

Watson Township Board Meeting
February 7, 2008

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Agenda:

Candy made a motion to approve the agenda, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max gave the board his monthly report including information that Brett Butler has left the county for a position at the YMCA, and Bob Wakeman has been promoted to his position. He gave a report on the Transportation Building Budget. Max also let the board know that were some nurses positions at the Health Department that needed to be filled. Lastly, he gave a definition and discussed in some detail the Methamphetamine Resolution.

Supervisor's Report:

Gave Later in Meeting.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that he attended a meeting concerning public roads and will elaborate later in meeting.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported there were no funerals for the month of January. He also noted that the last tree was down at Hicks Cemetery and will be cut up soon.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission has done their first draft review of the "Master Plan" and they are seeing the past master plan implemented for the most part. They also discussed topics including lack of infrastructure, and growth along the U.S. 131 corridor. He reminded the board that there will be a joint meeting including board members and planning commission members on February 27th at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment:

Steve Schultz (Allegan Township Supervisor) attended and wanted to make some points concerning the site selection for the "new" jail. He mentioned that he sat in on some of the boards making this decision and the "Dumont Complex" came in almost last on the list of criteria looked and used in making the decision. He also added that Dumont will have to upgrade the Sewer and Water systems to accommodate a jail. He believes that the Allegan City Square would make a more feasible site, with a vertical jail. Mr. Schultz told the board Allegan Township has passed a resolution opposing the Dumont Lake facility site. He told the board that many townships have written letters of support for the resolution by Allegan Township including, Martin Township, Monterey Township, and Trowbridge Township. The Watson Township board is in agreement that they would support the resolution by Allegan Township and would like to put this subject on the agenda for next months meeting.

Ken Pardee also mentions that it is extremely dark when meetings are over in the winter and suggests leaving the pole light on in the parking lot. Candy also mentions that the home on the corner of M-222 and 20th St. still has many cars for sale and was burning a pile again this past

week. Candy also mentions the Stevenson home and the number of boats he has in the yard.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the January 3, 2008, Kelli supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for January 2008, in the amount of \$12,337.42, supported by Stephanie, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$320,085.35 Book Balances: \$293,720.86

Old Business:

1. Library Contract: Stephanie made a motion to approve a library contract with Martin Library in reference to library service in the amount of \$1,000.00, Rod supported, roll callvote: Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; Candy-yes; Rod-yes; and Cathy-yes; 5-yes; and 0-no votes; motion passed.

New Business:

1. Legal Advertising Resolution- Advance Newspaper

Kelli made a motion to pass a resolution to use the Advance Newspapers/ Penasee Globe for the publishing of "legal Advertising" for Watson Township, Stephanie supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Candy-yes; Stephanie-yes; and Cathy-yes; all in favor, resolution passed.

2. Dust Control Bid:

Coverage of Roads will remain the same for the 2008 summer season. Stephanie made a motion to accept the bid from Bruce Alan Enterprises, Inc. for dust control for the 2008 season in the amount of \$37,665.00, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried. It was noted that application times will likely remain the same.

3. Wayland Ambulance Agreement

The Wayland Area Ambulance has established a formula based inter local agreement to provide ambulance service. The board looked over the agreement and found some questions they would like to get clarified. Stephanie made a motion to table the subject until next month, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Zoning Book Updates:

Chuck Andrysiak has found a typographical error in the new Zoning Books and Mark Sisson will retrieve the books and fix the error for us.

5. Road Update:

The county had its meeting for road improvements for Area 6, which included one project for Watson. The project will be to resurface 24th Street from M-222 to 118th Avenue (1 mile), with 2' paved shoulders, with an estimated cost of \$5,588.00. Members of the Township Board and County Planning commission also met with the Allegan County Road Commission on the effects of the county allowing a private entity to construct a road and have the county take it over and make it a County Road without specific township approval for it. The county has adopted a resolution to prevent this from happening in the future, mandating that the township must have approved the road prior to applying to the county for adoption of the road.

6. Joint Meeting Thursday Feb. 21st w/ Hopkins Area Fire Board:

There will be a joint meeting on Thursday Feb. 21st at 7:00 P.M. including Hopkins Area Fire

Department, Hopkins Township, Hopkins Village, Watson Township, and the Hopkins Area Fire Board.

7. Budget Meeting Date:

Stephanie made a motion to hold a preliminary “budget workshop” meeting on February 26, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Joint Meeting of Township Board and Township Planning Commission

The township board will attend a joint meeting with the township planning commission on February 27, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Other:

1. County Planning Commission Seminar

There will be a County Planning Commission Seminar on March 31, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Anyone interested in attending should contact the township offices to sign up.

2. Motion for Resolution:

Rod made a motion to formulate a resolution supporting the opposition of the Dumont location for the new jail, using the same language as the resolution that was presented by Allegan Township, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Candy, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
