

## Watson Township Board Meeting

August 5, 2010

Called to order: 7:03 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent: Rod Zeinstra

### **Agenda Approval:**

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

### **Reports:**

#### **A. County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:**

Max gave the board and audience members his assessment of the failure of the “jail proposal” on the ballot. Because of the outcome, the county is going to host about four “Town Hall” type informational sessions to educate the public and provide unbiased facts about the jail. These “Town Hall” sessions will provide a venue for the public to express opinions and questions. They will be a no sales campaign, and finding of facts meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### **B. Allegan County Planning Commission Report:**

Ken had no report.

#### **C. Fire Chief:**

Tim reported an average amount of calls, with 9 fire and 27 medical (9 of those in Watson). The fire department also had photos done and will get some for Watson Twp. The department also attended a Railroad Training. The B93 Birthday Bash went fairly well and checks were received for services. Lastly, Tim wanted to pass along information that Keith Rambadt a former Martin Fire Department Chief passed away last month. Everyone sends condolences to the family of Mr. Rambadt.

#### **Cemetery Report:**

Dave Kok reported that there were no funerals and the cemeteries are looking good. He has a couple foundations to pour this month.

#### **Planning Commission Report:**

No report- Rod is absent.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor reported that the Road Millage for Watson Township passed.

**Public Comment:**

Judge Baillargeon:

Judge Baillargeon attended to remind everyone of his candidacy for District Court. He gave the board short presentation that included his goals as Judge, and his dedication to his position. One of his main goals is to be Pro-Active and treat everyone with respect and honor. He is also a very involved advocate of the "Casa" program in the county, which is a program dedicated to be the "voice" of young children in cases where children are involved and their feelings and needs should be expressed. Outside of court Judge Baillargeon is committed to many community organizations, with one being the "Wings of Hope."

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes as presented for the July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for July 2010, in the amount of \$15,209.00 (plus amount needed to pay election workers), Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$297,335.91 and Book Balances: \$272,821.55

**New Business:**

**1. Bonding For Assessor:**

Stephanie made a motion to add assessor bonding to our insurance policy in the amount of a \$5,000.00 bond, for a \$30.00 yearly premium, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. Mutual Release of Certain Claims & Waiver of Liability Agreement- Wayland Area EMS:**

The board briefly discussed this agreement and will discuss it further in the future, and forward it to our insurance agency for review.

**3. Outdoor Gathering Ordinance:**

Stephanie made a motion to table both the Mutual Release of Certain Claims and the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Other:**

None.

**Adjourn Regular Meeting**

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn, Candy supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting closed: 8:14 P.M.

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Kelli Morris

Watson Township Clerk