

**Watson Township Board Meeting
November 7, 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:

None.

Cemetery Report:

Sexton did not attend. The supervisor gave a report of one funeral for the month of October.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that most of the meeting was spent on the topic of "fracking". There was some discussion on the resolution that our board did relative to "fracking". Other topics included putting information in the spring newsletter indicating things that require permits within Watson Township. The planning commission also asked for input on the amount of time and effort the board would like to see invested on the topic of "fracking". At this time the board would like the planning commission to continue to learn and gain information of the topic. There is some discussion and questions answered concerning the process and ramifications of fracking.

Supervisor's Report:

Pam Brown reported that she had received correspondence from Larry Brown of the Allegan County Road Commission addressing the "poor" gravel road conditions. He let her know that the road commission is aware of the problem and they are working as quickly as possible to get all the roads graded. As of this time there have been three interested parties that have viewed the church property. Lastly, Pam reported that according to the county sheriff there has been a rash of "break ins" lately in this and surrounding areas. They are targeting mostly "shop type" equipment, involving breaking into garages, shops, and pole barns.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2013, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Sue to pay the bills for October, in the amount of \$17,205.69 Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. State Police 911 Central Dispatch (review structure, services, and financials):

Representatives from the Michigan State Police and 911 dispatch attended and gave a report on the current 911 central dispatch system. In their presentation they explained that they provide service for 10 law enforcement, 20 fire, and 5 EMS entities. The county is currently on an 800 MHz system, which is an aging system. The system has the ability to page the proper fire department when a call comes in to the call center. In August 2014 they plan to ask for the surcharge not on all phones services to be raised to \$3.00 (three dollars). Some questions were answered concerning the surcharge and some comments were heard about the need to become knowledgeable about the new equipment before purchasing it.

2. Sexton and Foundation Appointments:

The board discussed appointing John Andrysiak as cemetery sexton and Mike Brown to pour foundations. Sue made a motion to appoint John Andrysiak as cemetery sexton and Mike Brown to pour foundations for a two year contract beginning in January 2014, Kelli supported, all in favor (with Chuck choosing to abstain), motion carried.

3. Pulpit Chair:

Pam let the board know that the Watson Bible Church had expressed an interest in the pulpit and chairs at the church. Sue made a motion to donate the pulpit and chairs to the Watson Bible Church, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

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: 7:43 P.M.