

Watson Township Board Meeting
June 7, 2007

Called to order: 7:05 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Stephanie Bogdan.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Commissioner Jon Campbell gave the board his written report for the month of May. In the report he highlighted the approval of assignment of a building project at the Medical Care Facility to the Allegan County Building Authority. The project will be renovation and creation of a ten bed dementia care unit within the north wing of the building. The board also approved a five year master plan for the Parks Department as developed by the Parks commission. Max Thiele gave the board a pamphlet on the Allegan County Commission on Aging

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that the road project on 122nd was started May 21st. She also reported that the board was compiling information for its bi-annual audit. She thanked Rod and Sue Zeinstra and Ken Pardee who along with her and her grandsons helped in finishing the landscaping at the township hall on May 19^h. She also thanked Wanda Morris for landscaping and planting perennials around the bell. Cathy also let the board know that the county has received a grant for up to \$400,000.00 to improve the road, culvert, and bridge on 124th Ave. from 12th St. Lastly, Cathy let everyone know that we have received paperwork from the office of the Drain Commission that the day of review for the "Bear Swamp Drain Project" will be July 9, 2007.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that Tom martin is resigning from his position. He added that the board will need a school official to replace him on the Allegan County Planning Commission Board.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported no funerals for May. He is working on finishing up some foundations and refreshing some sites with new topsoil and grass seed

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that most of the meeting was a presentation by the developers of the Big Lake project. The planning commission would also like to request a joint meeting at their next planning commission meeting to discuss the zoning changes proposed by the planning commission.

Public Comment:

Chuck Andrysiak asked about any progress on the bridge on the South side of Watson. Cathy explained that she had not heard any information on the subject, nor had she heard of any complaints recently.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2007, and May 17, 2007 Candy supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Candy to pay the bills for June 2007, in the amount of \$18,710.93,

supported by Rod, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan left a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$306,479.61 Book Balances: \$328,566.43

Old Business:

1. High Speed Internet – Cathy explains the need for high speed internet and the availability of “Wild Blue” provided by BTC-BCI. Rod made a motion to enter a contract for BTC-BCI/ Wild Blue for 1 year for \$49.95 per month and \$299.00 for standard installation, Candy supported, roll call vote: Candy-yes; Kelli-yes; Rod-yes; and Cathy-yes, 4 yes votes, 1 member absent; motion carried.

New Business:

1. Noise Permit- Candy Adrianson has applied for a “Noise Permit” variance for July 14th for a class reunion to be held at her residence. Cathy made a motion to grant Candy Adrianson a “Noise Permit” from 10:00 P.M. on July 14th until 4:00 A.M. on July 15th, Kelli supported, roll call vote: Kelli-yes; Rod-no; Cathy-yes; Candy-yes; 3 yes votes, 1 no vote, 1 member absent, motion carried and noise variance permit approved.
2. Amend Road Budget- Rod made a motion to amend the Road Budget from \$400,000.00 to \$470,819.00 for expenses, Kelli support, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Candy-yes; Kelli-yes; Cathy-yes; 4 yes votes; 1 member absent, motion carried.
3. “Jaws of Life”- Hopkins Fire Department has received a grant for \$10,000.00 to purchase a “Jaws of Life” unit. They are in need of about \$3,000.00 additional dollars to purchase the required equipment to operate the unit. Rod suggests possibly placing an ad in the paper or contacting local businesses. The reporter for the Allegan County News and Gazette was in the audience and will possibly mention this news in his report for the township. Rod made a motion to table this subject until next month. Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Twp. Board Members and Planning Commission Special Meeting June 27, 2007 the Planning Commission would like the board to set a special meeting and attend their regular meeting. Candy made a motion to set a special meeting for June 27, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. to jointly attend the Planning Commission meeting, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Rental of Twp. Property for Farming- Jim Cutler has made an offer for rental of the property owned by the Township on M-222 across from 20th street. Rod made a motion to enter a rental agreement with Jim Cutler for rental of said Township Property for \$50.00 per acre for the year 2008 and \$75.00 per acre in 2009, Candy supported, roll call vote: Kelli-yes; Rod-yes; Candy-yes; and Cathy- abstain, 3-yes votes, 1 abstained and 1 absent, motion carried.

None.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk