

Watson Township Board Meeting
March 4, 2010

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent: Stephanie Bogdan.

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made by Kelli to amend and approve the agenda and add Judge Baillageon under reports, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Judge Baillageon-

Allegan County Judge Baillageon addressed the members of the board and audience and gave a short report on some of the happenings of the Courts of Allegan County. He mentioned the county's "Meth Diversion Program" that is gaining national attention. He shared a positive opinion mentioned in the Grand Rapids Press recently. He also explained a program they are implementing which involves going into the schools and holding proceedings and actually sentencing a few individuals. This program is very beneficial for other students in giving them a clear view and idea of what might happen should they make decisions to become involved in activities that may land them in these situations.

Chad Wells-

Chad Wells also attended and explained to the board a program called "Casa Program". This is a program that is endorsed by Dr. Phil, who is a huge advocate of the program. Mr. Wells explained the program, which is basically made up of volunteers that go through a training program and are then under Mr. Wells's direction and are assigned by the courts to monitor minors in cases they are involved in. These volunteers meet with the minors and then report back and give their opinion on their cases. This is a wonderful program that gives these minor children a voice in the court system.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max gave the board some information about drug discount cards again to the board, as well as gave the board a stack of the cards to pass out to the public. He also mentioned that the hiring the county has hired an architect for the jail. He believes that out of the nine applicants the company that was hired had the best combination of expertise to handle the job.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee reported that county mapped 180 Square Miles of P.A. 116. Trowbridge Township has joined the county recycle program.

Ambulance Report:

None.

Fire Chief Report:

Tim McKinnon reported that the Department responded to seven incidents, one car fire, and eighteen medical calls (of which five were in Watson) this month. He also said the MFR class has two more Saturdays and they are finished. Lastly, they have not heard any info on the Fire Fighters Grant; although Martin and Dorr have gotten word they are getting a grant.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok gave a report that there was one funeral at Hicks. He also gave the township a bid for some tree removal of trees and brush at the Church location. He also let us know that we need flags and holders for the cemeteries. He also checked into signs and will check into maybe finding a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Badge that might be interested in painting them.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that officers were elected as follows: Dave Carter- Chair; Bev McKinnon- Vice Chair; and Barb Wroblewski- Secretary. They also had the annual review for the Dawn Weick Kennel and gave her another year on her "special use" permit.

Supervisor's Report:

Candy reported that the board has got the check from the county for \$3,110.80 instead of \$4,000.00 for the Fema Grant last year. Also the board received an estimate for a bad drain on 120th east of 20th over the Rowe Drain is \$18,000.00 (that would be a 36" diameter concrete culvert). Also, the board received a letter from the county about graveling projects; four projects were focused on with a gravel cost of \$1,000.00 per mile. Lastly, the board received a "Master Plan" from Gun Plain Charter Township, and the supervisor will get the planning commission a copy.

Public Comment:

Ken Pardee questioned why the drop box was closed. The Supervisor explained that we were having key trouble with the box and it has since been remedied.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Chuck to approve the minutes for the February 4th as amended, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelli to pay the bills for February 2010, in the amount of \$11,570.47, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan left a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$172,266.71 and Book Balances: \$391,506.80

New Business:

1. Annual Report from Planning Commission-
Rod made a motion to return the report to the planning commission for review and edit, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.
2. ZBA Annual Report-
Chuck made a motion to accept the ZBA's Annual Summary for 2009, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Set Up Township Board Meeting Dates-
Rod made a motion to continue with Board Meetings the first Thursday of each month for 2010- 2011; Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Set Budget Meeting Date-
The Board will have a Budget Special Meeting on Thursday March 25th at 6:30 P.M.
5. Road Work Orders-
Road work orders are due to the County by April 1st. Rod made a motion to send in a "work order" to Allegan County to pave the shoulders on 1 mile of 24th Street from 114th Ave. to M-222, in the amount of \$11,590.00 and for the township to generate these funds

from the Dust Control Fund as “Permanent Dust Control”, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

6. April Newsletter-

Candy asked Tim McKinnon to do a Fire Report to include in the newsletter and Rod will do a Planning Commission Report to include in the newsletter.

Old Business:

1. Dust Control Bid-

Bids for a total of \$37,665.00 were received by Bruce Allan for the 2010 Summer Dust Control Season. Rod made a motion to accept the bid for \$37,665.00 on the condition that he provides the township with the proper permits or license for the application of said dust control before any applications are applied, during or close to the first week of June, 2nd week of July, and 2nd week in August of 2010; Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Reminder that the Board of Review will meet on March 8, 2010 (from 9 AM to Noon and 2 PM to 5 PM) and on March 9, 2010 (from 1 PM to 4 PM and 6 PM to 9 PM).
2. Reminder that there will be a Public Hearing on the Budget next meeting April 1, 2010.

Adjourn: a motion to adjourn by Rod, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk
