

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, September 13, 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 eleven guests and residents present at the meeting including Jeff and David Gier, Leroy Morr, Skip Linden, Rich Chudey, Chuck Meade, Ben Wheeler, Judy Marry, Kevin Decker, and Steve Darmofal.

The motion was made by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as printed. There was no Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Leroy Morr complained about the holes in gravel roads. Rich Chudey inquired if the 20 gallons of antifreeze was correct in the winterization of the grinder pump information that was received in the recent mailing. Jeff Gier reported the information was taken directly from the manual. Judy Marry commented that the pump makes a loud annoying knocking sound when turning on and others present agreed.

Kevin Decker, our Insurance Representative from MCM Group Inc. presented a "Summary of Coverages" for Wright Township as of October 1, 2007, and addressed the insurance coverage needed for the new sewer system. He explained the bigger issue for a sewer system is liability. Most claims are for sewer backup. He provided information on "New Sewer Backup Legislation" (Public Act 222), effective January 2, 2002. With this new law there have not been any claims. He also voiced a "Risk Control" concern about the Waldron District Library being covered on our policy since the Township has no control on the Library. He suggested the Library should look into their own policy.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller, Finch and Associates, provided an update on the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements project.

- Rothenberger Company (Contract B) is finally complete as of August 9, 2007. There were complaints from the public about the seeding in various places and the condition of private roads.
- Rothenberger is requesting final payment. The bill is for \$23,944.07. It reflects materials delivered and completed, and also a release of all the retainage. He is requesting payment of the \$673.76 that the Township withheld from the last pay request, which was paid to David Young for repair of damages when grinder pump was installed. He stated he has discussed this matter with USDA, and USDA will allow project contingency funds to pay the \$673.76.
- A Balancing Change Order No. 4 from Rothenberger to reflect what he has installed was submitted. This reduces the contract by \$26,624.23 to \$1,625,905.81.
- The Township needs to pass a resolution to make final payment to Rothenberger per USDA guidelines.
- Anglin was no pay request this month.
- Anglin needs to regrade a bit in the fenced area and put an asphalt approach at the lagoon entrance.
- Jeff Gier met with Anglin's project manager Andy Vigo this week. Jeff reported on this meeting. Andy assured him it will be done by September 21, 2007. There are provisions in the contract that if the Contractor does not abide by the contract he may be Terminated with Cause or penalties may be assessed per contract. If Anglin doesn't finish by Friday, September 21, 2007, the Township should have their attorney begin preparations to act on this matter.

- The Project currently has \$44,372.34 in contingencies per Todd MacLean of USDA as of September 12th. With the approval of Rothenberger’s Change Order No. 4 for a reduction of \$44,372.23 there will be approximately \$70,996.57 in contingencies available.
- Rothenberger and Bob Brackett have settled their dispute.
- The Zimmerman Road drainage tile by catch basin is not completed.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Lois Hills, and seconded by Board Member, William White to adopt a resolution to approve and sign the “Certificate of Final Completion” for Contractor, Rothenberger Company, Inc. Contract for: Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Contract B. Contract Date: 4/27/2006. This Certificate of Final Completion applies to all Work under the Contract Documents. The Work to which this Certificate applies has been inspected by authorized representatives of OWNER, CONTRACTOR, and ENGINEER, and that Work is hereby declare to be complete, and accepted in accordance with the Contract Documents on: August 9, 2007 – Date of Final Completion. 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.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to adopt a resolution to approve and sign the Contract Change Order No. 4, dated September 7, 2007 from Rothenberger Company, Inc., Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Contract B. This change order adjusts the final quantities to reflect the actual quantities installed. The amount of the Contract is decrease by the sum of \$26,624.23. The Contract Total including this and previous Change Orders will be \$1,625,905.81. 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.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Fred Horwath, and seconded by Board Member, Connie Strong to adopt a resolution to approve and sign the “Certificate of Substantial Completion” for Anglin Civil Constructors, LTD., Contract for: Wright Township – Lime Lake/Prattville Area Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Contract A. Contract Date: 4/27/2006. This definitive Certificate of Substantial Completion applies to all Work under the Contract Documents. The date of Substantial Completion was May 1, 2007. A definitive punch list dated May 30, 2007 was attached. 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.

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

1. Jeff Gier (monthly operator salary)	\$	1,916.66
2. Consumers Energy	\$	19.96
3. Nextel Communications (Sprint)	\$	142.48
4. Tank & Pump of Michigan, Inc.	\$	2,880.07
5. Newell Electric Incorporated	\$	110.00
6. Dornbos Sign & Safety Inc.	\$	506.65
7. Jeff Gier (reimbursement - supplies)	\$	132.25
8. Rothenberger Company, Inc (Contract B) – pay request # 11	\$	23,944.07

Total	\$	29,652.14
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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.

Also, Fred Horwath stated he has an invoice from Due North Surveying , Inc. in the amount of \$400.00 for surveying of the land on the Shinaberry property being purchase for the utility building for the Lime Lake/Prattville Sanitary Sewer Improvements project. Surveying, Legal and Other Miscellaneous Costs for Land for the Building was approved by USDA in June.

The motion was offered by Board Member, William White, and seconded by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman to contact Attorney, Dan Boyd, to begin preparations for assessing penalties to Anglin Civil Constructors, LTD, Contract A, for not completing their contract by the final completion date of June 15, 2007. The roll call vote was William White – Yes, Connie Strong – Yes, Roger Zimmerman – Yes, Lois Hills – Yes, and Fred Horwath – Yes. It was declared adopted.

Fred Horwath will contact Attorney, Dan Boyd regarding this “Anglin” matter, and Steve Darmofal will provide a copy of their contract to him.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Roger Zimmerman, and supported by Board Member, Lois Hills to approve the bills submitted for payment, in the amount of \$21,203.96 from the General Fund. (*A listing of the bills is available upon request.*) The motion carried.

Clerk, Lois Hills contacted the Road Commission regarding purchasing the reflectomarkers to be installed to assist road maintenance crews to locate objects that could potentially be damaged by snow plowing and roadside mowing operations. They provided the information of the company to directly purchase the markers . Fifty of the reflectomarkers were purchased from Dornbros Sign and Safety Inc. for a price of \$9.50 each with additional freight charges. The Road Commission gave an estimate to install the signs - \$500.00 for one day for one man and truck, and \$1000.00 if a 2nd day is needed to complete the installation.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler submitted a Land Division Application for consideration from Property Owner: Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Trustee, Eva C. Briskey Trust Ltd.11/29/2006. Location of parent parcel to be split: Address – 12451 Seely Road, Waldron, MI 49288. Parent Parcel Number: 30 17 025 300 001 25 8 1. Description of the division(s) being proposed: 2 number of new parcels; Intended use: 1.) Residential - 0.68 acres, 2.) Agricultural – 28.82 acres; Each proposed parcel, if 10 acres or less, has a depth to width ratio not greater than 4 to 1. Each parcel has a width of 122.1 and each parcel has an area of 241.6.

The resolution was offered by Board Member, William White, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to approve the Land Division application as submitted for Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Trustee, Eva C. Briskey Trust Ltd.11/29/2006. Location of parent parcel to be split: Address – 12451 Seely Road, Waldron, MI 49288. Parent Parcel Number: 30 17 025 300 001 25 8 1. Description of the division(s) being proposed: 2 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.

Philip Rubley, CPA is scheduled to be at the October 11th meeting to present the “Single Audit” as required by the USDA for receiving federal funds.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Lois Hills, and supported by Board Member, Connie Strong to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk