

**Watson Township Board Meeting
August 4, 2011**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent: Candy Adrianson.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max Thiele reported on recent happenings at the county level, including information on the Economic Development Committee. This committee is only has volunteer members and meets quarterly. He also mentioned an important meeting scheduled for September 29th that will discuss the cuts in the Sherriff Department because of the budget deficit.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon emailed a Fire report to the board. Rod Zeinstra summarized the report for the board and audience members.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported one funeral for the month. This was long time resident Bob Larson.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod Zeinstra reported that more work and discussion on the "Medical Marijuana Ordinance" was done.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Candy Adrianson left a report and Rod read her report to the board and audience members.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes from July 7, 2011, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for July 2011, in the amount of \$11,780.54, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$312,979.67 and Book Balances: \$315,830.06

New Business:

1. Resolution Regarding Notice of Eligibility of Becoming a Charter Township-

The board had discussion on becoming a Charter Township. Chuck made a motion to approve a resolution of intent opposing incorporation as a charter township, (resolution attached), Stephanie supported; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Stephanie-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; and Candy-absent. Resolution passed.

2 Fire Brush Truck-

Stephanie made a motion to table for 1 month, Chuck support, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Big Lake Land Owners-

Rod explained that he brought the issue to the county road commission and they are simply not interested in even discussing the issue at this time. He also went to the health board and to get some information. He also determined that there is no official drain for the lake.

Old Business:

1. Big Lake Land Owners-

Rod would like to see the board have a joint meeting with residents of the road and the township attorney for one night. The cost of this would be paid for by the township. Ronda Nowawski will take the information back to the residents and a plan will be made from that point.

2. Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces Ordinance-

Stephanie made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 08042011-1 An Ordinance to Regulate the Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces, supported by Chuck; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; Candy- absent. Ordinance passed 4-yes; 0-no; and 1 absent.

Other:

1. Reminder September Annual Public Hearing for Fire/EMS 1 mil Special Assessment will be held September 1, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.

Adjourn:

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting closed: 8:37 P.M.