

Watson Township Board Meeting
December 6, 2007

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max reported that the County is still working on the new county jail. The location of the jail may not be 100% set in his opinion. He also discussed some of the options the county still may have available, such as the possibility of a "regional jail" and other options as well. KePardee asked Max how much money had been spent on the different studies and projects involving the new jail thus far. Max told everyone it was in the neighborhood of three hundred thousand.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that she in the process of working with cemetery sexton Dave Kok on maps for the townships cemeteries. These maps will be on excel and include an alphabetical list for easier reference.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

None.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported there were no funerals for the month of November. He also let the board know that two of the three trees were removed at the cemetery.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the planning commission had worked more on the Master Plan at their last meeting. They also discussed the annual review of the current gravel mines in the township.

Public Comment:

Al Rasmussen wanted the board to be aware that the Friday prior he had witnessed an ambulance appear obviously lost and not arrive to a home near his for quite some time. He later found out from the family that had called that it took 20 minutes for emergency services to arrive. He would like to see something done to keep this from happening in the future. Cathy lets him know she will check into the particular situation and try to find out what may have happened.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2007, Rod supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for November 2007, in the amount of \$14,298.42, supported by Rod, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan left a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$312,412.80 Book Balances: \$299,172.04

Old Business

1. Private Road Zoning Ord. & Set Backs: The board discussed the set backs in sections 5.04, 6.04, 7.04, and 8.04 (a) of the zoning ordinance. After detailed discussion of the different options, the board concluded to change the setbacks in those sections from eighty (80) to fifty (50) feet. There was also discussion on other setbacks and road grades, no

changes were suggested. Rod made a motion to pass resolution #12-06-07-1 as amended in "section a" (to reflect 50 ft.), Stephanie supported, roll call vote: Stephanie-yes; Candy-yes; Kelli-yes; Rod-yes; and Cathy-yes; (5-yes; and 0-no votes) the supervisor declared the resolution passed.

2. Fire Dept. Lease Agreement: The board discussed the necessity of a lease agreement. Rod suggested some type of agreement that would include language to reflect the townships commitment to continue to house and staff the substation located on the Watson Township properties. Cathy suggests a joint meeting with the fire department to sort out the details and get some insight on what concerns the fire department may have as well as the concerns of the township board. Al Rasmussen added that the "Operating Engineers Assoc." has a wonderful training facility for firefighters and emergency personnel in Howell, Michigan that is great for underground collapses, building collapses and other collapses. Cathy thanks him for sharing this information.

New Business:

1. Joint Townships Planning Meeting: Cathy informs the board of a joint meeting between townships on January 14, 2008.

Other:

None.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
