

Watson Township Board Meeting
August 7, 2014

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Agenda Approval:

Chuck made a motion to approve the agenda, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Judge William Bailargeon:

Judge Bailargeon attended and gave the board the 2013 Annual Report for the 57th District Court. He also provided some information and insight on the "Specialty Courts" and their operation. He mentioned his "Drug Treatment Program" and how pleased he has been with its operation and all the work of members involved. He explained a new Regional Veteran's Court in conjunction with Van Buren County that he has been appointed to reside over. This court also uses veterans as mentors to give the people someone with a common interest. He asked if anyone was a veteran or knew a veteran that might be interested in volunteering, please let him know. Lastly, Judge Bailargeon answered questions from the audience.

Cemetery Report:

Sexton John Andrysiak reported there were no funerals this month. He has refilled several sunken graves with topsoil, and cut away brush from a covered headstone.

Planning Commission Report:

There was no planning commission meeting. Chuck Andrysiak and Michelle Harris did attend a seminar with some very useful topics. Chuck mentioned that there will be some changes in the marijuana dispensing laws. Michelle also mentioned on speaker gave some advice to "spend the money up front and not on the backend".

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

Jon Campbell highlighted the happenings of the County Commissioners for the month. He is questioned about the timeline of moving to the "new jail" and he believes they will be moving in by the first of September.

Hopkins Area Fire:

Supervisor gave emailed fire report.

Election Report August 5, 2014

Kelli gave an election report of 217 voters, a passing road millage vote, and Kevin Baar was elected as Republican Delegate.

Library Report:

The supervisor summarized a newsletter sent from the Wheeler Library.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported that she had put up a new outdoor flag and thanked Ken Pardee for his assistance in that task. She announced that next month the board would have a re-determination of the Fire/EMS Assessment.

Minutes:

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2014 Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for July as amended, in the amount of \$16,572.63, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:**1. Air Conditioner Repair Estimate**

Rod made a motion to accept the bid from Boniface Heating and Air Conditioning for \$658.00 to repair the air conditioning unit, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried. .

2. Hicks Cemetery Clean-Up Bid:

Rod received two bids for the clean-up; however one company did not want to remove the brush. The bid from Knightway was \$300.00 for treatment and \$950 for removal, for a total of \$1,250.00. The bid from Rightway was for \$625 for two applications and no removal. Rod made a motion to accept the bid from Knightway for brush cleanup at Hicks Cemetery, Chuck supported. Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes; motion passed by a 5-yes; and 0-no vote. Rod plans to contact Knightway and set up a time to meet and chaperone the process along with John Andrysiak.

3. Hicks Cemetery Driveway Bid:

The supervisor summarizes bids. There is some discrepancy in the bid from Simpson & Sons from this quote and the last quote. Chuck made a motion to table it until we get another quote, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:**1. Request from Planning Commission to review Wood Stove Ordinance:**

The supervisor will get the ordinance in a packet and give it to all board members for review.

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

John Andrysiak questions the term "taxpayer" in a township; he believes everyone is equal as residents.

Ken Pardee asks why Jeff Gouker was working at the election. He was not working the election; however he did do the "running" to get lunch and dinner for the election workers.

Jeff Gouker questions the original bid from Jesse Simpson for driveway repair at Hicks Cemetery.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:47 P.M.