

Watson Township Board Meeting  
May 1, 2008

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Arrived Late: Stephanie Bogdan

Absent:

None.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Commissioner Max Thiele told the board that Blaine McLeod gave the annual report for the county and revenues have dropped by 2.94%, he also added that last years expenses have gone up by 5.1%. He also attended a meeting with Scott Corbin involving emergency management. He spoke with the Michigan State Police and from a legal stand point we must only rely on ourselves for assistance in the case of a local disaster or emergency. Max also went over some information on a questioner he had received concerning the responsibility and liability of a township in certain emergency situation. He left a packet with the township from the emergency management seminar he attended.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that the violation at 2020 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. concerning cars and burning blight has been resolved. She is currently working on updating the PA116 map for Valdis at the county LIS. She is also working on updating annual gravel/sand mining reviews. There was one incident with a dust control problem at a pit on 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., that has been remedied.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee reported that they are still getting "good" reports concerning the seminar they held.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok left a report that there were three cremations this month, one at Hicks Cemetery and two at Miner Cemetery.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission was continuing discussion on the Master Plan and they spent some time bringing previous absent members up to date. They concentrated on Watson's side of 12<sup>th</sup> street by the race track, an area at 124<sup>th</sup> street. They also discussed the M-222 corridor and it was a consensus that they would like the majority of the commercial to remain Ag or rural orientated (with examples of Tack Shops, or Implement Dealers, etc.).

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2008, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for May 2008, in the amount of \$12,954.18, supported by Rod, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$444,750.86 Book Balances: \$357,502.78

Old Business:

1. Lease Agreement Hopkins Area Fire Dept.-  
Stephanie made a motion to table the lease agreement, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Policies and Procedures-  
The board went over the new policies that were implemented. These included mileage reimbursement, hall rental, and extra meeting compensation.

New Business:

1. Hopkins Fire Dept. Grant for Ice Rescue Equipment-  
The board was informed that Bob Kerber has received a grant for \$1,000.00 for the purchase of "ice rescue" equipment. He needs \$500.00 more to purchase the equipment. The township has approx. \$100.00 now and just recently received an additional \$100.00 toward the purchase of this equipment. They will only need an additional \$300.00 to purchase this equipment. Stephanie explains what the equipment consists of and would suggest that we pay the remaining amount out of our Fire/EMS fund because we have the funds available.

Other:

1. Still a need for Leaders and Members-  
Candy reported that there is still a need on some of the committees at the County Area meetings for leaders and members.
2. Briarwood Assisted Living-  
Cathy let the board know that a new "senior" facility is opening in Allegan on Ely St.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Kelli Morris  
Watson Township Clerk

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