

Watson Township Board Meeting
September 6, 2007

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Arrived Late: Stephanie Bogdan, and Rod Zeinstra

Absent:

None.

Public Hearing - Special Assessment for Fire/ EMS

Public Comment (Special Assessment – Fire/ EMS)

None. Kelli made a motion to close the public hearing for the Fire/ EMS Special Assessment, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried. Cathy read Resolution number 090607-1 in its entirety. Kelli made a motion to adopt resolution number 090607-1 Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District, Candy supported, roll call vote-Kelli-yes; Candy-yes, and Cathy-yes, (Rod and Stephanie not present), resolution declared adopted by the supervisor.

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:

Commissioner Jon Campbell gave the board some insight into the County's current direction in efforts to pass some current bills. He cited a bill to add a \$1.35 tax to each cell phone to fund various programs including crime labs and more. They are currently trying to tie bar this bill with the current "911" bill which needs to pass by the end of the year. Max Thiele told the board that at the end of the year the county had a 5.8 million in the budget in various funds, he added that there should be a surplus of about 4.5 – 5 million to begin the new budget year.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that the work on 122nd Avenue is complete. There is just one guard rail to be installed, and the township should be getting the final billing soon on this project.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that the county has updated their webpage. He also told the board that Leighton Township has re-visited their recycling and decided to change to new program. This new program will cost \$1.50 per home and will include twice a month pickup.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported there were no funerals for the month of August. He also confirmed that there is one tree at Hicks Cemetery that has mites, and there is one that has been spit by the last storm. He would suggest switching the trees removal. He also added that the township is still in need of a sign displaying the "Cemetery Rules" for each of the townships cemeteries

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission passed the recommendation for the new ordinances. They also heard a presentation about a proposed private road on 12th street.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2007, Candy supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for August 2007, in the amount of \$13,036.48, supported by Kelli, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan left a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$690,709.30 Book Balances: \$495,204.58

Old Business:

1. Hopkins Fire Dept. – Jaws of Life: The current total generated by donations for the “Jaw of Life” equipment is \$3,528.19. The board will pay this amount to the Hopkins Fire Department and add any additional funds needed to purchase the equipment.
2. Tree Removal at Hick Cemetery: Stephanie made a motion to approve \$7,500.00 to remove three (3) trees and stumps at Hicks Cemetery, Kelli supports, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Driveway Ordinance: This new ordinance will be listed under the Civil Infraction for violations and enforced by Professional Code Inspections and the Police Department. Stephanie made a motion to adopt resolution # 090607-2 (Driveway Regulation Ordinance 2007-2), Candy supported, Roll Call vote: Stephanie-yes; Candy-yes;Kelli-yes;Rod-yes; and Cathy-yes; Supervisor declared resolution #090607-2 (Driveway Regulation Ordinance 2007-2) adopted.
2. Bear Swamp Drain: There is discussion on this controversial subject. Watson Township's portion of this project is \$21,839.92.

Other:

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Rod, supported by Stephanie, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
