

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, October 16, 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 William White, Fred Horwath, Lois Hills, and Roger Zimmerman. Connie Strong was absent.

There were a total of eight citizens and guests present at the meeting that included Charles Meade, John Tanner, Skip Linden, Richard Chudey, Leroy Morr, Maxine Vanlerberg, Betty Keeling, and Terri Rossi.

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 as printed. The motion carried.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Terri Rossi explained a situation about a piece of property that the Village of Waldron is purchasing, which is being split from the Ruckman property. Betty Keeling, Assessor, reported that a Land Division Application will be submitted for consideration at next month's meeting which would resolve the situation described by Rossi.

Fred Horwath reported he received a phone call from Eldonna Bernath concerning some damage to her parent's gravestone, which she thinks occurred some time while plowing snow. Lois Hills will check with insurance concerning the township's coverage.

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, provided information concerning a question that arose at last month's meeting. Her research revealed that the Senior Center is providing services for 24-31 people in Wright Township and the 49288 zip code.

Richard Chudey has been assisting Attorney, Dan Boyd, on the property easements on the Lime Lake sewer project. He didn't feel it was working as Dan was only giving him 13-14 per week. Fred reported that he thinks Dan has changed the way he was doing it and has sent out most of the easement notices. Fred has been receiving a number of calls concerning the easement letters. There was discussion on the easements.

Ray Saneholtz from Feller and Finch, is scheduled to be at our next township board meeting on November 13th. Dan Boyd will be asked if he can possibly attend this meeting too; and to have a notary public available at the meeting as the easement notice needs to be notarized.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the land division application submitted by Nick Gallippo. It is for property located in Section 2, Northwest ¼, Broom and Coman Roads. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Connie Strong – absent.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the land division application submitted by Lela Shinabery. It is for property located in Section 14, Northeast ¼, Prattville and Seely Roads. Roll call vote: William White – yes, Lois Hills – yes, Roger Zimmerman – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Connie Strong – absent.

A letter was received from Region 2 Planning Commission inviting us to join and participate in the Region 2 Planning Commission. The Wright Township annual membership contribution is \$323.46. No action taken.

William White presented the cost estimates he received from the Hillsdale County Road Commission for work to be performed.

- 1) Coman Road from Broom Road to Camden Road, a length of 2.00 miles – spot berm and ditch, replace culverts as needed, and hydroseed roadside. Total estimated township cost (75%) - \$22,125.00.
- 2) Hartley Road from Waldron Road to U.S. 127, a length of 3.07 miles – spot berm and ditch, replace driveway culverts as needed, apply two inches processed gravel, erosion control, and dust palliative. Total estimated township cost (75%) - \$77,437.50.

Bill reported that Stan Clingerman suggested another alternative would be to apply 1000 cyds. @ \$10.00 per cyds. per mile with grader shaping cost of \$2000, the township cost approximately \$10,000. Bill stated that Stan felt there would be more beneficial ways to use our money rather than Hartley Road, that Coman Road and Burt Road need to be repaved, and bridges on Seely Road and Lickly Road need to be replaced.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to approve the cost estimate with the Hillsdale County Road Commission for spot berm and ditch, replace culverts as needed, and hydroseed roadside Coman Road beginning at Camden Road and working south to the extent of the money available in our road budget. The motion carried.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills, to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of

\$26,760.61 from the General Fund, and a total of \$20,255.00 from the BAN Sewer Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
HILLSDALE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHTS-OF-WAY RESOLUTION

October 14, 2003

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act, Act No. 48 of Public Acts of 2002 ("Metro Act") provides regulations governing the issuance of permits by Wright Township ("Township") to telecommunications providers for their access to and ongoing use of the public rights-of-way within the Township; and

WHEREAS, telecommunication providers using or seeking to use the public rights-of-way within the Township for their telecommunication facilities are required by the Metro Act to obtain a permit from the Township and pay all required fees; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Act generally requires telecommunications providers to pay the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Authority ("Authority") an annual fee; and

WHEREAS, the annual fees collected by the Authority are to be distributed to cities, villages and townships with the Township receiving from the Authority its share as allocated under the Metro Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township must comply with the Metro Act in order to be eligible to receive its allocated share of the annual fees collected by the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Township has been in compliance with the Metro Act from its inception on November 1, 2002 and will continue to comply with the Metro Act.
2. The township, pursuant to the Metro Act, modifies any and all fees applicable to telecommunication providers use of the public rights-of-way to require such telecommunication providers to pay only those fees required under Section 8 of the Metro Act; reserving any rights the Township may have to fees due for the period ending October 31, 2002. If Section 8 is found to be invalid or unconstitutional this modification of fees is void from the date of the modification.

3. The Township shall not hold a cable television operator in default or seek any remedy for failure to satisfy an obligation, if any, to pay after November 1, 2002, a franchise fee or other similar fee on that portion of gross revenues from charges the cable operator received for cable modem services provided through broadband internet transport access services while reserving any right the Township may have to such fees due for the period ending October 31, 2002.
4. The Township Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to all telecommunication providers using the public rights-of-way within the Township.
5. All resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The motion was made by Board Member, William White, and supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": William White, Roger Zimmerman, Lois Hills, and Fred Horwath. The following voted "nay": none. The following was absent: Connie Strong.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk