

Watson Township Board Meeting
September 3, 2009

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

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 reported that the County is taking a look at the former Haworth property as a potential possibility for the new jail. He also made the board aware of the fact that the Sheriff office us be remain inside of the county seat. Max said they have also done testing at the Haworth site and there is no contamination on the property. Lastly, Max let the board know that the taxable value had declined about \$400,000.00 in revenue for the county budget from last year.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

None.

Fire Chief:

Tim McKinnon reported that the firefighters have started their medical first responding on Sept. 1st and have had 5 calls in two and a half days. He said the program seems to be going well.

Cemetery Report:

None.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the planning commission had a short meeting. They listened to complaints from Doug Fuss and others about the dog kennel and think the board should discuss the subject. They also talked about the master plan. Some discussion was opened about A-1 zoning and was tabled until next month. Max asked Rod to go back to the Planning Commission and ask them the benefit (if any) in their opinion to having a county planning commission. Rod agreed to do this and return with the opinion of the planning commission next month.

Supervisor's Report:

Candy reported she received a notice from Bill Nelson that the request to make 122nd Ave. from 30th to 20th streets had been denied. Candy also reported that she a request from Dave VanAntwerp to pay a sum of \$7,500.00 in attorney fees for a lawsuit he is involved in. She reported that at the advice of the township attorney it is the board's position to deny the request to pay the fees. Candy also addressed the Kennel issue, breaking down a series of recent and past events concerning the kennel. There was discussion on the subject and Candy will again refer this to PCI to look into further. Candy will also invite Dawn Weick to our next board meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes for the August 6th, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for August 2009, in the amount of \$14,689.30, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$245,355.69 and Book Balances: \$218,959.26

New Business:

1. Master Plan Review Process Approval-

Stephanie made a motion to send the master plan draft to our neighboring townships for review, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Approval of the Interlocal Fire Protection Agreement-

Rod made Resolution #090309-1 to approve the amended interlocal fire protection agreement, supported by Stephanie, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; and Candy-yes. Candy declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5 –yes and 0-no votes.

Old Business:

Other:

1. Tim McKinnon added that there would be a vote on the 911 surcharge in Nov. 2009 and currently there is a \$1.69 charged. The vote would allow for an increase of not more than \$2.80 at the end of four years.

Adjourn: a motion to adjourn by Rod, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk


