

Watson Township Board Meeting  
January 4, 2007

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Agenda Approval:

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

Special Speaker: Dan Kelsey, a representative for the Martin Township Library attended the meeting and would like to ask the Watson Township Board for support in the amount of \$1,200.00 dollars per year. He also explained their quest to become a "District Library". There was discussion on the district lines and the library building itself. The board will look at the options presented and discuss the subject further at a later date.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max highlighted a "new" speed limit law. He also told the board about a change in the marriage license law that allows applicants to receive a license on the same day if requested instead of the former three day waiting period. Max also informed the board that there is now a walk through metal detector on the West Entrance of the County Courthouse; this will replace the police officers.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that a streetlight had been ordered for the corner of 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 20<sup>th</sup> Street. She also told the board that the carpets were scheduled to be cleaned Monday. Cathy, Rod and Candy attended the Area 6 Road meeting and were informed that 24<sup>th</sup> Street was on the five year plan to be resurfaced and added to the "primary" road list. There were no other projects for Watson Township on the five year plan. Cathy also reported that all local culverts over 30" will be replaced at the total cost of the township and when a primary road is being reconstructed the cost will now be \$50,000 instead of \$35,000.00, and the cost for all maintenance activities will be 6.6%.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee reported that the County developed a Brown Field Development company that will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. He also reported that on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Hopkins has a public hearing on their "Master Plan".

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok left a report that there was one funeral in December and that Jesse Simpson had purchased Simpson and Sons from his father and would now be doing the grave openings for the township.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported the planning commission had a meeting on January 24, 2007 and would like any board members who were able to attend. The topic of discussion will concern the changes in the zoning ordinances.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting Rod supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for December 2006, in the amount of \$10,750.74, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$150,503.69 Book Balances: \$151,746.87

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Planning Commission Appointments- Jim Baas and David Carter would like to be re-appointed to the planning commission for another three year term. Teresa DeWeerd told the board she had chosen to retire. The board would like to thank Teresa for her 20 years of dedication to the township and the planning commission; she has been a wonderful asset to the township and will be missed on the Planning Commission. The board will run an ad in the paper for three weeks to advertise for a new member to the planning commission. Rod made a motion to re-appoint Jim Baas and David Carter to the planning commission for a three year term starting February 2007 and ending February 2010, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.
2. ZBA Appointment- Candy made a motion to re-appoint James Kelsey for a three year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals starting February 2007 and ending February 2010, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Draft Lease Agreements for the Fire Sub-Station- Members of the board were given drafts of the agreements and will take them home to review.
4. Resolution for New Bank Account for Fire/EMS- Stephanie explained the resolution and the account. Rod made a motion to pass resolution 010407-1 for opening an account for Fire and EMS, Candy supported, roll call, Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; Candy-yes; Rod-yes; and Cathy-yes; all in favor, resolution 010407-1 passed.
5. Amend Budget- Rod made a motion to amend the current budget by taking \$5,800.00 out of Twp. Board expenses and moving \$3,000.00 into Building and Grounds and \$2,800.00 in to Planning Commission, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Vicious Animal Ord.-Rod suggested creating a "vicious animal" ordinance and wanted other board members opinions on the subject. The board was in agreement on the subject. Rod will try to put something together and present it at a future meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Kelli Morris  
Watson Township Clerk

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