

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 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 Fred Horwath Connie Strong, Lois Hills, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were eighteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Rich Chudey, Skip Linden, Leroy Morr, David and Jeff Gier, Christie Cook, Jim Marry, Myron and Betty Clark, Steve Darmofal, and six Waldron High School students.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman 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, 2007		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	437.15
LIP Account	\$	272,311.43
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	864.23
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	147.88
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	6,437.26
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	152,355.85
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	111.72
LIP Account	\$	1,777,044.10
Statement Savings	\$	20,258.89
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr commented that a layer of gravel had been applied on his road (Coman), but there are still two soft spots in need of something to be done. Richard Chudey commented about the pile of trash at the Prattville Cemetery.

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.

- On May 1st Anglin completed and passed the WWTP testing of the Lagoon, and they turned over to the Township for operation effective immediately.
- A mailing was sent on May 1st to the Lime Lake/Prattville special assessment district property owners notifying them that they can now begin to take the steps needed to connect into the system.
- Rothenberger needs to complete the restoration work. The plan is for the landscaper to be here next week to begin the restoration. Also, he still needs to install the grinder pump for Myron and Betty Clark.
- There were no pay requests for Anglin or Rothenberger.
- Also, the Hillsdale County Building Inspection Department has at the last minute notified the Contractor that they have only completed their inspections on about ½ of the electrical installations at the grinder pump stations for the project. They are in the process of inspecting the remaining installations this week and should be done in the near future.

- Prices to install a pipe by Clark's on Coman Road and a pipe on Zimmerman Drive. Rothenberger would do it at an additional cost, but we'll see about getting a local contractor to do it.
- Todd MacLean from Rural Development would rather we did not have to buy more property for the utility building, but does want the best solution. There was discussion on the placement of the building either at Prattville Cemetery, at property in Prattville, if there is enough remaining land at lagoon site, or purchasing more land.
- Lois Hills reported she faxed a copy of the draft of the Future Connections policy to Attorney, Dan Boyd for his review. Steve reported that Dan contacted him about the wording in a couple of the areas. We have not received a copy back yet with revised wording.
- There was discussion of the Operating and Maintenance (user) fee as when to start and the amount. Fred will contact Tom Traciak about the amount.
- The board had approved earlier for DJB Billing Services Inc., Deborah L. Girdwood, President, 132 West Chicago Blvd., Suite 2, Tecumseh, MI 49286, (517) 423-0433 to do the billing for the Sewer System. We will contact her regarding the billing services.
- There was discussion on the date for the deadline for mandatory hookup to the sewer system.
- There was discussion when to start to pay the sewer operator. His annual salary is \$23,000, which had been set earlier when approved for hire.

Jim Marry submitted an estimate for repairs to fix the catch basin beside East Channel Drive for a total amount of \$8,500.00, and an estimate for repairs to fix wet spots in field next to East Channel Drive for a total amount of \$2,942.00. He claims the damage occurred during the construction of the sewer system. Steve Darmofal will call Rothenberger about making the repairs to fix the problem as they are responsible.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong for the deadline for the mandatory hookup to the Lime Lake/Prattville sanitary sewer system be set for December 1, 2007. The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to start paying the sewer operator effective May 1, 2007. The motion carried.

Jeff Gier, Sewer Operator, submitted some sewer bills for payment.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, 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) Barker & Boyd, P.C. (Attorney)	\$ 605.00
2) Consumers Energy (Electrical)	\$ 10.96
3) Godfrey Wireless (Paid by Clerk, Lois Hills) (Sprint cellular phone)	\$ 119.99
4) Sprint (Cellular phone service)	\$ 37.44
5) USA Blue Book (Supplies - Sewer Operator)	\$ 13,281.86
6) Jeff Gier (Supplies – Sewer Operator)	\$ 220.83
7) Godfrey Bros. Inc. - <i>Quote</i> :	\$ 23,257.12
John Deere 3720 Tractor	\$ 18,104.31
John Deere 370 Heavy duty Mower	\$ 3,402.81
Demco 60 gallon sprayer,	\$ 1,100.00
Frontier rear blade, RM 2072, 72"	\$ 650.00
8) Jeff Gier (1 month operator salary– start pay May 1 st)	\$ 1,916.66
Total	----- \$ 39,449.86

Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes.

The Engineering Amendment # 3 for Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. for the Lime Lake / Prattville Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project submitted at last month's meeting was reviewed and discussed.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Fred Horwath, to approve Item E - *“Additional assistance to obtain Service Agreements and Property access rights for grinder pump stations.”* in the amount of \$11,621.75 for the Engineering Amendment # 3 for Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project. The new total contract amount is for \$539,121.75. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes.

Christie Cook reported that she talked with Todd MacLean from Rural Development. A “Vulnerability Assessment” and “Emergency Response Plan” will be required for the sewer system. Also, she has received more calls for financial assistance since the May 1st letter was sent out.

A letter was received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission concerning Sealcoating cost increase. The increase is due to the cost of asphalt emulsion. Their cost this year is a 29 cent increase over last year (\$1.27 per gallon). Addendums with the higher cost for the sealcoating projects we had approved were received and reviewed as follows:

1. Lime Lake Road: Elm Road to Coman Road – Original Township estimated cost: \$13,900.00, Additional Township cost: 1.01 miles @ \$1,100 - \$555.50, Revised Township cost: \$14,455.50.
2. Coman Road: Lime Lake Road to Camden Road - Original Township estimated cost: \$21,700.00, Additional Township cost: 2.50 miles @ \$1,100 - \$1,375.00, Revised Township cost: \$23,075.00.
3. Lickley Road: Buckeye Road to Hartley Road - Original Township estimated cost: \$12,200.00, Additional Township cost: 1.01 miles @ \$1,100 - \$555.50, Revised Township cost: \$12,755.50.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to approve the three addendums from the Hillsdale County Road Commission reflecting the sealcoating cost increase as follows: The motion carried.

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2. Coman Road: Lime Lake Road to Camden Road - Original Township estimated cost: \$21,700.00, Additional Township cost: 2.50 miles @ \$1,100 - \$1,375.00, Revised Township cost: \$23,075.00.
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The motion was made by Board Member, Lois Hills, and supported by Board Member, William White to adopt a resolution to establish the proposed additional millage rate of 0.0988 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2007 (Allocated Operating - 0.0299 and Voted Roads Operating – 0.0689); and to hold the public hearing on increasing property taxes on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building at 112 East Center Street, Waldron, MI. If adopted, the proposed additional millage increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 3.70% over such revenues generated by

levies permitted without hold a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by -0.09% over the preceding year's operating revenue. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$13,124.99 from the General Operating Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk