

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 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, Roger Zimmerman, William White, Lois Hills, and Fred Horwath.

There were a total of ten citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Christie Cook, Jeff Gier, Ben Wheeler, Sharon Zimmerman, Leroy Morr, Rich Chudey, Frank Plodzik, Steve Vear, and two others.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and accept the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion was approved.

BALANCE ON HAND, APRIL 30, 2008

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 1,037.50
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$289,783.14

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Flagstar Checking	\$ -5.00
O & M Checking	\$ 4,604.79
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$224,571.03
RRI Money Market Account	\$ 20,021.93

WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$ 6,356.45
Money Market Account	\$188,371.59
Statement Savings	\$ 22,099.43

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Leroy Morr commented about the gravel that is being applied on the gravel roads by the Road Commission.

A Lime Lake resident thanked by the Township for having Elm road repaired.

A Lime Lake resident mentioned the piles of dirt left on North Young Drive at a private residence and asked if Rothenberger was going to level it. Jeff Gier responded that Rothenberger's position on this issue is that he gave them the dirt it is their responsibility to level it.

There was discussion on some problems relating to the construction of the sewer.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler gave a presentation of his 2008 Assessing Annual report. It contained Wright Township assessed values and a 5-year comparison, Hillsdale County

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Christie Cook reported that the Community Action Agency has closed on three properties for financial funding. Others are being assisted with financial assistance. She has made contact with everyone not connected to the sewer system at this time. Some have not responded. She suggested a letter to be prepared and mailed to those not connected to the sewer close to the next township meeting date. It was reported that there are thirty-three property owners who are not currently connected to the sewer system.

Jeff Gier reported that he has not been able to make contact with Rothenberger. He is still not returning calls. He addressed problematic issues with the sewer system. He suggested to have the Township Attorney send him a letter.

Frank Plodzick, a 25-year old resident of Branch County and a 2005 Hope College graduate, is a Republican candidate for State Representative for the Michigan 58th District. He presented three issues he would like to address and hopes to change if he is elected to office.

Steve Vear is also, a Republican candidate for State Representative for the Michigan 58th District. He introduced himself, gave a presentation on his qualifications and experience.

Clerk, Lois Hills, prepared and submitted a proposed sewer budget changes for review.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to approve the Wright Township Wastewater Treatment Operator contract with Jeff Gier for the period May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2011. His compensation will be \$2,000.00 per month for the first year with a yearly increase of two percent. (*A copy of the Contract is available upon request.*) The motion was approved.

A cost estimate was received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed on Lickley Road from Burt Road to Prattville Road, a length of 1.00 mile. The description of the work to be performed is berm and ditch, install driveway culverts, apply thin layer of processed gravel, and dust palliative. The total estimated cost is \$24,220.00. The estimated cost to the township is (75%) \$18,165.00.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve and signed the following contracts with the Hillsdale County Road Commission.. The motion was approved.

- Lickley Road from Burt Road to Prattville Road, a length of 1.00 mile. The description of the work to be performed is berm and ditch, install driveway culverts, apply thin layer of processed gravel, and dust palliative. The total estimated cost is \$24,220.00. The estimated cost to the township is (75%) \$18,165.00.
- Hartley Road from Pittsford Road to Lickley Road, a length 0.96 mile. The description of work to be performed is paver patch, sealcoat, and add shoulder gravel. The total estimated cost is \$34,500.00, The estimated cost to the township is (50%) \$17,250.00.

A letter was received from Steven Darmofal from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. regarding the eleven month inspection that was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 for the Wright Township – Lime Lake / Prattville Areas WWTP Improvements – Contract A, Anglin Civil Constructors, 46700 Grand River, Novi, MI 48374. This inspection was held to review the operation of the facility and check on the improvements to determine if there are any deficiencies that need to be corrected within the one year warranty period of the project. The following is a list of deficiencies that were observed on the property and need to be corrected as warranty items:

1. Problems at all three driveway culverts.
2. Several large areas and many small areas around the lagoons where grass seed did not hold, top soil has washed away and erosion is a concern.
3. Three catch basins for the storm drain have washed out or settled around the basin lids.
4. The Work Easement area north of the lagoon site does not have any vegetation growing.
5. The proposed 20" wide access gates that were designed where the county drain passes through the site along the north and south property lines were not installed.

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 0.0620 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2008 (Allocated Operating - 0.0299 and Voted Roads Operating - 0.0689); and to hold the public hearing on increasing property taxes on Thursday, June 12, 2008 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 2.30% 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 1.23% 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. The resolution was declared adopted.

Clerk, Lois Hills, shared information she received regarding a public notice of a public hearing and draft permit for Waldron Dairy and the Vreba Hoff Dairy. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a new discharge permit to: Waldron Dairy, located at 11744 Meridian Road, and the Vreba-Hoff Dairy for the facilities located at 7601 Dillon Highway and 8502 South Meridian Road. The public hearing will be held on May 22, 2008 at the Hudson Middle School Gymnasium. The Waldron Dairy hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue as long as needed. The hearing for the Vreba-Hoff Dairy will begin after the Waldron Dairy hearing, but will start not earlier than 7:30 p.m.

A letter was received from Vreba Hoff Dairy inviting us to an informational session being held May 13th at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., May 14th at 6:30 p.m. and May 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the dairy facility located at 8502 South Meridian Road (US 127).

A letter was received from the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) notifying us of the determination that the Site Plan, Manure Management System Plan (MMSP), and the Odor Management Plan (OMP) portions of William White's (13160 Lime Lake road) verification request conform to the Site Selection Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMP's).

Information was received that the Hillsdale County Planning Commission is in the process of starting the Five Year Review and Update of the Hillsdale County Land Use Plan. For the first phase of the planning process the Planning Commission has developed and deployed an ONLINE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY to provide an opportunity for the residents of Hillsdale to voice their opinion about vision for the county.

The 2007 Annual Financial Report for the Hillsdale County Road Commission was submitted.

Notification was received from Region 2 Planning Commission in accordance with the Michigan Federal Project Review System for our comment on the impact which the project may have on our jurisdiction on the following two projects.

1. The City of Reading is requesting a combined notice of No Significant Impact and a release of federal funds from the State of Michigan under Title 1 of the Housing and

Community Development Act of 1974 for a parking lot improvement project to allow improvements to the west downtown parking lot for better accessibility within the central downtown business district in the City of Reading. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$76,890.

2. The Community Action Agency is requesting USDA RD funds for Hillsdale County. The funds will be utilized to provide weatherization measures to eligible homeowners for home repair/rehabilitation and/or lead pain hazard remediation for approximately 4-5 homes. They are requesting \$3,000 in state funds and \$25,000 with \$70,000 coming from other sources, a total project cost of \$98,000.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve for payment the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$2,572.27 from the Sewer Operating and Maintenance Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$35,745.79 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion was approved.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township