

Watson Township Board Meeting
January 3, 2008

Called to order: 7:03 P.M.

Present:

Catherine Pardee, Candy Adrianson and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

Stephanie Bogdan, Rod Zeinstra .

Agenda:

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

Special Guest:

Dan Kelsey, Secretary of the Martin Library gave the board a report on the new location of the library and some of the current programs. He let the board know that the new "Library Director" was Alicia Kershaw. He also added that she has brought many new programs to the library, with one being a children's winter reading program. The library also has a monthly newsletter and will put Watson on the list to receive it via e-mail. He reported that the library purchased the professional building just south of the current library on the West side of the street. It is the new location of the library and there will be a new EMT Center built in the rear of the building. The building will be renovated when the final professional lease has moved out. He also addressed the question of what Watson residents Martin Library services. He explains the state's description as one third, however they do not currently define which one third. He also let the board know that Bob Kelsey is the Board President of Martin Library and Dan himself is the Secretary. He announced a "Meeting for Friends of the Library" on January 12, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at the library. The board appreciated Dan's attendance and information on the Martin Library.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max let the board know that elections were held and Steve McNeil and Casey Jones were selected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. He also told the board that Don Black is enrolling in some more therapy and will be resigning from the planning and parks commissions. He also explained some recent renovation at the building at Dumont Lake due to a problem with some water damage. Lastly, he let the board know they had a major discussion on the County Administrator position and the outline of that position.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that she received a call from Tom Iciek informing her that they Hopkins Fire Department had received a grant for \$7,500.00 from Homeland Security for the purchase of a portable and stationary unit to fill their air packs. The stationary unit will be located in Hopkins. She also reported that we have received the last bill for the road project on 122nd Ave.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report

Ken Pardee reported that they are still waiting for an answer from the county on the question referring to if a township should have any input on the construction of new roads within their townships in the county.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported there were no funerals for the month of December.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the planning commission had no December meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

A motion was made by Candy to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2007, with the amendments, Kelli supports, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Candy to pay the bills for December 2007, in the amount of \$9,817.90, supported by Kelli, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan left a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$320,954.07 Book Balances: \$323,070.36

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Terms expire on Planning Commission

Candy made a motion to reappoint both Beverly McKinnon and Chuck Andrysiak to the planning commission for a three year term beginning February 1, 2008 thru January 31, 2011, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Terms expire on the Zoning Board of Appeals

Candy made a motion to reappoint Jim Lautenschleger to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning February 1, 2008 thru January 31, 2011, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Area 6 Road Meeting:

The annual Area 6 Road Meeting including: Watson, Martin, Otsego, and Gun Plain will be held Tuesday January 22, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Allegan County Road Commission board room located at 1308 Lincoln Road.

2. MTA Conference:

The MTA Conference will be held on Saturday February 16, 2008. Cathy asks that anyone interested in attending please contact the clerks office to get signed up for the event.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
