

**Watson Township Board Meeting
June 6, 2013**

Called to order: 7:00P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

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:

None.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire chief Tim McKinnon attended and gave a verbal monthly report. He also emailed monthly report to board members. Highlights this month include an upcoming "Father's Day Pancake Breakfast" at the Hopkins Fire Department in Hopkins.

Cemetery Report:

The Supervisor gave a report for the Cemetery Sexton; there were no funerals last month.

Planning Commission Report:

The planning commission did not meet. There were two special use applications filed, but both were withdrawn before meetings were held. Chuck gave a report on the meetings he attended in preparation for the upcoming "B-93 Birthday Bash", and a meeting for the "Cowboy Camp", temporary camping that will be held in Otsego Township, in conjunction with the B-93 Birthday Bash.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported that the cemeteries looked nice for Memorial Day. She also stated that because the company that applies the dust control for Watson Township was not satisfied with the result after the first application (because of the recent rains), they returned completely re-applied "dust control" to the roads again at no charge. There was some discussion between the board and audience members concerning the grading and salt brine application processes in the township.

Minutes:

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2013, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Chuck to pay the bills for May, in the amount of \$12,745.89, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Church

Rod will work on the language for an advertisement for a bid for reclamation of the church building.

2. Auditor

There is discussion on other options for auditors. Sue made a motion to hire Angle & Associates, P.C. for the 2012-2013 Annual Audit, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Cemetery Signs

Pam presented an estimated cost for the replacement of the two cemetery signs of approximately \$405.78 each for the "Name" signs at each Cemetery. Rod made a motion to authorize up to \$1,000.00 to construct cemetery signs as discussed by board with "rules and regulations" on the backside of the signs, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Roads

The board discussed road work that was previously discussed at the previous board meeting. There was discussion on the re-paving of 21st Street. Sue made a motion to "chip and seal" 21st Street for \$26,000.00, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried. Sue made a motion to use "Road Fund" money to do both paving projects and "General Fund" money to pay for gravel projects, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried. Rod made a motion to "Crack Seal" 118th for \$5,000.00, Sue supported, roll call vote: Chuck-no; Sue-no; Kelli-no; Rod-no; Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the motion denied by a vote of 4-no and 1-yes votes.

New Business:

1. Insurance

Jeff McCray, of Burnham and Flower Insurance Group presented an insurance packet to the board. He explained that they are part of MTA and the par Plan. He also provided the board with information on a "Risk Reduction Grant Program" and explained the procedures for it. He went over the insurance policy in detail, and answered all the board members questions. Rod made a motion to add option C to increase zoning coverage to "250,000.00 for a total of \$3,847.00 in premium, chuck supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-yes; Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

2. MTA

Annual dues of \$1,183.39 were discussed by the board. Rod made a motion to approve the annual membership w/ MTA of \$1,183.39, Chuck supported, roll call vote: Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

3. Resolution Request for Meth Use:

The board discusses the support of a "meth resolution" as requested by the Allegan County cities, Townships and Villages Association. Chuck made a motion to support the Allegan County Cities, Townships, and Villages

Association regarding the epidemic of Meth Labs in Allegan County and making Pseudoephedrine a prescription drug, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Fireworks

There is discussion on the “4th of July” fireworks donation to Hopkins 4th of July Committee. Rod made a motion to contribute \$750.00 to Hopkins 4th of July Fireworks Display, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

The supervisor presented the issue of some missing grave markers where there are no Headstones or markers of any sort. There is some discussion on options to replace some of those or get markers for those graves.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee asked if the ambulance subsidy had been paid. Sue let him know it had been paid. Gary McNeil also commented on the fluid spill from across the road, he believes they should be responsible for the spill. He also would like something done with the house down the road from the hall that has garbage and blight in the yard that has been blowing into neighboring properties. Pam tells him that it has been reported to PCI and is being sited.

Adjourn:

Pam made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 9:17 P.M.

Kelli Morris -- Watson Township Clerk