

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wright-Waldron Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Fred Horwath.

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, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, and William White.

A group of at least 70 citizens and guests were present at the meeting.

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

BALANCE ON HAND, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$ 3,380.56
LIP Account	\$ 61,976.66
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,043.32
Flagstar Money Market	\$138,353.66
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 853.95

WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$ 87.32
LIP Account	\$127,000.86
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 21,236.22
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 14,677.81

BALANCE ON HAND, OCTOBER 31, 2003

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

Checking Account	\$ 3,619.95
LIP Account	\$ 35,074.87
Flagstar Checking	\$ 1,149.63
Flagstar Money Market	\$118,181.61
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 853.95

WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND

Checking Account	\$ 299.50
LIP Account	\$ 135,042.71
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 24,184.74
BOL Statement Savings	\$ 14,677.81

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Engineer, Ray Saneholtz from Feller, Finch and Associates, Inc. presented an update on the engineering and design of the Lime Lake sewer system project. The Design Plans have been submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for their approval. When the Design plans have been approved then the bids for the project will be accepted. He had the blueprints and other documents for the sewer project available. The blueprints showed where the sewer lines would be running along the road right-a-ways and the location of the lagoon. They will work with each property owner as to the location of the grinder pumps on their property.

At this time Attorney, Daniel Boyd is in the process of securing property easements for positioning the grinder pumps on the property. The easements need to be signed for the project to continue.

The meeting was opened to the public for a question and answer session with Engineers, Ray Saneholtz and Steve Darmofal from Feller, Finch and Associates, Inc., and Attorney, Daniel Boyd. Members of the public had many questions. The biggest concern seems to be the easements on their property.

A period of time during the meeting was allowed for anyone desiring to have their easement notarized. Notary Public, Connie Strong, offered her services.

Clerk, Lois Hills reported that the Road Commission approved the contract for the spot berm and ditch work to be performed on Coman Road for one mile from Camden Road to Hartley Road. The Township estimated cost is \$11,062.50 (75%).

Information was received from the Drain Commissioner, Bill Word, that the 2003 Drain Assessment for Wright Township is \$3,538.92.

Lois Hills shared information she received on the strong possibility that state revenue sharing will take another cut of an additional 3% to 10% as the state revenues are roughly \$900 million short for fiscal year 2004.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the land division application submitted by Robert Brackett. It is for property located in Section 11, Southwest Quarter, on Young Drive at Lime Lake. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Connie Strong – yes.

Betty Keeling, Assessor, stated she denied the land division application from John Ruckman and Emily Vernon. It is for property located in Section 5, Northeast Quarter and Section 32, Southwest Quarter, on Center Road west of Tuttle Road. Her reason for denial was the split did not allow for a right-a-way from Center Road and that according to Michigan law it creates a land lock. However, the Village of Waldron is purchasing this said piece of property and the Village already owns the property adjacent to this piece of property which has access to Tuttle Road; therefore after purchase they will have road access via their property to Tuttle Road.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, William White, to approve the land division application for two splits

submitted by John Ruckman and Emily Vernon upon recording deeds with proper number of divisions stated. It is for property located in Section 5, Northeast Quarter and Section 32, Southwest Quarter, on Center Road west of Tuttle Road. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Connie Strong – yes.

A permit application for access to and ongoing use of public ways by telecommunications providers under Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight (METRO) Act, 2002 PA 48, MCLA Sections 484.2101 to 484.3120 was submitted by Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North, 860 Terrace Street, MC: MIGFRIA, Muskegon, MI 49440. *(A copy of the application is on file with the clerk.)*

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to approve the METRO Act permit application submitted by Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North, 860 Terrace Street, MC: MIGFRIA, Muskegon, MI 49440. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. *(A copy of the permit is on file with the clerk.)*

The motion was made by Board Member, Lois Hills, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$9,692.74 from the General Fund, and a total of \$10,353.00 from the BAN Sewer Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk