

**Watson Township Board Meeting
June 7, 2012**

Called to order: 7:05 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent: Rod Zeinstra

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max Thiele reported on the current events at the county including that phone bills were raised by forty-two cents for the 911 surcharge. .

Hopkins Fire Chief:

No report.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported two funerals this month. He reported that there was a flag missing on Mr. Holmes site, but one had been ordered to replace it.

Planning Commission Report:

None.

Supervisor's Report:

Candy reported that the township had received a "thank you" card from Judge Ballargeon for inviting him to do his presentation on drunk driving. She also reported that there will be a meeting on June 18th at 7:00 P.M. at the Allegan Township Hall on the topic of Fracking.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee inquired about the Ambulance Bill and Kelli let him know she would check on the status of it. He would also like the township to check into the abandoned home on 20th St. and possibly call the bank and see what could be done. Ken also volunteered to re-paint the parking lot lines if the township purchased the materials. The board let Ken know they would appreciate that very much and if he would re-paint the lines and if he wanted he could just purchase the materials he wanted and then turn a bill into the township.

Hopkins Librarian, Ms. Bazan let everyone in attendance know about the current happenings at the library, including the summer reading program and other programs.

Gary McNeil commented on a "wind energy" farm he recently visited near Champagne Illinois. He mentioned that the issues he questioned them about were very far spread than the issues our planning commission is looking at. He is concerned that the issues our planning commission are looking at are not mature and he does not want the planning commission to act on the subject pre- mature.

John Andrysiak let the board know that he was approached by a "fracking company" and he is concerned and believes that we should possibly have an ordinance that would deal with this. There is some discussion on the subject of "fracking".

Bill Holden would like an update on the church. Candy lets him know that currently the assessor is working on a value as well as a realtor working on the value.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from May 3rd and 18th as corrected, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Chuck to pay the bills for May of \$12,983.98, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

She also made a motion to nominate Lindsey Clairmont as Deputy Treasurer, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Burnham & Flower- Insurance Bid Jeff McCray

Jeff went over the township insurance policy in detail and answered all the boards and audience questions.

2. Michigan Township Association Dues:

The board discussed the possibility of not paying the MTA invoice and it was decided to continue to include it in our bills.

3. Hopkins Propane Pre-Buy:

Chuck made a motion to Pre-Buy with cash or check for 1500 gallons for \$2,803.50, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Gravel Bid:

The county would like the board to approve work on project #6223 to gravel on 118th. They would like to approve to use R. Smith and Sons. Because Candy and Sue may have could have personal ties to the project, they wanted to be sure no one would have a problem with them voting on the approval of this project. No board members or audience members have an issue with them voting on the subject. Chuck made a motion to accept R. Smith and Sons for \$14,760.00 to provide gravel for the project on 118th, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Dust Control Work Order:

Sue made a motion to accept a work order for 2012 Dust Control Program with Bruce Alan Enterprises and Watson Township, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Net Warrior Advanced Web Solutions:

Joseph Durlach of Net Warrior Web Solutions gave a presentation about providing a website for the township. There is discussion on the subject of the township website. Kelli made a motion to contract with Net Warrior to update the township website for the amount of \$35.00 per month beginning when the township gets the current website passwords secure until the end of this fiscal year and have an optional renewal at the beginning of our next fiscal year, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Pontem Software:

The board discussed the Pontem Cemetery software. Chuck made a motion to table until next month, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Michigan Forensic Accounts Inc.:

Kelli made a motion to table this subject until next month, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other

Sue wanted to thank Jeff for his help with Spring Clean-Up Day, fixing the ceiling tiles in the hall, and installing the storm door in the hall.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 P.M.

Kelli Morris -- Watson Township Clerk