

Watson Township Board Meeting
November 1, 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:

Jon Campbell reported the county had approved a 35 million dollar budget. He will get his written report out to board soon .

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that she spoke with the county engineer, Larry Brown, and he gave her the report that the work on 122nd was complete. She also expressed the need for some new software "Home site" to properly keep the township website updated.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that the county is looking into the fact that no one at the township level was granted the opportunity to look over the road project on 118th Ave. or have any input in the approval.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported there were no funerals for the month of October. He also let the board know that the trees will be removed shortly. Cathy added that she has been working on getting both cemeteries put on "excel" spreadsheets.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod will give his comments in new business.

Public Comment:

Candy Adrianson would like to know if it is possible to do more maintenance on 18th, which is considered a "seasonal road". Cathy will check into the maintenance plan for such roads and let her know.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the October 4, 2007, Stephanie supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for October 2007, in the amount of \$13,644.01, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan left a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$365,773.55 Book Balances: \$308,147.28

Old Business:

1. Driveway Ordinance Last month the "Driveway Ordinance" was repealed by the board. The general consensus is not to pursue a future driveway ordinance. There was some additional discussion on the subject concerning the 10% grade, which is in the language for county and private road specifications. Cathy suggested the possibility of asking Larry Brown a county engineer attend a future meeting and explain this subject in more detail.
2. Private Road Zoning Ordinance The board would like some further explanation on 10% grade, before proceeding with this ordinance. Bill Holden asks the board to explain the

major changes in the ordinance. Rod explains the reasons for the changes. Rod made a motion to table the “Private Road” Ordinance until next month, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried. There was much more discussion concerning the ordinance the board passed last month and in effect as of October 23rd, concerning the five acre minimum land division and cluster housing.

3. Jaws of Life: Cathy made the board and audience aware of the “Jaw of Life” equipment purchased for the Hopkins Area Fire Department in Watson. She went over a long list of donors including, Mildred Wuis, Rick and Joyce Welch, Becky Rininger, Carl Walters, Bert and Leona Schipper, James and Beth Berkenpas, Larry Manion, Melvin and Diane Puschel, Charles Tyler, Barbara Brown, Richard and Naila Watson, Phyllis Hodge, Jon and Brenda Campbell, Rod and Sue Zeinstra, Burnham and Flower, Martin Lioness Club, and Wendy’s Restaurant. Along with Cathy the board expressed it’s appreciation for the generosity of everyone involved in making this life saving piece of equipment available for people in the area.

New Business:

1. Audit: Cathy presented everyone with a copy of the audit statement for their review.
2. Master Plan: Rod explained the outline the planning commission would be following concerning the “master plan”. He went over the phases of planning in which they will be involved. He also went over the entire cost estimate. Rod explained that he would like the board to approve the “Community Profile-Data Analysis” portion of the procedure. Stephanie made a motion to approve the “Community Profile – Data Analysis” portion of the Master Plan process in the amount of \$2,000.00, with the intention of beginning the process of reviewing the “Master Plan”, Candy supported, roll call vote: Stephanie-yes; Candy-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes;and Cathy-yes; 5-yes; and 0-no votes, motion passed.

Other:

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
