

**Watson Township Board Meeting
May 2, 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 Sue, 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 included a fire safety for 245 students who were able to tour "Scotty's Fire House".

Cemetery Report:

None.

Planning Commission Report:

No meeting last month, however there is an upcoming "special use" application for temporary camp sites at Schnable Lake Campground for the B-93 Bash.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported that the township newsletter will be printed next week. She also took a ride around the township to view the condition of the roads with Kelly Beckers from the Allegan County Road Commission. Lastly, the new computers are hooked up and running.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2013, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for April, in the amount of \$14,825.52, 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 the township attorney had reviewed the deed for the church property and it is legally able to be sold. The board discussed the options for dispersal of the building and land. Cathy Pardee explains the plans for the church building initially. Sue would like to get a bid on reclamation of the building. The board is in agreement that this is the best first option.

New Business:

1. Tables and Chairs

Pam asked the board if they intended to replace the old chairs and tables that were sold by the township. The board concurs that the tables and chairs were not intended to be replaced.

2. Road Bids

The board discussed “road projects” both gravel and resurfacing asphalt on 22nd, 23rd, 19th, and 14th streets and on 114th and 118th Avenues. They also discussed crack seal on 118th and resurface on 21st St. Sue suggested getting bid on 21st to resurface and take funds out of “Special Road” for this. Rod made a motion to approve \$80,000.00, out of general fund with the \$17,000.00 that was allocated for roads and the remainder out of general fund balance, and to get a bid on the re-surface of 21st and fund that project out of the Special Road Fund, and to approve gravel projects 1 and 2 with changes omitting 19th and adding ½ mile on 114th West of 24th. \$81,000.00, paying with \$17,000.00 and \$64,000.00 transferred from general fund balance, Sue supported- roll call vote Chuck-yes; rod-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-yes to 0-no votes. Rod also suggests contacting the county to get a bid for re-paving 21st St.

3. Auditor:

The board discusses the approval for and auditor to do the budget. It is suggested to call Martin Township and inquire the cost of their audits. Kelli will contact the Martin Township Clerk.

Other:

None

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee mentions that he has not seen things posted on the internet. Rod checks the web and everything seems to be posted, with the exception of one month of minutes.

Adjourn:

Rod made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 8:52 P.M.

Kelli Morris -- Watson Township Clerk