

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

Called to order: 7:00 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 Chuck, supported by Sue, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

Jon Campbell has new way of reporting his month report by email. He reported that the commissioners approved an upgrade to the radio system w/ fire millage money, and they are now narrow band compliant throughout the county.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

The supervisor summarized the report emailed by Fire Chief, Tim McKinnon.

Cemetery Report:

Sexton Dave Kok reported that there were no funerals for the month.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported receiving a letter from the county with suggestions on which roads would benefit the most from gravel including 22nd (from 122nd to 24th), 23rd (between 123rd and 124th), 19th (between 123rd to 124) and 14th (from M-222 to 115th). She also reported that the new lights had been installed on the east and south side of the fire barn and they are very nice (with very little glare). She reminded everyone of Board of Review coming up on March 11th (9a.m. -12p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.) and March 12 (1p.m. - 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.).

Chuck Andrysiak attended the meeting concerning the B-93 Birthday Bash. He reported that he made his opposition known about the idea of running all the cars through Watson Township in route to the base. The next meeting on the B-93 Birthday Bash will be March 27th at 5:00 p.m. Chuck mentioned that the only comment from a Watson Township resident was that after a few years of conducting this concert you would think they would gain more control of the situation, but they seem to have less control the more times this event is held.

Gary McNeil asked about a "road plan" for example for the road here that the township hall is located on. It is explained that we have had a plan- however we have had no funds to maintain them until this fiscal year again, since our road loan project is not paid off. Pam mentions that when the frost is off Kelly Becker of the Count road Commission and she are going to take a tour of the township.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Minutes:

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2nd and 28th, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for February, in the amount of \$29,512.28, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:**1. Church**

Pam explained that PCI did a complete inspection of the church building and property on M-222. Their summary is that any building "could be" fixed if you are willing to invest enough money. In their opinion the costs to repair exceed the worth of the building. Rod suggests testing the mold to see if it is harmful. The supervisor will check with PCI to get a cost for this. Rod explains that he has a gentleman in Middleville that is interested in reclaiming the building.

2. Cemetery Ordinance

Rod made a motion to make a final Cemetery Ordinance draft to be proposed to be adopted at our April meeting and effective May 1st, Sue support, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Bank and Debit Cards

Motion by Sue to move Watson's General Fund and Tax Fund to Chemical Bank, as well as open a Debit Account with a ceiling of 2,00.00 at Chemical Bank, effective April 1st, Rod support, roll call vote: Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5 yes and 0-no votes.

4. Farm Lease on M-222

Last year the township had an issue with the land lease and the ability of the lessee to obtain the proper insurance. Therefore the land was never farmed last year. Mr. Simpson is able to use the insurance from a partner in farming. Rod made a motion to re open the bud for the township property for a price per acre for 9.88 tillable acres, Sue support, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:**1. Budget Workshop**

A budget workshop is set for March 21, 6:00 p.m. 2013.

2. April Newsletter:

The board discusses the yearly newsletter. Rod mentions that his wife Susan would be willing to do the layout again this year. This idea is agreeable with everyone and the board appreciates her help with this.

3. Meeting Dates:

The board will hold its monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month from April 2013 thru March 2014, with the exception of July, when the meeting will be held on the second Thursday (as the first is July 4th). Rod made a motion to accept these days as our regular board meeting dates, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Annual Report – Planning Commission

Rod gave an annual report highlighting the happenings of the planning commission for the past year.

4. Annual ZBA Report

Chuck gave the annual ZBA report which included one meeting in March 2012. During this meeting they discussed having a township training session with the township attorney concerning the conduction of meetings. Pam will contact our township attorney to address the joint meeting

5. Letter from Board of Road Commissioners

The board discusses a resolution supporting additional road funding. Rod read the counties resolution in its entirety. Kelli made a motion to pass resolution #03072013-1 to support the additional road funding resolution passed by the Allegan County Road Commission on February 20, 2013, supporting the Allegan County road Commissioners, the Transportation Funding Task Force and the Transportation Asset Management Council. Rod supported; roll call vote: Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the resolution passed by a 5-yes and 0-no vote.

6. Bob Genetski

Senator Genetski attended the meeting and gave a Legislative update. He explains the funding avenue for the road transportation fund

Other:

1. West Michigan Wireless

A representative from West Michigan attended and gave a presentation and a proposal for service. Rod made a motion to approve the proposal from West Michigan Wireless w/exclusion of web hosting at this time and for installation of \$199 - \$299 and monthly service of \$43.95 , Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

1. B-93 Camp

Chuck also noted that he would contact Otsego about the proposed Special Use permit concerning the B-Camp.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

None.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 P.M.