

Watson Township Board Meeting  
August 7, 2008

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Arrived Later:

Candy Adrianson.

Agenda Approval:

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

Guest Speakers:

**Kevin Cronin-** Mr. Cronin a candidate running for Circuit Court Judge attended and gave a short synopsis of his career and his aspirations at a County Judge. He is a 29 year veteran attorney, and had a family law practice. He has also been a resident of Allegan County for 25 years and Hopkins Township for 22 years. Mr. Cronin expresses his appreciation to the board for allowing him to attend tonight's meeting. The board reciprocates the gratitude for Mr. Cronin taking time to address the board and township members. Mr. Cronin would greatly appreciate the support of the township board and township members.

**Becky Rininger-** The county drain commissioner attended with a permission request and concern about a particular portion of Beach Drain on 124<sup>th</sup> Ave. She explained that she was asked by Mr. and Mrs. Doezman to repair the drain. She explains that the drain commission is only allowed to assess \$2,500.00 per drain for maintenance and the first part of this repair project which includes 600 feet of tile on the south side of the road (downstream) has been quoted at a cost of \$4,700.00. She is asking for permission to exceed the \$2,500.00 limit for this project. Becky also suggests circulating a petition for the larger portion of the repair project (upstream), which has been quoted for \$22,000.00. Rod makes resolution # 080708-1; which will grant permission to the drain commission to exceed the \$2,500.00 limit for maintenance on this drain, Stephanie supports, all in favor, resolution passed.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max Thiele: Max reported that the County Medical Facility is now offering short term rehabilitation service. He also gave the board a report on the 911 service. He said the county had only received three applications on it's bid for a jail planner and one of those was did not meet the qualifications. Max lets the board know that there will be a joint meeting on this subject on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M; the meeting will include Allegan City, Allegan Twp., and Allegan County.

Supervisor's Report:

None.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee reported that the County Planning Commission is opening up it Master Plans. Anyone with input should contact them.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported one funeral for the month at Hicks Cemetery.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod told the board the planning commission had been discussing special use applications for

kennels. He reported that they had granted a special use for a kennel on 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. with some conditions, and they are now having a public hearing to possibly revoke the special use permit due to non compliance of the conditions. He let the board know that they had also granted a special use permit for a kennel on Timber Ridge Bay. They did not have any continued work on the Master Plan this month.

Public Comment:

Becky Rininger explained that she had a complaint that after the big storms this summer; she had a complaint that the Pope & Yeldon drain was plugged on 19<sup>th</sup> St. Cathy asked her if FEMA could possibly apply and cover the cost of the cleaning of this drain. Becky will check on this suggestion.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for August 2008, in the amount of \$15,589.34, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$297,126.74 Book Balances: \$251,692.10

New Business:

1. Resignation of Planning Commission member John Menzie-

Planning Commission member John Menzie has submitted a letter of resignation due to a residency change outside of the township. Stephanie made a motion to accept John Menzie's resignation as of August 7, 2008, Candy supports, all in favor, motion carried. Cathy also suggests putting a notice in the paper for people interested in filling this position on the planning commission.

2. Martin Library Contract-

Stephanie made a motion to accept the Martin Library Contract for the fiscal year of April 1, 2008 thru March 31, 2009, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Tree Removal – Hicks Cemetery-

The board discussed several bids received for the removal of a large tree and stump that was blown down during this summers big storms. Rod made a motion to accept a quote from Jim Cutler for \$570.00 for the removal of the tree and stump, providing that Cathy clarifies the price includes "all" clean up and removal of the tree and stump to grade level or just below. Additionally, prior to work being started a current license and insurance to be provided to the township. Lastly, payment to be made after Dave Kok and Rod Zeinstra approve the work (the approval will be done within 15 days of the jobs competition.

Old Business:

None.

Other:

1. Seminar- Ordinance Enforcement Strategies August 12<sup>th</sup>

Many board members will attend a seminar at Western Michigan University dealing with township ordinance enforcement.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Kelli Morris  
Watson Township Clerk

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