

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
September 5, 2013**

**Called to order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

None.

**Public Hearing for Special Assessment for Fire/EMS Assessment District**

Supervisor Pam Brown read the Resolution for the Special Assessment for Fire/EMS Assessment District entirely. There was public comment by Ken Pardee asking if the 1 mill came close to covering costs of these services. It was explained that it does not completely cover the cost of the services, but covers a major portion and the remaining costs are covered by the townships general fund balance. Rod made a motion to adopt Resolution #09-05-2013-1 Special Assessment Roll for Special assessment District for Fire Department operations and equipment and Emergency medical Services operations and equipment, Chuck supported; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared resolution #09-05-2013-1 passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes. Rod made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Agenda Approval:**

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of Mr. Terry Burns under commissioner reports and the addition of paying off the fire truck under Other Business by Sue, supported by Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Reports:**

**State Representative Candidate- Terry Burns:**

Mr. Terry Burns, Republican candidate for State Representative gave a short presentation on his campaign for State Representative highlighting many of his views and credentials. He discussed many of his thoughts and concerns on the current status of the state government. There was shared discussion with board members and members of the audience on his views and ideas concerning different matters. The board thanked him for his attendance and contribution to the meeting.

**County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:**

Jon Campbell previously emailed his report to the township. Jon attended and gave the board a short highlighted report on what has been happening at the County level.

**Hopkins Fire Chief:**

The supervisor read the report submitted to the township by Fire chief Tim McKinnon.

**Cemetery Report:**

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

**Planning Commission Report:**

There was no regular Planning Commission meeting. Chuck Andrysiak did attend a recent "fracking" information meeting in Gun Plains. Chuck shared information that he gained at that meeting and let everyone know that they have scheduled another meeting for September 18<sup>th</sup> in Gun Plains.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Pam Brown reported that she had received a thank you card from Susan Preston, whom is the president of "Garden Club" that had used the hall for its regular meeting and in return had kept the gardens at the hall well groomed. The card was to thank the township for the use of the hall, but unfortunately they have changed the venue for their meetings and will no longer be using the township hall and will be unable to maintain the gardens in the future. She also reported that the County is sponsoring a "tire recycle" event coming up Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at various townships. Also the "new" Cemetery Signs and Rules have been installed at both cemeteries. Lastly, the township has received information from the Allegan County Drain Commission concerning all the drains being cleaned or having maintenance performed on in the township.

**Minutes:**

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2013, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for August, in the amount of \$18,702.10, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

**Old Business:****1. Church**

Rod explained the three options he had been investigating for the removal of the old church building from the property on M-222. Each of these options included the township being obligated to pay a considerable amount for demolition and cleanup. Mark Heather of Schulz Realty also attended and explained the process of selling the church real estate on an "as is, where is" basis. Rod made a motion to enter into a "Real Estate Agreement" with Schulz Realty, Inc. and Mark Heather after the appropriate paperwork is drawn up, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:****1. Notary:**

The board discussed the possibility of someone on the board becoming a "Notary". After some discussion by the board it is decided not to proceed with it at this time.

**Other:****1. Pay off the Fire Truck**

Rod made a motion to pay off the fire truck after getting a final balance from the fire department, Chuck supported; 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.

**Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):**

Ken mentioned an ordinance that passed up north, where ATVs can ride on the far right side of the road and he wonders why they can't do that in the whole state. There is some discussion on the subject by other audience and board members.

**Adjourn:**

Rod made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned: 8:46 P.M.