

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
December 1, 2011**

**Called to order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

Chuck Andrysiak, Candy Adrianson Rod Zeinstra and Kelli Morris.

Absent: Stephanie Bogdan.

**Agenda Approval:**

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

**Reports:**

**County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:**

None.

**Hopkins Fire Chief:**

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon gave a monthly report for the Hopkins Fire Department. He reported that they had been turned down for the grant they had written.

**Cemetery Report:**

Dave Kok reported no funerals for the month and one cremation.

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting Held.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor reported that the Fire Board Budget included a new fire truck, for which Watson will have to budget approximately 25% of next year. The amounts will be approximately \$35,000 for the chassis and \$37,500 for the new truck. She also reported that the Hopkins District Library did pass and they will be asking for a millage on a future election, which will affect approximately 258 parcels. Lastly, she added that the annual Road Commission meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment (for items on the agenda):**

None.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Chuck to approve the minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for November 2011, in the amount of \$10,775.21

Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

None.

**New Business:**

**1. Detective Len Mathis (Allegan County Sheriff's Dept.):**

Detective Mathis gave a report on how the board members handled the current financial discrepancies. He then opened the floor for public comment.

Alan Rasmussen asked if the Treasurer had to be bonded, and the supervisor answered that the Treasurer did have to be bonded.

Abby Siber asked who the Deputy Treasurer was and Candy answered her question and told her that Sue Jones was the Deputy Treasurer.

Kelly Kivell asked why the minutes indicated two charges against the Treasurer and only one was mentioned. Detective Len Mathis answered that he did submit two charges, but prosecutors only applied one.

Nancy Counterman asked if there are going to be cuts or things that won't get done because of this; Candy answered her that we are "conducting business as usual" at this time.

Kelly Kivell asked the amount of the treasurer's bond, and Candy answered that the bond was for \$25,000.00 (twenty five thousand dollars).

## **2. Forensic Auditors:**

### **a. Michigan Forensic Auditors, Inc. (Karl Haiser)-**

Mr. Haiser gave a report on his experience and the process that will take place in order to carry out a forensic audit. Mr. Haiser shared his resume with the board and audience members.

Questions were answered by Mr. Haiser concerning the integrity of the computers, how the audit would be paid for, these questions were answered by Detective Mathis and the supervisor. Firstly, Detective Mathis answered that the computer would have a mirror made of the hard drive as a first step in forensic process and this would be done by the Michigan State Police.

Secondly, the supervisor answers that the payment for the forensic audit would come out of the general fund at this time.

### **b. Plante & Moran (Michelle McHale)-**

A proposal was left that the supervisor read to the board and audience.

Questions were raised about the need for a forensic audit and Detective Mathis explained that it was a necessary step, because at some point in the case it will become important to have the findings of an expert witness.

Mr. Anonymous asked how the amount was spoken when there was still an ongoing investigation. Detective Mathis answered his question, explaining to him that the amount would have been something said when the warrant was obtained.

Chuck asked how the timeliness will affect the outcome. There is discussion about recent occurrences concerning the issue. It is the opinion of Kelli that this issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible to resolve the case soon as possible and be able to continue with normal township business.

Rod made a motion to table the decision until December 7<sup>th</sup>, Chuck support, and roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-no; Kelli-no; and Candy-no. Motion was declared denied by a vote of 1-yes and 3-no votes.

The audience members made several comments concerning getting the job done the sooner the better.

Abby Siber made the comment that she would like the board to make an informed decision.

There is discussion concerning the cost of the audit for both companies, Mr. Haiser notes that his quote is \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 because you never know exactly what the audit may involve, however he suggests that \$8,000.00 would be the maximum. Michelle McHale was not able to explain in more detail her quote, because she was unable to attend the meeting.

Julie Cutler also asked if the treasurer was still getting paid and Candy answered her that because of state law she is.

Rod makes a motion to accept the engagement letter with Michigan Forensic Accounting, Inc., Kelli supports, roll call vote: Rod- no; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; and Candy-yes. Supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4-yes and 1-no.

**3. Re-appoint Construction Board of Appeals:**

- a. Electrical- Gary Dekoekoek**
- b. Mechanical- Daniel Boniface**
- c. Plumbing- James Kelsey**
- d. Builder- to be named later**

Rod made a motion to re-appoint the above members to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning in January 2012; Chuck supported; all in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Other**

**1. Donation of Carpet Cleaning from Allegan Pleasure Riders:**

Pam Brown of the Allegan Pleasure Rider Club has offered to donate a “carpet cleaning” for the township hall. Rod explains that the township is looking into changing the flooring in the hall, and the board will likely not have the carpet cleaned at this time, but if the club would still like to donate, the board would graciously accept the \$100.00 carpet cleaning cost and put it toward whatever flooring is decided upon in the future.

**Adjourn:**

Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 P.M.