

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
January 3, 2013**

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

**Present:**

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

**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:**

None.

**Hopkins Fire Chief:**

Supervisor Pam Brown read an emailed newsletter from the Hopkins Fire Department.

**Cemetery Report:**

Dave Kok (Cemetery Sexton) reported that they have cleaned up at Hicks Cemetery. He is also working on Cemetery maps with the supervisor. An ordinance for cemetery procedures and regulations is still being completed and should be in place within the next few months.

**Planning Commission Report:**

No Meeting.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor reported that a new flag has been donated by Max Miner and installed by Dave Kok; the board would like to thank both of them for this gift. The supervisor will also be attending a road meeting later this month. An internet company "Freedom.net" did com and test the township location for service; however the supervisor has not heard back from them on their findings. The supervisor also reported what information she was able to find on the Casino compact.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

**Minutes:**

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2012, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Chuck to pay the bills for December, in the amount of \$12,791.45, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

## Old Business:

### 1. Outdoor Wood Stove Ordinance

The board discussed the ordinance for outdoor wood stoves in detail. Kelli made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 010313-1 An Ordinance to Regulate the Installation and Use of Outdoor Furnaces, Sue supported: roll call vote: Chuck-no; Sue-no; Kelli-no; and Pam-no. The supervisor declared the resolution denied by a vote of 0-yes and 4-no votes.

### 2. Cemetery Ordinance

There was discussion among the board with the content of the proposed Cemetery Ordinance. Some changes were made to the draft ordinance at was gone over in detail. The supervisor will send this back to the township attorney for a final draft.

### 3. Mini Blinds:

Sue made a motion to purchase new mini blinds for the hall area of the township building, Kelli supported, all in favor motion carried.

### 4. New Computers:

The supervisor and trustee checked on pricing and specifics needed for new computers for the township offices. Sue made a motion to purchase (4) new computers with the quote provided by trustee Rod, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

## New Business:

### 1. Karen Fifelski/Fracking:

Karen attended the meeting and gave the board a presentation and report of what areas the “landmen” had leased thus far. She gave the board information on what protection steps can be taken from the standpoint of the township to protect residents and township land from the ramifications of fracking. Mary Coburn and Brian Metz also attended in support of Karen’s presentation. The supervisor will forward this information to the township attorney for further recommendation on how to proceed with this information.

### 2. Planning Commission Re-Appointments:

Chuck made a motion to re-appoint Michelle Harris, Bruce Bos, and Dave Carter to the Planning commission for a term ending February 2016, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried

### 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Re-Appointment:

Sue made a motion to re-appoint James Kelsey to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending February 1, 2016, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

### 4. Changing Liaison Positions:

Sue made a motion to change liaison positions on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, sending Rod to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Chuck to the Planning Commission, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**5. Michigan Forensic Accounting Bill**

There was discussion on a bill that was sent and never received by the township from Michigan Forensic Accounting concerning the audit done due to the former treasurer embezzlement case. Sue made a motion to table until next meeting with a call to Mr. Haiser from the supervisor with some questions from the clerk on billing and request for explanation at the next meeting in February 2013 on billing, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Other:**

None

**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: 9:37 P.M.

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Kelli Morris -- Watson Township Clerk