

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
March 1, 2012**

**Called to order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

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

**Agenda Approval:**

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

**Reports:**

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

Max Thiele- reported they have added 72 beds to the new jail construction.

**Hopkins Fire Chief:**

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon emailed a monthly report. The supervisor summarized the report for the board and attending residents.

**Cemetery Report:**

Dave Kok reported on funeral (a cremation) for Loretta Layton at Miner Cemetery. He also requested approximately 150 flags for the cemeteries on Memorial Day.

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting Held.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor gave a report that included a letter from Gun Plains Supervisor, Michael Vandenburg, inviting our township to a law enforcement meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7:00 P.M. The township also received a letter from the prosecuting attorney indicating the case with former township treasurer Stephanie Bogdan is set for April 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the Circuit Court Plea.

**Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):**

None.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> as presented, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for February with the exception of \$5,103.82 to Allegan County Road Commission until work order clarification, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

None.

**New Business:**

**1. Annual Report from Planning Commission:**

Rod made a motion to enter the planning commission report into record, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. Annual Report from Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Candy asked for a motion to table this report until next month. Chuck made a motion to table the ZBA annual report until next month, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**3. Township Board Meeting Dates for Next Fiscal Year:**

Rod made a motion to set the Township Board meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. for the next fiscal year, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**4. Special Budget Workshop Dates:**

A Budget Workshop will be held March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

5. Road Work Orders due to County:  
The board will be doing only graveling projects this coming fiscal year.
6. Newsletter:  
Rod will work on our township newsletter and ask his wife to assist the township with this as well.
7. Mowing Contract:  
Although we have not received a written quote from DK Landscape they have indicated they would keep the contract the same as our last year. Rod made a motion to table this topic until our next meeting, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Assessor's Contract:  
The supervisor reported that she has presented the contract to Mr. Kutscher and he will reply to the board after reviewing the contract.
9. Rental of Land on M-222:  
The board received a letter of interest to lease the land the township owns on M-222. After some discussion on the subject, it was decided by the board to publish the land for bids for the intention of agricultural use in the paper.

**Old Business:**

**1. Township Ordinance – Outdoor Furnaces:**

This ordinance was passed by the board, but failed to be published and will need to be published to be in effect. After some discussion by the board and attending members of the township, the board feels the ordinance needs to be re-visited by the planning commission. Rod made a motion to return it to the planning commission for review of permit fees and placement regulations, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. Old Church:**

The board discussed the subject of the old church building on M-222. The deed will need to be located to see if there are any deed restrictions. There will be more investigation and further discussion at a later date.

**Other**

1. Reminder Board of Review organizational meeting is Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 6 pm. Tax protests will be Monday March 12, 2012, 9 am to Noon and 2 to 5 pm; and Tuesday March 13, 2012, from 1 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 9pm.
2. The Zoning Board of Appeals Organizational meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7 pm.
3. The Public Hearing for the township budget will be April 5, 2012 before the regular schedule board meeting.
4. Treasurer's Position application deadline is March 9, 2012. Please send a cover letter, resume, and references.

None.

**Adjourn:**

Rod made a motion to adjourn, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned: 8:07 P.M.