

Watson Township Board Meeting
September 4, 2008

Called to order: 7:03 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Candy Adrianson.

Public Hearing: Special Assessment for Fire/EMS

Public Comment: Meeting was opened for public comment- No public comment was received. Rod made a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution # 090408-1 "Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District for Fire Department Operations and Equipment and Emergency Medical Services Operations and Equipment", for 1 mill. Roll call vote: Rod-yes; Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; and Cathy-yes; (4-yes and 0-no votes); Cathy declared the resolution passed. Rod made a motion to close the public hearing, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Hearing closed at 7:06 P.M.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max Thiele: Max spoke to the board about the current "Wind Energy Bill" and the fact that the bill contains language that will preempt the local zoning ordinances in areas where wind energy may be generated.

Supervisor's Report:

Cathy reported that 21st street will begin being "fog sealed" in August at a cost of approximately 18,000.00. She also reported that Bill Nelson applied to "FEMA" to cover the cost of the culvert repair on 19th street which recently suffered sever damage due to the heavy rains, they unfortunately they denied the claim. Cathy will have the drain commissioner, Becky Rininger, look into the culvert, because it is located on a county drain. She also reported that the "dust control" millage was passed for another four years. Lastly, she let the board know that as of yet there have been no responses to the ads placed to replace a member to our planning commission.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee reported that the new 2008 tax maps where now available online.

Cemetery Report:

No report from Dave Kok.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission reviewed the special use permit for the Dawn Weick kennel. They decided to suspend the special use for a period of 30 days from the time of the meeting and will review it again next month.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the August 7th meeting, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for September 2008, minus a bill from AT&T (\$131.93 #7588), Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$255,150.19 Book Balances: \$232,397.79

New Business:

1. AT&T Right of Way Permit-

Rod made a motion to grant the "Metro Act Right of Way" permit extension to AT&T SBC Michigan, Stephanie supported; roll call vote: Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; Rod-yes; and Cathy-yes. Cathy declared the motion passed by a vote of 4-yes and 0-no votes.

Old Business

2. Fire Department Lease/Contract Agreement-

The board discussed the agreement and made any needed changes. Cathy then read the corrected agreement. Stephanie made a motion to approve Resolution # 090408-2 "Letter of Intent for Occupancy Agreement between Watson Township and Hopkins Area Fire Department" with the changes agreed upon. A roll call vote was taken: Stephanie-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; and Cathy-yes; Cathy declared the resolution passed by a vote of 4-yes and 0-no votes

Other:

1. Joint Meeting with "911 Central Dispatch"

On September 22nd, 2008 from 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Rod, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
