

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 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 Fred Horwath, Connie Strong, Lois Hills, Roger Zimmerman, and William White.

There were fourteen citizens and guests present at the meeting including Jim Marry, Bill Higgins, Ben Wheeler, Charles Meade, Richard Missler, Christie Cook, John Rice, Phil Rubley, Mr. & Mrs. Skip Linden, Jim Boswell, Ray Saneholtz, and 2 other individuals.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, 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 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2006		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	232.91
LIP Account	\$	162,392.17
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	863.37
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	480.91
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	100.14
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	100,810.24
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	105.99
LIP Account	\$	142,465.65
Statement Savings	\$	19,719.76
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Bill Higgins asked why he hadn't been contacted regarding the soybeans that were destroyed during construction of the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer project. He reported that he had measured the destroyed soybeans and it total one acre. It is located at East Channel Drive and Prattville Road. He quoted that he had \$221.44 invested in this one acre of soybeans. The Township was not aware of this matter.

Philip R. Rubley, Certified Public Accountant, performed the Township's audit. He presented an overview of the township's audit report and financial statement for fiscal year ending, March 31, 2006. He commented that in the "Independent Auditor's Report" the Township received an "*unqualified opinion*", which is the best he can give. We will be required for fiscal year ending, March 31, 2007, to have a special single audit performed for receiving over one-half million dollars in a fiscal year of government money. Also, he recommended we formally pass a resolution to establish and maintain records for acquisition and disposal of the Township's depreciation threshold of \$1,500.00.

Jim Boswell, a Democratic candidate for Hillsdale County Road Commissioner was present. He currently resides in Wright Township. He spoke regarding his qualifications and experience.

Ray Saneholtz, Engineer from Feller, Finch & Associates Inc., presented an update on the construction of the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project. At this time both contractors are according to schedule with 75-80% done. Completion should be by the end of December. An invoice from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$24,589.76; and pay requests Number 5 for Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. (Contract A) for the amount of \$185,174.72, and for Rothenberger Company, Inc. (Contract B) in the amount of \$34,479.13 were submitted for township approval.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White and seconded by Board Member, Connie Strong to adopt a resolution to approve for payment of the following bills and invoices relating to the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer project from the Construction Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund contingent upon approval from USDA Rural Development.

1) Feller, Finch & Associates – Engineering	\$ 24,589.76
2) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. (Contract A)	\$ 185,174.72
3) Rothenberger Company, Inc. (Contract B)	\$ 34,479.13

Total	\$ 244,243.61
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Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, , Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – yes. The resolution was declared adopted.

Ray Saneholtz addressed the following other items.

- Electrical permit fees for \$8,160.00 was approved by Rural Development.
- The MDEQ permit was approved for the lagoon effluent sewer pipe.
- There is \$51,600.00 remaining in Contingency Budget in the Construction Fund from Rural Development.
- Engineering Amendment Number 2 for Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc.
- Rothenberger wants to know of any additional grinder pumps that need to be added before November 10th so he may be finished by the end of December.
- Need to prepare and adopt some policies regarding the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer.
- Need a building for storing extra tanks and grinder pumps.
- The Health Department must approve abandonment of the old existing sewer systems.

Christie Cook asked if the County Electrical Inspector was inspecting only on the outside or on the inside of the dwelling as well. For the installation of the electrical for the grinder pumps it will be brought from the pump to the outside of the house to a disconnect. The homeowner is responsible for the electrical hookup from the disconnect to their electrical power source inside the home.

John Rice from the Health Department addressed regulations for pumping and filling the old existing sewer systems for abandonment. He recommended a list be prepared of two or three contractors to perform the work necessary to abandon the old existing septic tanks. He suggested the possibility of using a three-part affidavit form that would be completed by the whoever is pumping the septic tank and filling in the tank. The copies would be for the 1) Health Department, 2) Township, and 3) Homeowner. This would save in permit costs. The cost of the permits are \$65.00 each.

A letter was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) inviting us to join them for their annual Traffic Summit for Hillsdale County to be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the Emery Park Community Center.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$21,628.51 from the General Fund. *(A listing of the bills is available upon request.)* The motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk