

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
October 6, 2011**

**Called to order: 7:01 P.M.**

**Present:**

Chuck Andrysiak, Rod Zeinstra and Kelli Morris.

Absent: Stephanie Bogdan and Candy Adrianson.

**Agenda Approval:**

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

**Candy arrived at 7:05 PM**

**Reports:**

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

Candy questioned Max about the \$50,000 Economic Development Budget, and Max explained what that money pays for. The \$50,000 does not go directly to the Economic Development Committee, the committee is strictly voluntary. The money is to fund the administration part of this department that is and has always been in place and this money has always been spent this way.

**Hopkins Fire Chief:**

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon emailed a report to the board prior to the board meeting.

**Cemetery Report:**

Dave Kok reported one funeral for the month; this was a cremation at Miner Cemetery. Dave will be pouring a couple foundations for new stones and he would also like the board to come up with an ordinance that would address what types of things could be displayed on gravesites and what might be prohibited.

**Planning Commission Report:**

Rod Zeinstra reported that the planning commission passed an ordinance dealing with medical marijuana, he gave some details on the ordinance. Rod also summarized what was discussed at the recent MTA meeting concerning the law enforcement situation in Allegan County. After getting a presentation of what the current conditions were, the attendees broke up into groups and discussed what might be solutions to the situation. One common main concern was how municipalities could work together to help improve the problem.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Candy Adrianson reported that it was decided that Hopkins would purchase the chassis at last month's Fireboard meeting. She also reported that Consumer's has admitted responsibility for the well at the fire barn in Hopkins. Hopkins District Library as also approved.

**Public Comment:**

Max compliments the Allegan students for becoming involved in the topics of the board with questions and input. Max explains that in his approximately ten years and six hundred meetings; this has been the best interaction he has ever encountered.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes from September 1, 2011, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for September 2011, in the amount of \$17,906.02, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Stephanie Bogdan left a Treasurer's report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$319,021.11 and Book Balances: \$336,585.37

**New Business:****1. Angle & Steffes Additional Services:-**

Candy addressed the board with some changes she would like to implement for our accounting department. The board will discuss this subject at a future meeting.

**2. Medical Marijuana Ordinance as recommended by Planning Commission-**

The board discussed the changes that John Lorchstorfer suggested. The board will go ahead and schedule a Public Hearing for it.

**3. Changes in Recycling-**

The board discussed some changes that may be necessary for the recycle container should the problem of dumping non recyclable items continue around the recycle container.

**Old Business:****Other:****Adjourn:**

Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting closed: 8:36 P.M.

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Kelli Morris -- Watson Township Clerk