

Watson Township Board Meeting
February 5, 2009

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

Candy Adrianson, Stephanie Bogdan, Rod Zeinstra, Chuck Andrysiak, and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

None.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max gave the board a report on the current happenings at the county, including word that the “regional jail” is not going to materialize. He also let everyone know that the LIS (Land Information Services) department gave an annual report that Max deemed as the best he has seen from any particular department at the county. It was very detailed with specific information on what the duties and services this department provides.

Supervisor’s Report:

Candy reported that the Martin Library is involved in joining a new alliance with the Lakeview Library that will make more options available to them and allow them to offer more. She also reported that there are no projects scheduled for Watson Township by the Allegan County Road Commission. The county road commission did give her a heads up and let her know that the township would need approximately 20,000 for shoulders on a project that is scheduled for 2010. Lastly, she received a notice that the Miner Lake and Branch Drains are being cleaned.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee gave a brief report that included information on a county wide recycle program set for March 28th from 9AM – 1PM to collect different electronic items for recycle. These items will include any small electronic items as well as Televisions (at a cost of \$12) and Monitors (at a cost of \$3).

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported no funeral for last month. There will be one funeral later this week.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission elected officers including: Dave Carter (Chairperson); Bev McKinnon (Vice-Chairperson); and Barb Wrobleski (Secretary).

Public Comment:

Max asked the board if they were aware of the program for submission of requests for projects to be funded by the “stimulus money” package. He suggested getting with MTA to see about the request form for these projects. He said the current plan is to get projects allotted and to complete them within two years. The board feels it would be a good idea to submit the bridge projects that the township does not currently have the money to fund and repair.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2009 meeting, with the corrections under the county planning commission, Rod supported, all in favor, motion

carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for November 2008, in the amount of \$11,740.66, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$189,992.01 and Book Balances: \$246,730.89

New Business:

1. Approve proposed Meeting Dates for 2009-

Stephanie made a motion to table this until next month, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried

2. Dust Control Bid-

Rod made a motion to accept the bid for dust control in the amount of \$37,665.00, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Discussion on Appointment of Planning Commission-

The board discussed both applicants applying for the vacant position on the planning commission. The applicants are Troy Baker of 1970 118th Ave. and Bruce Bos of 1748 13th. After the board had reviewed each gentleman's application letter and resume, it was mutually decided the board members felt either applicant would make an excellent addition to the planning commission. They are both extremely qualified and would be a great benefit to our current planning commission. Rod made a motion to table the discussion until our next board meeting, Stephanie supported, roll call vote:

Stephanie-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes; and Candy-yes; Candy declared the motion passed by a (5-yes and 0-no) vote.

Old Business

Other:

1. A Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday February 24, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.
2. There will be a Federal Transportation Funding Meeting held on February 20, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the Zimmerman Room located at the County Complex on 122nd Ave.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
