

Watson Township Board Meeting
August 2, 2007

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Catherine Pardee, Candy Adrianson, Stephanie Bogdan, Rod Zeinstra and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

None.

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Candy, and supported by Stephanie, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Commissioner Max Thiele brought a synopsis of the commissioner's monthly business for July. He also mentioned that we may see a shift in the "jail" situation at the county.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported she had received an update from Bill Nelson at the County Road Commission and the Grade is being finished on 122^d Ave.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that the county has replaced Don Maxwell's position with Judy Graff. They have also hired an assistant for the planner.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok left a report that there were no funerals this month.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission had heard a presentation about possibility of trucking water from springs and wells from the property located at 1806 120th Ave. The planning commission has listened to the proposal and is in the process of examining possible options. He also reported that they have started laying the groundwork for the updated Master Plan. The planning commission will hold public hearing for the new zoning on August 22^d.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2007, Candy supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for July 2007, in the amount of \$15,357.89, supported by Rod, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$761,820.00 Book Balances: \$687,709.38

Old Business:

1. Hopkins Fire Dept. – Jaws of Life – Betty Evans of the Martin Lioness Club has been reading about the addition of "Jaws of Life" equipment for the Hopkins Fire Department at the Watson Township Station in the paper. After sharing the story with other members of the Lioness Club, she attended the board meeting and presented Watson Township with a donation toward the purchase of the "Jaws of Life" in the amount of \$2,000.00. The board is extremely grateful for this generous gift from the Martin Lioness Club and Betty

Evans along with all the members of the Martin Lioness Club for orchestrating this kind donation. The board would also like to Tim Benson (reporter) for his attentiveness toward the situation and the wonderful articles he has placed in the papers.

New Business:

1. Road – 124th Ave.:

The Allegan County Road Commission has received a Federal Safety Grant to improve 124th Avenue from 12th Street approximately ½ mile West in 2008. The grant is for up to \$400,000.00. The project would include widening the road and culvert, and paving this section of primary road. The County would like the township to consider allocating the funds to pave this section of road. The board members will consider this idea and await more information from the County and the Hopkins Supervisor (because it is a shared road).

2. Hastings City Bank:

Stephanie explained that Hastings City Bank has been courting the township quite heavily for the opportunity for the township's business. National City requires a great deal of work on the part of the Treasurer to get the best interest and earn the most money with our funds. Hastings City Bank would have much easier accounts to earn money and is offering the best interest rates. They will also provide the Township with a machine to make deposits directly from the office, and cash deposits would be made convenient by the bank employee and the Treasurer. Stephanie made a motion to move all the townships National City Bank accounts to Hastings City Bank, Kelli supported, Roll Call Vote: Candy-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Stephanie-yes; and Cathy-yes; (5-yes) and (0-no) votes, motion carried.

3. Hicks Cemetery:

DK Landscape has submitted a bid to take down two trees at the Hicks Cemetery. The total for the two trees would be \$5,700.00. Stephanie made a motion to table this until next month, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Planning Commission Public Hearing 8-22-07:

All the information is complete and final for the zoning changes made by the planning commission. A copy of the final draft will be given to everyone soon.

Other:

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
