

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

There were six citizens and guests present at the meeting including John Rice, Bob Godfrey, Leroy Morr, Christie Cook, Ben Wheeler, and Jeff Gier.

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 and the treasurer's report as printed. (*Treasurer's report follows.*) The motion carried.

BALANCE ON HAND – OCTOBER 31, 2007		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	2,092.72
LIP Account	\$	184,893.16
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	866.86
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	48,877.65
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	13,994.68
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	171,341.97
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	108.71
LIP Account	\$	178,496.74
Statement Savings	\$	21,301.04

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was none offered.

John Rice from the Health Department stated that the well has been completed on the utility building property. He drove around the Prattville area. He noticed approximately five or six homes that are either vacant or for sale. These properties would not be a problem to post "condemned" if they are not hooked up to the sewer system. To condemn an occupied property it would be the last step as it is time consuming. He offered the Health Department's assistance in preparing a letter to send to those who have not connected to the sewer system by the deadline, December 1, 2007. He recommends that those in the process of getting financial assistance that we continue to work with them.

Jeff Gier reported that at this time there are 43 homes/properties without permits. Eight properties on Lime Lake and the others are in Prattville.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler thinks it may be possible to put sewer connection fees on the tax bill. He will check into it.

Bob Godfrey reported that the construction of the utility building is almost complete. There is just some plumbing left to do.

Bob Godfrey provided an update on the current Road Commission activities. Most of their construction projects are complete and they are preparing for winter.

Roger Zimmerman relayed to Bob that Burt Road between Coman Road and U.S. 127 needs gravel.

A letter was received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission that the Lickley Road berm and gravel project from Prattville Road to Squawfield Road has been postponed to 2008 due to the lateness of the season.

Jeff Gier submitted a bid from USA Blue Book for "No Trespassing" "Wastewater Treatment site" signs to be posted at the wastewater treatment site – 50 signs @ \$32.70 each = \$1,635.00.

Jeff reported that the electrical work will begin next week for the utility building. He needs LP gas for the building and asked if there was any preference to whom he should contact. Connie Strong suggested Towne LP Gas since they are located within the Township.

Jeff Gier reported that Nick and Toni Heidelberg are going to the state tax tribunal regarding their connection to the sewer system. John Rice from the Health Department stated that the Health Department has Health agreement documents from Nick and Toni Heidelberg from when they installed their septic system.

Christie Cook reported on the meeting (October 26th) to work on the "Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Plan" (VA/ERP). Jeff Gier, Roger Zimmerman, and Christie Cook worked on the plan. The four highest sources identified were 1) Vandalism/Criminal Acts, 2) Sewer Blockage, 3) Transportation Accidents/Electrical Failure, and 4) Storms – Lightening and Thunderstorms.

Christie reported she has received some more calls from residents for financial assistance for connecting to the sewer system.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler submitted a Land Division Application from Brent Moore for consideration. Property Owner Information: Brent Moore, Address: 8151 Tuttle Road, Pittsford, MI 49271; Location of parent parcel to be split: 9751 Tuttle Road, Pittsford, MI 49271; Parent parcel number: 30 17 009 300 001 8 1; Description of division being proposed: 1 – Number of new Parcels; Intended use – residential; Parcel has a width of 266 feet; and Parcel has an area of 3.5 acres.

The resolution was offered by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the Land Division application as submitted for Brent Moore, Location of parent parcel to be split: 9751 Tuttle Road, Pittsford, MI 49271; Parent parcel number: 30 17 009 300 001 8 1; Description of division being proposed: 1 – Number of new Parcels. The roll call vote was William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Ben Wheeler reported that the tax rate of inflation this year is 2.3%. Taxes won't be increasing as much.

Fred Horwath reported that Attorney, Dan Boyd gave his approval regarding the Oil and Gas Lease submitted by Dakotah Oil on the township's wastewater treatment plant property for 20.03 acres located at "Township 8 South, Range 1 West, Section 14, Part W2, NE4" for our consideration.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the contract for the Oil and Gas Lease submitted by Dakotah Oil, 125 East Chicago Street, Allen, MI 49227, Phone Number (517) 869-2335; on the township's wastewater treatment plant property for 20.03 acres located at "Township 8 South,

Range 1 West, Section 14, Part W2, NE4” for a three-year lease for the amount of \$2,050.00. The motion carried.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Connie Strong 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 USDA Rural Development.

1. Jeff Gier (monthly operator salary)	\$ 1,916.66
2. Consumers Energy (electrical)	\$ 11.44
3. Sprint/Nextel Communications (cell phone)	\$ 143.18
4. D & B Billing Services, Inc. (O&M Billing)	\$ 132.30
5. Spielman’s Hardware & Garden Center	\$ 72.96
6. Flagstar Bank (cks ordered for acct) estimated amount	\$ 20.00
7. Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc (final bill)	\$17,241.38
8. Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc (professional services)	\$ 7,475.50
9. Mike Clark (tile & trenching for Myron Clark)	\$ 204.96
10. Steve Gier Construction (utility Bldg construction)	\$ 9,712.10
11. USA Blue Book (No Trespassing Signs)	\$ 1,668.54

Total	\$38,599.02
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The roll call vote was William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Lois Hills – yes, and Fred Horwath – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, William White, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to pay the bills as submitted for payment, a total of \$37,571.33 from the General Operating fund. (A listing of the bills is available upon request.) The motion carried.

William White attended and reported on the County Michigan Townships Association meeting held on Wednesday, November 5, 2007. Wright Township was the host.

Connie Strong reported that the Fire and Ambulance board accepted a bid for \$1,050 to sell the old fire truck.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

 Lois J. Hills
 Wright Township Clerk