extra 500 cubic yards of gravel if desired. About half of the gravel allotment will be used on the

roads being bermed by the Road Commission berming project. In the fall, the road commission will allocate the excess between the townships requesting more gravel.

County Commissioner, Maxine Vanlerberg addressed a letter the commissioners received regarding a county wide junkyard ordinance. The letter is suggesting the townships organize a committee to develop a county wide junkyard ordinance.

Attorney, Dan Boyd, discussed the steps needed to pursue obtaining the easements that were not returned by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The township also needs to obtain the right to use the private drives around Lime Lake. First, the township needs to make a formal offer to purchase the easements. He has contacted a licensed appraiser to obtain an appraisal to provide a basis for the offer. The next step for those who don't accept or respond to the formal offer a condemnation will need to be filed in Circuit Court. The property owner may challenge the necessity of the project and the value of the property. He has had a title company prepare an up to date list of the property owners.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White and was supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to give Attorney, Dan Boyd the authority to make the final offer from the township for the private drives at Lime Lake based upon the appraisal. The motion carried.

Clerk, Lois Hills, read a letter received from Domestic Harmony thanking the township for renewing their service contract. A letter was read in regards to a World War II dedication ceremony to take place in Hillsdale on Memorial Day.

Clerk, Lois Hills reported that 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.

The motion was made by Board Member, Lois Hills, and supported by Board Member, William White to establish the proposed additional millage rate of 0.0436 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2004 (Allocated Operating - 0.0132 and Voted Roads Operating - 0.0304) and for the public hearing to be held on Thursday, June 10, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building. . Roll call vote: Lois Hills - yes, Connie Strong - yes, William White - yes, Fred Horwath - absent, and Roger Zimmerman - yes.

Treasurer, Connie Strong, brought to the board's attention of a place on Kipp St in Prattville, and a place at the corner Burt and Waldron Roads that has numerous old cars and parts.

The motion was made by Board Member William White and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$18,070.16 from the General Fund, and a total of \$3,276.75 from the BAN Sewer Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk