

**Watson Township Board Meeting
February 2, 2012**

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

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 the work on the jail has been started. The Board of Commissioners also held a meeting and set the compensation for the Board of Road Commissioners, along with other basic budget planning.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon gave a monthly report for the Hopkins Fire Department. He reported that they had three fire incidences and twenty-seven medical calls this month. There were two trainings held for fire fighter safety and ice rescue, which have already paid off with a recent accident and rescue out of a creek. They were turned down by FEMA for grants this year. Also, the brush truck is still at Spencer's Manufacturing and in the process of being built.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported one funeral for Haldon Mauchmar. He also so would like to get some updated maps of both cemeteries.

Planning Commission Report:

The planning commission elected members of their board. The only change was the position of Vice-Chair, and Troy Baker was elected to that position. Dave Carter was re-elected Chair and Barb Wroblewski was re-elected to secretary.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported that she attended the annual road meeting and there were no new road projects slated for Watson Township. There will be a millage on the Primary Election for a renewal of road millage at the county. Candy reported that she has seen a letter of resignation from Stephanie, but it was not a signed copy. Some other dates of interest are February 28th, the Presidential Primary Election, and February 29, the last day for tax collection for 2011 in Watson Township. Kelli also attended the Ambulance meeting were they went over the budget. The budget for Watson's portion has not changed much from last year.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes from January 5th 2012, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for January 2012, in the amount of \$9,641.00 Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

None.

New Business:

1. Sale of Church Building:

Members of the “River of Life” Church attended the meeting to address the subject of the vacant church building in Watson Township. Mr. Holden mentioned that he had heard the board was interested in getting rid of the church. The board had some discussion with interested parties concerning the said church building. Rod would be interested in an option that would include allowing it to be used as a church, but have some control of it being used for profit. Rod made a motion to look into reaching an agreement with “River of Life” church concerning the use of the Watson church building, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Graveling Suggestions from the County Road Commission:

Some graveling suggestions from the county are:

- a. 118th Ave. between 24th and 23rd Streets
- b. 23rd from 118th to 122nd Ave.
- c. 11^{8th} Ave. between 23rd and 21st Streets
- d. 19th Street between 112th and 114th Ave.

They do not have the amount for this year, but last year gravel was \$7.95 per yard. They apply at a rate of 1000 yards per mile. A budget of 20,000 might cover all three roads. Candy will ask the county to do a work order on the 118th Ave. and the 23rd Street projects.

3. Dust Control Bids-

The board discussed two bids. Rod made a motion to accept a bid from Bruce Alan in the amount of \$36,120.00 for 3 applications, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Contract with Michigan Forensic Auditors-

The board discussed the subject. Rod made a motion to pay an additional \$5,000.00 at this time and not additional payment until further clarification of the business sense, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Construction Board of Appeals-

A couple members could not be reached to ask if they would like to continue on the board. Candy made a motion to table this subject until the members are reached, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Hall Rental Procedures-

The board discusses hall rental procedures. Rod suggests looking at what other townships are doing.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 P.M.