

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, October 14, 2004 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, Lois Hills, Fred Horwath, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were forty-two citizens and guests present at the meeting who included George Gier, Christie Cook, Maxine Vanlerberg, Tom Traciak, Steven Darmofal, Dan Boyd, Philip Rubley, and Allison MacArthur-Ruesink from D.E.Q.

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

**BALANCE ON HAND – SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

Checking Account	\$	37.81
LIP Account	\$	63,901.56
Flagstar Checking	\$	1,677.85
Flagstar Money Market	\$	0.00
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	857.26

**WRIGHT – WALDRON FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND**

Checking Account	\$	78.98
LIP Account	\$	70,180.87
Certificate of Deposit	\$	61,360.68
BOL Statement Savings	\$	16,587.14
Loan (Liability)	\$	100,000.00

The meeting was opened for public comment with none being offered.

A Hearing was conducted concerning the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Two Hearings are required for a special assessment. This hearing is the first meeting. The improvements shall consist of the construction of a new wastewater lagoon and grinder pump sewage collection system serving approximately 240 properties located in the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District. The Special Assessment District shall consist of properties near or adjacent to Lime Lake and the unincorporated area of Prattville located along Lime Lake Road, Lake Shore Drive, Zimmerman Road, West Channel Drive, East Channel Drive, Willow Trace, Prattville Road, Coman Road, Young Drive, Lenore Drive, Emens Drive, Kipp Street, and Knox Street. The purpose of this hearing was to hear and consider any objections that may be submitted by any interested person with respect to the making of the improvements and the assessing of part of the cost thereof to the special assessment district.

Steven Darmofal, the Design Engineer from Feller, Finch and Associates, Inc. gave a brief description of the project and update on the design. He is in hopes that we will have all the necessary permits by the first of the year, to begin the bidding process. It will be advertised for one month, and then contract can be awarded. Hopefully, construction will begin in the Spring of

2005. Maps showing the location the improvements and the special assessment district, plans, specifications were available for review.

Financial Advisor, Tom Traciak from ACI Finance, Inc. discussed the project cost and how it would be funded. The original cost of the project was \$2.8 million. We were to receive a 75% grant estimate on the original cost estimate and a loan amount of \$1.9 million with an interest rate of 4½%. The estimated cost of the project at this time is \$4,101,135. The amount to be assessed against lands in the special assessment district is \$1,925,135. The amount to be a general obligation of the Township of Wright is \$2,176,000. There are 175 full assessments and 75 vacant lot assessments.

A time was allowed for discussion, comments and questions from the public.

Christie Cook, RCAP, addressed the 504 Program by Rural Development that offers assistance to residents unable to pay or needs assistance in paying.

Philip Rubley, CPA, gave a presentation on the Township's biannual audit for the fiscal year ending, March 31, 2004. The Township received the "unqualified opinion", which is the highest opinion he can award.

Board Member, William White, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the land division application submitted by Emily Breckel. The property is located in Section 23, NE ¼, Seely Road between Camden Road and Burt Road. Total acres of parent – 118.99, Total number of splits allowed – 14 + 2, Total Splits used – 1, Number of divisions transferred – 1. Roll call vote was Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

Board Member, William White, made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to approve the land division application submitted by Donna Fix Trust. The property is located in Section 28, NE ¼, South Waldron Road and Camden Road. Total acres of parent – 158, Total number of splits allowed – 15 + 2, Total Splits used – 1, Number of divisions transferred – 0. Roll call vote was Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, Connie Strong – yes, William White – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes.

A notification was received from Region 2 Planning Commission on the following project for our review. Vebra Hoff Dairy II, LLC is applying for a renewable energy grant from the USDA rural development for the installation of an anaerobic digester on their dairy farm. This will facilitate the natural anaerobic breakdown of cow manure. Methane gas will be produced and used to create bio-energy. Federal funds are requested in the amount of \$500,000.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$19,317.16 from the General Fund; and \$154.38 from the Sewer Project Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Lois J. Hills  
Wright Township Clerk