

**Watson Township Board Meeting
July 7, 2011**

Called to order: 7:04 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent: Stephanie Bogdan.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max Thiele reported that the board of commissioners declined to renew the County Planning Commission Board, therefore, as of June 30th there will no longer be such a board. He also reported that they received an estimate for the jail of approximately 18.8 to 19.3 million and have sent the architects back to reassess what could be eliminated to reduce the cost further. Those answers are scheduled to come back on June 23rd.

Stephanie Bogdan arrived (7:15 pm).

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon emailed a report and the supervisor read the report aloud to the board and audience members.

Cemetery Report:

No Report.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod Zeinstra discussed the proposed "burn ordinance" and the "Medical Marijuana Ordinance".

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Candy Adrianson reported that she had attended the fire board meeting and the department did not get the grant for the Brush Truck. She also reported that all new firefighters are off their probationary status.

Public Comment:

Ronda Nowawski attended the meeting with concerns for Pleasant view Avenue and the water damage it has and still is enduring this season. She is curious what options she and the other residents on the street may have to possibly get this road taken over by the county. The board lets her know, one of the first steps in this process might be a petition to make the road a county road. Gary White commented that he lives right next door to Ronda, and he is pumping water out of his crawl space. He is also interested in what can be done to alleviate this water problem. There is some discussion on bringing the road up to county road specifications. Shirley Burnt would like to know what the minimum requirements might be. Max Thiele suggests contacting Larry Brown from the Allegan County Road Commission to get these specific requirements. Jay Evland from Hillcrest Drive would like the board to recommend what to do about the septics under water. The board directs her to contact the Allegan County Health Department to address the septic issue. Allen Gaidaski from Pleasant view Avenue had a question about the possibility of paving a road and then assessing the homeowners back. The board explains that can be an option. Fran Bradshaw is also concerned about the water coming over the road onto her property. Rod volunteered to do some research and get back with the residents. Public comment is closed.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes from June 2nd and June 30th 2011, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for June 2011, in the amount of \$18,262.99, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$467,394.68 and Book Balances: \$451,202.76

New Business:

1. Judge Baillargeon- Drug Treatment Court-

Judge Baillargeon gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Allegan County Drug Treatment Court. His presentation was enlightening to many on the board and in the audience. He then answered questions from the board and audience. The board appreciated the presentation and Judge Baillargeon's time to stop by and keep the township informed on such court programs.

2 West Michigan Wireless ISP-

No member of West Michigan Wireless ISP was in attendance.

3. Hopkins Area Business (4th of July Celebration)-

Rod made a motion to continue to donate \$500.00 for the 4th of July Celebration, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Consumer's Energy Franchise Agreement Ordinance-

Candy presented the franchise ordinance from our attorney that is more township orientated. Rod made a motion to adopt the Consumer's Energy Franchise Ordinance # 07072011-1, Stephanie supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes and Candy-yes; the supervisor declared the ordinance adopted by the board by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

5. Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces Ordinance-

Rod read the entire ordinance. Rod made a motion to table this for 30 days, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Gravel Project-

The board discussed gravel projects. Stephanie made a motion to do project #3 (120th Ave.), Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Martin Township has set the 12th Street Road project meeting for 7-27-11 @ 7 pm.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting closed: 9:21 P.M.