

Watson Township Board Meeting
March 1, 2007

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Rod Zeinstra

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max and Jon were not in attendance.

Supervisor's Report:

None.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that the Health Department would be taking over the soil erosion and earth exchange permits at the county. A permit would be required within 500 feet of a water way. He also reported that Brownfield Development is putting on a seminar on March 22^d that is free to the public. Lastly he told the board that the Hopkins Bond Proposal could be found on their webpage.

Cemetery Report:

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

Planning Commission Report:

Rod was not present.

Public Comment:

Ken mentioned the cracks in the pavement on 118^h. Cathy explains that she believes the project was engineered improper in the beginning and will likely be a problem road on a continuous basis.

Dan Kelsey let the board know that Martin was planning on continuing with their quest for a District Library and would greatly appreciate the support of the Watson Twp. Board.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2007, and February 13, 2007 Candy supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for February 2007, in the amount of \$8,946.41, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$281,510.21 Book Balances: \$331,660.33

Old Business:

1. Martin Library - Rod, who was named the committee board member representing Watson Twp. For the Martin District Library, was absent from tonight's meeting. In light of this fact, Stephanie made a motion to table the subject, Candy support, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Draft Lease Agreement –Hopkins Area Fire Dept. - Stephanie made a motion to table the

subject, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Assessor Contract Renewal- Stephanie made a motion to renew Watson Township's contract with assessor Kevin Kutscher as it is currently for another two years beginning April 1, 2007 and ending March 31, 2009, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Dust Control – The dust control bid was received from Bruce Alan Enterprises and remains the same as last years bid for three applications and the same specifications. Stephanie made a motion to approve the bid from Bruce Alan Enterprises in the amount of \$36,375.00 for three applications of dust control in 2007, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried. _
3. Cub Scout Pack #3096 Sponsorship from Hopkins Area Fire Dept. - The Hopkins Area Fire Department has been asked to sponsor Cub Scout Pack #3096 and would like the board's approval. Stephanie asked Hopkins Area Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon, what the responsibilities would include. Tim explained they would be responsible for good leadership, a meeting place, and providing a good program. There was discussion on the subject and some concerns and questions of liability issues. Cathy recommended tabling the subject until next months meeting. Stephanie made a motion to table the subject, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Zoning Ordinance Amendments- Stephanie made a motion to table this subject until next month, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Planning Commission Seminar There will be a seminar on Thursday March 29, 2007 from seven to nine in the Karl Zimmerman room at the County buildings concerning "Wind Power". The cost for the seminar is \$10.00 per person.
2. Board of Review Dates- the Board of Review will hold sessions on Monday March 12, 2007 from 9- 12 (noon) and 2-5 PM and on Tuesday March 13, 2007 from 1-4 PM. And 6-9 PM.
3. Allegan County Health Dept. - The Allegan County Health Department is now in charge of "Soil Erosion" permits. Michigan Township Services will no longer handle these permits.
4. Budget Meeting - The board will hold a budget workshop on March 22, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

Cathy also mentioned that bids did come in for the road project on 122nd Ave., and there were four bids for the project. Cathy also told the board she has written a letter of support for the County to assist their efforts in getting a "Safety Grant" for 124th Ave., which is a county primary road.

There was also detailed discussion once again on internet service and the lack of High Speed options for most residents in the township. This is a definite goal for the township.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
