

**Watson Township Board Meeting
October 3, 2013**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Rod, supported by Sue, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

Fire Chief Tim McKinnon gave the monthly Hopkins Fire Department report for September. Highlights for the month were the "Peat Moss" Fire. Tim reported the fire seems to be out, but the fire department will continue to monitor it.

Cemetery Report:

Sexton did not attend. There were no funerals for the month.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the topics discussed by the planning commission this month were fracking, and accessory buildings.

Supervisor's Report:

Pam Brown reported that she and Sue had attended the Fire Board meeting, which was just the usual business this month. She also reported that the church building is listed on the 116th Ave.

Minutes:

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes from September 5, 2013, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Chuck to pay the bills for September, in the amount of \$82,207.60, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Old Township Record Books

John Campbell had let the township know that it the township would be allowed to dispose of them. Rod made a motion to release old records to the Allegan County Historical Society, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Snow Plow Estimate:

The board received a bid from DK Management for \$55.00 per plow. Rod made a motion to accept the bid for snow removal from D.K. Landscape to plow the hall, office, and fire department for \$55.00 per plow, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Church Pews, Piano, Pulpit and Chairs/offer/sale:

The board discussed the marketing of the pews, piano, pulpit, and chairs that are left in the church building that has been listed for sale. The board will offer the pulpit and chairs to the Watson Church. Rod and Pam decided to meet on Saturday Oct. 5th at a work session to grade the pews. The board will then decide the best way to facilitate their liquidation.

3. Audit Review:

The board discussed the Audit Report from Angle and Associates. Rod made a motion to authorize Angle and Associates to review the funds on QuickBooks monthly for \$150.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. Motion passed by a 5-yes and 0-no vote.

4. New PA-116 Applications:

The board discussed new PA-116 applications from Cook Farms and Vandebunte Farms. Rod made a motion to approve the Cooks PA-116 on the contingency that the township receives no negative response from the Land Conservation District until October 22nd, Chuck Support, All in favor, Motion Carried.

Rod made a motion to approve the Vandebunte's PA-116 on the contingency that the township receives no negative response from the Land Conservation District until October 30th, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

1. Fire Truck:

Pam received an email from Sue Sebright about interest on the fire truck. She will wait for a response.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee gave the board the annual ambulance audit.

Karen Fifelski gave the board copies of some fracking documents.

Gary McNeil questioned Chuck about a letter he received from his insurance company which included insurance companies excluding certain coverage if fracking is performed on someone's property or adjacent properties. Also they did not offer coverage for certain things at "any rate". Chuck told him the next meeting at Gun Plains on fracking will be held October 16th.

Library- Natalie Bazan

Natalie gave a report to the township that included the monthly newsletter. The newsletter highlighted activities including, a hunter's safety DNR class, beer brewing, and Affordable Care Act. She also said, they just started VHS to DVD conversion at the library.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 P.M.