

**Watson Township Board Meeting**  
**May 3, 2012**

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

**Present:**

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

**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:**

Jon Campbell and Max Thiele attended and gave the board a report on county happenings.

**Hopkins Fire Chief:**

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon left his monthly report. The report was summarized by the supervisor.

**Cemetery Report:**

Dave Kok had no report.

**Planning Commission Report:**

Rod reported that the Planning Commission continued work on wind energy and solar power ordinances.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Candy reported that a new plea date for the current treasurer embezzlement case has been set for June 11, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. The defense council is disputing the restitution amount so there will be a restitution hearing following

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

Cathy Pardee wanted to thank Sue Zeinstra for the fantastic job on the Township Newsletter. She also wanted to mention that West Michigan Wireless was a great internet service and suggested that the township look into this service as their internet provider. Candy mentioned to her that the township has had them on the agenda in the past and she failed to attend and give the board a quote.

Harvey Visser had a question about the progress on the church building on M-222. Rod gave him an update and informed him of some of the costs that might be incurred to bring the building up to date. Rod suggested that the board make a decision on what to do with the building by the July board meeting.

Gary McNeil wanted to discuss the planning commission meeting he had attended concerning solar and wind energy. This subject was discussed. Jeff Gouker added that he felt we were a rural township and it seemed that we were making it constricting for residents. Gary wanted to make it clear that he was not against ordinances, but believes they must be very clear and concise in their makeup.

Ken Pardee asked each board member to state what they were doing different since the embezzlement of the past treasurer. Each board member gave him an answer.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

**Minutes:**

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

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for April of \$13,187.44, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

**New Business:****1. Pontem Cemetery Software:**

Rod made a motion to table the Pontem Cemetery Software until next month, Kelli support, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. Forensic Auditor:**

The forensic auditor has a second engagement for the possible addition of \$10,000.00 to go back to 2006 on BS & A software. Sue mad a motion to ask Mr. Karl Haiser or a representative to attend a township board meeting and explain his billings thus far, and answer some of the board's questions and concerns, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:****1. Judge Baillargeon- Anti Drunk Driving Presentation:**

Judge Baillargeon attended and gave a presentation on Drunk Driving that included and very powerful 6 minute video on the tragedy that driving drunk causes.

**2. Net Warrior Advanced Web Solutions Bid:**

Rod asked if we could get some examples of his work and a client list. Rod would request a presentation from him at our next meeting.

**3. Hall Maintenance:**

Sue would like to see some small things at the township fixed including the blinds, ceiling tiles, door (that has already been approved by the board), and carpet. There was some discussion on the replacements. Jeff Gouker volunteered to fix the tile if the board gets some tiles, and the door if they get a door and need it installed. Cathy Pardee suggests having the furnace and air conditioner maintenance once a year also. No other repairs were discussed at this time.

**4. Heart and WREERA Pension Plan Amendments Resolution:**

Rod made a motion to adopt resolution # 05032012-1 to adopt the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Act of 2008 (Heart) and Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WREERA) amendments, Sue supported, roll call vote: Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; and Candy-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

**Other:****Schnable Lake Campground:**

The board discussed the proposed building requests of the owners of Schnable Lake Campground.

**Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:11 P.M.