

**Watson Township Board Meeting
July 11, 2013**

Called to order: 7:02 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 Sue, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire chief Tim McKinnon reported that the Hopkins Fire Fighters had attended a training session on "Farm Rescue Skills". They also held their annual "Father's Day" Pancake Breakfast where they had proceeds of \$900.00 that will be given to the Noble family. They ran "Scotty's Fire House" on the May 22nd and 23rd where 235 students were able to tour the house and receive some valuable fire safety. Tim also reported 28 fire calls and 68 medical calls for the month. Lastly, Hopkins Fire Department assisted with the Birthday Bash event where there was an estimated 70,000 in attendance on Saturday and 50,000 on Sunday.

Cemetery Report:

The Supervisor gave a report for the Cemetery Sexton; there were two funerals last month. The board sends condolences to the families of Todd Adrianson and Joyce Lapham.

Planning Commission Report:

The planning commission meeting was cancelled for last month. However Chuck did attend two meetings held in Gun Plain Township addressing the subject of hydraulic fracturing. The first meeting was a presentation by an organization called F.L.O.W. (For Love Of Water). The second meeting was a presentation by Hal Fitch, a geologist from the Department of Environmental Quality. Both discussed the positives and negatives associated with "fracking". There will be another meeting on July 17th where both groups will attend and explain the process of hydraulic fracturing.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported that they have started the "chip and seal" on 118th Ave. and are also working on the gravel portion 118th Ave. as well. She reported that the county road commission is also finished with work on 22nd Avenue, 23rd Avenue and 14th Street. She and the treasurer attended a current fireboard meeting in Hopkins Township where the main subjects were painting of the fire station roof and reminding all entities to be prepared for the purchase of a new fire truck in the next 3 years.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2013, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Chuck to pay the bills for June, in the amount of \$22,702.30, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Church

Rod has been in contact with two companies for the demolition of the church building on 116th Ave. Sue made a motion to table this subject until next month, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

2. Hopkins Library- Natalie Bazan

Natalie reported that they have many workshops coming up this fall including one in August for "Self Defense" and one in September for "Hunter's Safety". She also received a scholarship to attend a seminar about digital media at the library. There were some things that were inexpensive enough for her to implement at the Hopkins Library. She also let everyone know that the "new" computers hooked up and running at the library.

3. Wheeler Library- Angela Cameruci

Angela Cameruci (Secretary of Wheeler Library) attended and gave a report on current events at the library this summer. She let everyone know that their "Summer Reading Program" was in full swing and it included both children and adults. They have passed their new budget and increased the staff hours for "aids" and this allows for the library to have two people working at all times. Lastly, she explained that they will now be offering e-books through a program called "Overdrive". Hopkins Library offered to explain a little detail about the program as they too participate in program.

4. AT & T Permit Extension

Sue made a motion to sign the AT & T Extinction contract, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Hopkins Propane Agreement

Kelli made a motion to pre purchase 1500 gallons of propane for \$1,769 (cash), Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Recycling Sign

There was some discussion about a sign needed by the township recycle container. It was mentioned that there had been a container in Hopkins Township and it was taken out but the sign remained there. It was suggested that we contact Hopkins supervisor and inquire about that sign for our container.

Kelli made a motion to spend up to \$100.00 on a sign for the recycle container if the one mentioned in Hopkins Township could not be obtained, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Zoning Violation

The supervisor presented the issue of current violation in the township concerning "blight" and "junk cars" there was discussion on the subject. Sue made a motion to send

a registered letter to Blair Davis and Mary Jan Hefling to comply with the township ordinance, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. B 93 Bash

Chuck mentioned that John Menzie's ex-wife (who lives on the corner of 14th St. and M-22) was very upset about people in route to the B-93 Bash stopping on her road and “relieving” their self on her lawn. There was some discussion on the subject of the B-93 Bash.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Tim McKinnon commented that two weeks ago they dug ditches on the road he lives on (124th Ave.) and they ripped up the road quite bad and have not yet returned to grade or fix it. There are very bad “chatter bumps” which are creating a real hazard because people are driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid them.

Barb Wrobleski asks when the next township meeting is. It is August 1st.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 P.M.

Kelli Morris -- Watson Township Clerk