

Watson Township Board Meeting  
July, 2007

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Candy Adrianson, Stephanie Bogdan and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

Cathy Pardee and Rod Zeinstra.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

County Commissioner Max Thiele gave the board members his new synopsis. His new reporting format will be no more than two pages.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy left her report thanking the newspaper for their coverage of the new "Jaws of Life" unit for our fire station. Their coverage has generated a great deal of support from generous citizens from Watson and surrounding townships as well. The total donations for the "Jaws of Life" equipment thus far are \$415.00.

Alleghan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee was not in attendance.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok left a report of no funerals for the month of June. He also is finished with the refilling of several grave sites at both Miner and Hicks Cemeteries. Lastly, 15 yards and 10 yards of good top soil has been left at Miner and Hicks Cemeteries for future upkeep.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod was absent; Stephanie reported that the Planning Commission and Board had a joint "informational" meeting last month to discuss some of the zoning changes the planning commission is proposing. Max added that the State has just introduced a bill that would eliminate the township's roll in land issues and put them in Circuit Court. This would make the whole zoning and variance process more costly and lengthy.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Kelli to approve the minutes for the June 7, 2007, and June 27, 2007 Candy supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for June 2007, in the amount of \$14,097.58, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan reported account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$754,162.85 Book Balances: \$755,412.84

Stephanie added that these amounts included the loan for the road project and that money would be paid soon.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Hopkins Propane Pre-Buy- Stephanie made a motion to pre-buy 1500 gallons of propane from Hopkins Propane at a rate of \$1.69.9 per gal. For the 2007- 2008 season, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Zoning Amendments Stephanie made resolution #070507-1 an ordinance to amend the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance for the purposes of conforming to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, including Publication and Delivery of Notice of Public Hearings, Elimination of References to the Rural Township Zoning Act, and Various Other changes, Kelli supported, roll call vote; Candy-yes; Kelli-yes; and Stephanie-yes; 3-yes votes, 0-no votes, Resolution adopted.
3. Hopkins 4<sup>th</sup> of July Support Request- Stephanie made a motion to approve a support request of \$500.00 to the Hopkins Area business and Recreation Committee for the support of their fireworks display, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Kelli Morris

Watson Township Clerk