

**Watson Township Board Meeting
July 5, 2012**

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with some additions from Chuck by Rod, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max Thiele reported on the current subjects of discussion at the county including continued deliberation on elected official's salaries, a presentation by a representative from the Palisades Plant, and separation of the Mental Health Department from the County.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon left a report for the board. Supervisor, Candy Adrianson read the report to the board and audience members.

Cemetery Report:

There was one funeral at Hick Cemetery and one cremation this month. Also, the work cleaning up overgrown trees and shrubs at the township's church location on 116th Ave. is complete.

Planning Commission Report:

There was a Public Hearing with Schnable Lake representative for site plan review.

Supervisor's Report:

Candy reported that on June 11th former treasurer Stephanie Bogdan pleads guilty to felony embezzlement and there is restitution hearing and sentencing scheduled for August 9th at 1:00 P.M. Candy also reported that "Spring Run" drain is being cleaned in Hopkins in the amount of \$642.11. Candy also thanks Ken Pardee for re-painting the parking lines in the parking lot of the hall and office.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee inquired about his check being more than the bill for paint he turned in. It was explained that was because he was paid mileage to travel to get the supplies.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from June 7, 2012, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for June of \$14,288.96, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

New Business:

1. Karen Fifelski- Hydraulic Fracking

Karen Fifelski gave a presentation on "Hydraulic Fracking" procedures used in the mining of gas and oil. She is concerned and is wondering what might be able to be done from the standpoint of the township. One of her major concerns is the amount of water

that is used and if there is a way to limit it. She would also question if the distance that they drill a well from a dwelling be limited.

2. **Denise Medemar- Drain Commission Candidate:**

Not present.

3. **Hopkins Business Association- 4th of July Donation:**

Candy explains that they would like to have an additional \$250.00. It was discussed and decided to pay \$500.00, which is what was budgeted.

4. **Flooring Bids for Hall:**

The board will review some bids receive for flooring to possibly install this fall.

5. **Chair Tree:**

The board discussed the possibility of getting a chair cart for the wooden chairs.

Old Business:

1. **Burnham & Flower – Insurance Bid:**

The board discussed the current insurance bid and any additions to the current plan. The board decided to renew the current coverage for \$3,251.00 with no additions.

2. **Pontemum Cemetery Software:**

The board discussed the Pontem Cemetery software. The space available on our current computers needs to be checked. Rod made a motion to table the subject until a later date, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. **Michigan Forensic Accounts Inc.:**

Rod made a motion to approve payment to “Michigan Forensic Accounts” in the amount of \$13,000.00 in two installments of \$6,500.00 (with one in July and one in August), Chuck supports; roll call vote: Rod-yes, Kelli-no, Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; and Candy-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4- yes and 1-no vote.

Other:

1. **Allegan Meeting:**

Chuck attended a meeting to develop an association so to speak to allow adjoining townships to benefit from one another and their experiences or assets.

2. **Otsego Township Camping Ordinance:**

Otsego Township does have a temporary camping ordinance in place by the time of the B-93 Birthday Bash. Chuck is in favor of looking into a possible ordinance for our township to over this sort of occurrence. Rod let Chuck know that we do have an ordinance in place that is a township ordinance.

3. **Close of Registration:**

Ken Pardee asked when the close of registration was, and Kelli informed him the 9th of July.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:48 P.M.