

Watson Township Board Meeting
October 2, 2008

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of Cemetery Tree Removal by Candy, and supported by Rod, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Jon Campbell reported that as chairperson of the Allegan County Community mental Health Board, he requested \$170,000 in funding to keep from having to make additional cuts in the CMH budget. He also went over some of the months meeting highlights, such as the LIS department no longer charging local units for basic parcel layer information because they are creating it for the county to use anyway.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy expressed the entire board's sympathy for the passing of Al Germain, who had served the Watson community for many years. She also reported that 19th Street will be closed for at least six weeks, and FEMA will pay for about \$4,000 of the project and the township will be responsible for about \$20,000. Bob Larsen and Jim Baas have turned in a petition to the county to have 115th Ave. declared a "natural beauty road". The county has accepted the petition and they will hold a public hearing on the subject at the Watson Township Hall on December 4, 2008, before the board's regular meeting. Cathy also reported that she and I attended the "911" meeting on September 22nd and all areas were represented. We learned a great deal more about how the "911" system is implemented and how calls are processed. Lastly, Cathy let everyone know that the J.C. Wheeler Library in Martin would hold their "grand opening" on October 4th for anyone who was able to attend

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee had no report.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported one funeral for Miner Cemetery, which was for Al Germain. He also let the board know that he had filled in the O'Neil site and that the tree removal looks good.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission revisited the Weick kennel issue and they have tabled that issue until October 8th. They also discussed the gravel mining permits, and had some concerns with the cost of the mining examinations. The planning commission is concerned with the cost of bringing the mines into compliance. Cathy explained that Wayland Township has dealt with this same situation and she will contact them for some information and advice.

Public Comment:

Judge Baillargeon addressed the board and gave a short synopsis of his role as Circuit Court Judge. He expressed his love for the position and his wish to retain his seat. The board appreciated his attendance.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the September 4th meeting, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for October 2008, in the amount of \$13,547.14, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$233,255.21 Book Balances: \$259,867.49

New Business

1. Planning Commission Appointment-

At the suggestion of Tim McKinnon, the board has asked Michelle Harris to join as a new member of the planning commission. Although she is unable to attend tonight's meeting she has agreed to join the Watson Township Planning Commission. Rod made a motion to appoint Michelle Harris to fill the open position with the term ending in February 2010. Roll call vote: Rod-yes, Candy-yes; Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes and Cathy-yes;

(5-yes and 0-no) votes. Cathy declared Michelle Harris appointed to the Watson Township Planning Commission.

2. Cemetery Tree Removal Payment-

Stephanie made a motion to pay the bill for tree removal at Hicks Cemetery, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

None.

Other:

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Rod, supported by Stephanie, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk