

The regular monthly board meeting for the Township of Wright was held on Thursday, September 14, 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, and William White. Roger Zimmerman was absent.

There were eight citizens and guests present at the meeting including Steve Darmofal, Christie Cook, Richard Chudey, Ben Wheeler, Charles Meade, Jim Marry, and two other individuals.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong 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 – AUGUST 31, 2006		
<u>WRIGHT TOWNSHIP</u>		
Checking Account	\$	250.71
LIP Account	\$	155,858.94
Sewer Fund Savings	\$	863.37
<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>		
Flagstar - Construction Account	\$	95.91
Operating & Maintenance Checking Account	\$	100.11
Special Assessment Money Market Account	\$	97,322.21
<u>WRIGHT-WALDRON FIRE & AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
Checking Account	\$	100.19
LIP Account	\$	89,943.62
Certificate of Deposit	\$	48,761.77
Statement Savings	\$	19,719.76
Loan	\$	39,994.48

The meeting was opened for public comment. There was no public comment offered.

Steve Darmofal, Project Engineer from Feller and Finch, present an update on the Lime Lake/Prattville sewer system project.

- An invoice from Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc., and pay requests Number 4 for Anglin and Rothenberger were submitted for township approval.
- According to Steve who has talked with the Bond Counsel and Rural Development that those who were assessed grinder pumps (a whole assessment - \$6,436.09) and do not need the grinder pump their assessment may be reduced to the one-half assessment (\$3,218.05).
- Change Order Number 2 was submitted for Rothenberger. This changes the electrical design and revises quantities to reflect what has been and is expected to be installed. The bulk of the increase is due to increases in forcemain service pipe length and electrical cable lengths. There is also addition of locks to the project for some of the grinder pumps control panels per the operator. It also deletes the grinder pumps from several of the properties that did not need them. The change order is for an increase of \$88,758.00.
- The township sent a request to the Hillsdale County Building Inspection Department to reduce the electrical fees as part of this project. They had originally required fees of \$81.00 per grinder pump, totally approximately \$12,960.00. The township requested that

total fees by reduced to approximately \$2,120.00. The County replied and will reduce the fees to \$51.00 per grinder pump for a total of approximately \$8,160.00. Rothenberger's revised electrical pricing with Change Order 2 does not include electrical permit fees, since those were unknown at the time pricing was received from him. It is recommended the township directly pay the permit fees to the County.

Board Member, Lois Hills made the motion, supported by Board Member William White, to approve the Change Order Number 2 for Rothenberger Company, Inc. (Contract B) for an increase of \$88,758.00. This changes the electrical design and revises quantities to reflect what has been and is expected to be installed. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, , Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member, Connie Strong, to approve to directly pay the electrical permit fees of \$51.00 per grinder pump, a total of \$8,160.00, contingent upon the approval by Rural Development. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, , Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

- The Township needs to send out a letter to all of the people getting grinder pumps that explains the electrical hook-ups and that they will be responsible for that item. The electrical contractor has been going around marking the locations of the panels and has left notices for all of the residents. Due to many of the cottages being closed for the year, a copy of the electrical contractor's notice should be included with each of the letters.
- Change Order Number 1 for Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. (Contract A) to construct the lagoon effluent sewer pipe was submitted for township approval contingent upon the approval of the plans by MDEQ. The net increase of the cost of the project for the Township is \$0.00 for construction as the Drain Commissioner is kicking in \$10,000 - \$15,000 for this additional work and the estimated cost increase is between \$13,000 and \$14,000.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member Connie Strong, to approve the Change Order Number 1 for Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. (Contract A) to construct the lagoon effluent sewer pipe contingent upon the approval of the plans by MDEQ. The net increase of the cost of the project for the Township is \$0.00 for construction as the Drain Commissioner is kicking in \$10,000 - \$15,000 for this additional work and the estimated cost increase is between \$13,000 and \$14,000. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, , Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

- All service agreements have been received except for one. Based on a letter from Attorney, Dan Boyd to USDA we have all the necessary easements for the project and will proceed with completing the grinder pump station at this location also.
- Rothenberger is basically finished installing Grinder Pumps. They are going to be working on connecting the service laterals to the forcemain and adding the valving. They still have to do start up and install the electrical items.
- Anglin will complete the flexible membrane liner next week. Needs the approval from MDEQ and Township for effluent piping. Anglin needs to put backfill over the liner and install the forcemain and entrance road and transfer piping within the cells.
- Two property owners have inquired about installing new grinder pumps on undeveloped lots on the west end of Emens who plan on constructing homes this winter.
- Engineering Amendment Number 2 for Feller, Finch & Associates, Inc. was submitted. This is to increase their contract to compensate for additional services being performed on the project outside the original scope of work. The first item is to revise the plans to

combine the effluent sewer and the county drain pipe. The cost of this item is \$1,500.00. The second item is for helping prepare, send out, and obtain service agreements. The expenses for these agreements for this work is \$11,621.75. The total of the original contract is \$515,000.00. The new revised amount is \$528,121.75.

Christie Cook is trying to obtain funding for financial assistance for those who do not have appropriate electrical service. She prepared a Income survey to send to those in the Lime Lake/Prattville Sewer district. It is for use in gathering information essential to determine if homeowners qualify for financial assistance.

There was discussion concerning this survey. It was the consensus that the survey be revised to a letter with information to contact Christie Cook if financial assistance is needed to help with costs due to sewer hook up. This letter is to be included with the letter being sent by the township to all of the people getting grinder pumps that explains the electrical hook-ups and electrical contractor's notice.

Assessor, Ben Wheeler presented a land division application from Judith A. Marry, 14232 Lakeshore Drive, Hudson, MI 49247. The location of parent parcel to be split is located on West Channel Drive, Parent parcel number: 30-17-055 001 030. The proposed two new parcels are 1) Lot 19 of Marry's sub (West Channel Drive), and 2) Lot 20 of Marry's sub (West Channel Drive). The description of the parent parcel is Lot 16, 17,18 from 30 17 055 001 030.

Board Member, William White made the motion, supported by Board Member Connie Strong, to approve the land division application submitted by Judith A. Marry for the division of two new parcels from parent parcel number 30-17-055-001-030 on West Channel Drive. Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, , Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

Ben Wheeler announced that the December Board of Review meeting will be held on December 12th at 8:00 .a.m.

A letter along with the County Land Use Plan map, a checklist for evaluating future projects, a Zoning Worksheet and a Zoning Amendment Form were received from the Hillsdale County Planning Commission. They are beginning the process of updating the County Land Use Plan, to be completed in 2007.

The motion was offered by Board Member, Connie Strong, and seconded by Board Member, William White 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	\$ 47,169.76
2) Jack Anglin Civil Constructors, Ltd. (Contract A)	\$ 146,916.55
3) Rothenberger Company, Inc. (Contract B)	\$ 461,352.36
4) Hillsdale County Inspection Department	\$ 8,160.00
(electrical permit fees – 160 units x \$51.00)	-----
Total	\$ 663,598.67
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Roll Call vote: William White – yes, Connie Strong – yes, , Lois Hills – yes, Fred Horwath – yes, and Roger Zimmerman – absent. The resolution was declared adopted.

Board Member, Connie Strong made the motion, supported by Board Member, William White to pay the bills submitted for payment, a total of \$8,462.25 from the General 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 9:15 p.m.

Lois J. Hills
Wright Township Clerk