

The Wright Township regular monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, October 9, 2008 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.

There were a total of ten guests and residents present at the meeting including Sharon Zimmerman, Harold Douglas, Jeff Gier, Christie Cook, Scott Knapp, Charles Meade, Maxine Vanlerberg, Brenda Godfrey, Philip Rubley, and Jim Marry.

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

BALANCE ON HAND, SEPTEMBER 30, 2008	
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>	
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 747.71
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 257,970.65
Tax Account Checking	\$ 7,457.52
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	
Flagstar – Checking (Construction)	\$ 11,624.65
O & M - Checking	\$ 10,845.12
Special Assessment – Money Market	\$ 231,445.18
RRI - Money Market Account	\$ 20,114.43
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>	
First Federal - Checking Account	\$ 530.33
First Federal - Money Market Account	\$ 202,339.01
First Federal - Statement Savings	\$ 22,610.46

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

Christie Cook reported she is working with the Community Action Agency to get a couple more property owners connected to the sewer system.

Jeff Gier, Sewer Operator, reported that per Rural Development the "specs" required "tracer tape" used on the entire sewer system. "Tracer tape" is not as effective and couldn't be used on the "bored" so per Rural Development they approved using the "tracer wire" on the "bored" and not to use anything on the "open". Thus, the cost amount evened out. He also reported that he plans to be discharging the lagoons this fall and Hudson will be doing the testing. At this time there are sixteen or seventeen property owners who are not connected to the sewer system.

Any delinquent sewer bills for operating and maintenance will need to be placed on the 2008 tax bills. This information will need to be provided to Ben Wheeler by the end of this month.

Brenda Godfrey was present on behalf of Road Commissioner, Bob Godfrey. She reported that the Road Commission will be starting their winter hours. They are currently working on the Lickley Road projects from Burt Road to Prattville Road and from Prattville Road to Squawfield Road. They are just completing the Lickley Road project from Buckeye Road to Ohio State Line and the Reading Road project. For this coming winter season the Road Commission will only be applying salt on intersections, curves, and hills.

Maxine Vanlerberg, County Commissioner, reported the Commissioners are currently working on the budget for the next fiscal year.

Maxine reported that anyone who has not received their tax stimulus check may still file. The Community Action Agency will assist those who still need to file.

There was discussion on the tile repair bills submitted by Jim Marry, which he claims was damaged by Rothenberger during the sewer construction. Invoice # 1044 – Amount - \$4,308.00 for installation of outlet and catch basin at outlet to field and Invoice # 1045 – Amount - \$1,378.00 for installation of field tile east of East Channel Drive (fasten four tiles that crossed road on one outlet); a total of \$5,686.00. Jim stated that Ray from Feller, Finch & Associates acknowledged there was a problem early on. He does not know if he reported it to Rothenberger.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion to pay the entire amount of \$5,586.00 to Jim Marry. There was not any support to this motion. Connie Strong rescinded her motion to pay the entire amount of \$5,586.00 to Jim Marry.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, to submit to Rural Development the Invoices for the tile repair presented by Jim Marry (*Description follows.*) to see if Rural Development will approve payment for the Invoices, a total of \$5,686.00, from the Construction Fund. Invoice # 1044 – Amount - \$4,308.00 for installation of outlet and catch basin at outlet to field and Invoice # 1045 – Amount - \$1,378.00 for installation of field tile east of East Channel Drive (fasten four tiles that crossed road on one outlet); a total of \$5,686.00. The motion was approved.

Philip Rubley, Certified Public Accountant, conducted the Township's audit. He gave a presentation of the Township's Audit Report for fiscal year ending, March 31, 2008.

Fred Horwath reported that he had a call concerning flags at the Cemetery being found on the ground.

Clerk, Lois Hills, shared the information that two-year Builder's Warranty provided by Rothenberger Company, Inc. will be expiring on January 16, 2009. A review of the project needs to be scheduled to observe if there are any construction related problems covered by the warranty.

A notice was received of the annual Traffic Summit meeting for Hillsdale County with the Michigan Department of Transportation to be held on Wednesday, October 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at the Lewis Emery Park Community Center, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Clerk, Lois Hills submitted for review Financial reports for Income and Expenses – Actual vs. Budget for fiscal year, April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 for the General Operating Fund and the Sewer Fund.

Clerk, Lois Hills, shared the brochure she received from MTA on information for a workshop for New Treasurers and Deputies, "Tax Collecting 101".

Treasurer, Connie Strong submitted a list she prepared of the Township's Delinquent Personal Property Taxes.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to approve for payment the sewer bills submitted for payment, a total of \$2,349.37, from the Sewer Operating and Maintenance Fund; and a total of \$2,205.00 from the Sewer Construction Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion was approved.

Board Member, Roger Zimmerman made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to approve to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$42,766.08, from the General Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion was approved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk