

**Watson Township Board Meeting
February 7, 2013**

Called to order: 7:04 P.M.

Present:

Sue Jones, Chuck Andrysiak, Rod Zeinstra, Pam Brown and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

None

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

Jon Campbell attended and gave a report that included the current status of the jail.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon gave a Fire Department Report for January 2013.

Cemetery Report:

None.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck Andrysiak gave a report on the last Planning Commission meeting that included, a short presentation by Karen Fifelski concerning "Fracking"; discussion on the "Outdoor Furnace Ordinance", and the "election of new officers". The board expressed some issues with the denial of the outdoor furnace ordinance. Officers that were elected for 2013/2014 are as follows: Chairperson- Dave Carter; Vice-Chairperson- Bruce Bos; and Secretary- Michelle Harris. All of our board members and many audience residents would like to express their gratitude to Barb Wroblewski for her many years of service as Secretary of the Planning Commission; Barb had served as Secretary of the Planning Commission since 2003. Meeting dates were also set for 2013-2014.

The planning commission also plans to revisit the "Medical Marijuana" ordinance. Chuck would also like to see a copy of the completed minutes for the planning commission included in our board packet information each month.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported on the "fireboard" meeting attended by her, stating that items discussed included the repainting of the roof, and Watson's portion of the fire contract. She also checked on some language content for a sign to be placed at the Recycle Container. The supervisor attended a County Road Commission meeting, reporting that no projects were scheduled. Lastly, she reported that the township has received \$37,734.01 in bond money from the former treasurer's embezzlement case.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes from January 3, 2013, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for January, in the amount of \$9,481.25, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Karen Fifelski

Karen was not in attendance.

2. Church Building

Mr. Harvey Visser attended inquiring on the status on the future plans for the vacant church building owned by the township on M-222. Rod had looked at the building with two building construction companies and the general consensus was it would not be feasible to repair the building. Rod would recommend having PCI go through the building and make a recommendation. Audience member Gary McNeil also mentioned that he recalled discussion about the black mold and the issue and problem of liability for the township. The board is in the position of deciding what action to pursue concerning the building and property.

3. New Pricing of Computers

Rod gave the board information on the quotes he had found on "new" Dell Computers, for \$794.95 each.

4. Michigan Forensic Accounting / Karl Haiser-Bill

Mr. Haiser declined to attend the board meeting to explain his added invoice submitted to the court. Rod made a motion to pay the invoice in (3) installments of \$2,241.58, \$2,241.58, and \$2,241.57; Sue supported. Roll call vote: Chuck-No; Sue-Yes; Rod-Yes; Kelli-No; Pam-Yes; motion passed by a vote of 3-Yes and 2-No votes.

New Business:

1. West Michigan Wireless

Owner Blair Davis explained the internet service he provides as follows: \$43.95 per month for residential service (40 Gig) of data, and \$63.95 per month for commercial service (40 Gig) of data. The board would like to get a proposal from West Michigan Wireless outlining service and cost of installation.

2. Dust Control Bids

Bradlee Page of Southwest Michigan Dust Control attended and gave the board a presentation on his company and the products used as dust control. His company is local, south of Allegan, they use a product that is 28% Mineral Brine, and they also service neighboring Hopkins Township. Mr. Page states that the main difference between his company and the others is that his company puts the material on "shoulder to shoulder". Rod made a motion to accept the quote from Southwest Michigan dust Control for 3 applications of dust control in the amount of \$13,000.00 per application for the summer of 2013, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Mowing Service Contract

Rod made a motion to accept the bid for mowing in 2013 from DK Landscape for \$9,500.00 for Cemeteries; \$750.00 Township Hall, totaling \$10,250.00, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried

4. Net Warrior Contract

The board discussed a new contract from Net Warrior Internet. A new proposal and quote will be requested from Net Warrior.

5. Appointment to Fireboard

Pat Kelsey would like to resign from the fireboard due to health issues. The board would like to “thank” Pat for all her years of service. Rod made a motion to appoint Sue Jones to the fireboard, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Appointments of Construction Board of Appeals

The board discussed the fact that some of the previous members of this board were moving or not interested in remaining on the board. The following members will be appointed as follows:

- a. Electrical Member- Scott Southwick
- b. Plumbing Member- James Kelsey
- c. Mechanical Member- Daniel Boniface
- d. Builder Member- David Vanlere

Rod made a motion to appoint the above members, in the respective positions, to the Construction Board of Appeals, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Debit Cards

The supervisor would like to get two additional Debit Cards for the Treasurer and Supervisor. The Treasurer will check on a Debit Card Account as well as new accounts for our major township accounts.

8. Re-Placement of Outside Light/Bids

The board has been having issues with the current lights. Southwick Electric has proposed an estimate to replace the light fixtures. Rod made a motion to replace (5) fixtures on the Fire barn for a total of \$1,500.00, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Advance “Penasee Globe” Contract

Chuck made a motion to use the “Penasee Globe” as the township’s “legal” notice paper, Sue support, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Budget/Road Workshop Date

A date is set for February 28, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

2. EMS Report

Sue gave a report on the meeting she attended that included Watson’s portion of the contract at \$6,870.28, which is up from \$5,427.91 and is based on a population and runs made formula. She also reported that they did receive new radios from the Casino.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

None.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:08 P.M.