

**Watson Township Board Meeting
February 6, 2014**

Called to order: 7:02 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 Chuck, supported by Sue, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

Jon Campbell e-mailed a report of the current happenings at the County.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

The supervisor read the Hopkins Fire Chief Report for the board and audience members present.

Cemetery Report:

Sexton John Andrysiak gave a report of no funerals for the month and indicated he had been spending a good deal of time going over current cemetery maps and records.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the planning commission met on Feb. 5th and consisted of a detailed discussion, including a presentation by Mark Sisson of Landmark Strategies on the subject of fracking. Chuck also gave a report on the summary of meetings for the planning commission for the past year. They also re-elected all the current officers for another term. They also set meeting dates for 2014/2015 fiscal year as follows: March 26th, April 23rd, June 25th, July 23rd, Sept. 24th, Oct. 22nd, Dec. 3rd and Feb. 4th. Lastly, there was discussion on the "master plan" and the reaffirmation of the "master plan".

Supervisor's Report:

Pam Brown reported that the township had received a "thank you" card and pictures from the Watson Church for the gift of the pulpit. She and Chuck also attended the County Road Commission and there was mention of the new bridge on 112th. She also reported that the drain commission will also be working on the Miner Drain near 114th Avenue.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9th with the correction in the spelling of John Andrysiak's name, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for January, in the amount of \$22,524.46, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Mark Heather- Schulz Realty:

Mark gave the board an update on the status of the church building. He indicated that he had shown it to 19 so parties. Of those that have taken a tour of the building, the general consensus is that the basement makes everyone skeptical of the unknowns. Mark's recommendation is to lower the starting price because there have been no offers on the property thus far. The board discussed

lowering the asking price. Sue made a motion to lower the asking price to \$29,000.00, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Mowing Contract:

The board received two bids for mowing of the township properties and cemeteries for the 2014 season. B & B mowing submitted a bid totaling \$10,350.00 for all properties/ 2014 season, and DK Landscape submitted a bid of \$10,560.00 for all properties/ 2014 season. Rod made a motion to accept the low bid of \$10,350.00 from B & B Mowing, Sue supported, Roll Call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam- abstained. Supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4-yes to 0-no.

3. Dust Control:

The township received two bids for dust control for the 2014 season. Bruce Alan Enterprises, Inc. submitted a bid of \$37,410.00 and Southwestern Michigan Dust Control for a total of \$38,000.00 for the 2014 season. Rod made a motion to accept the bid from Southwestern Michigan Dust Control for dust control for the 2014 season; Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

4. Net Warrior Contract:

Rod made a motion to renew the townships contract with Net Warrior for one year in the amount of \$420.00 per year annually, Chuck supported; Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

5. Advance News Paper Contract:

Rod made a motion to use the Advance News- "Penasee Globe" edition for legal publications for 2014, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Martin Wheeler Library:

Gloria Lynema a representative from the Wheeler Library came and gave the board a report on the current happenings of the Wheeler Library. The board appreciates her attendance and updates on the library.

7. Budget /Road Workshop Dates:

The board discussed the dates for the budget workshop. The board will hold Budget Workshops on March 13th and March 27th, with each beginning at 6:00 p.m.

8. Budget Amendments:

Rod made a motion to made budget amendments as follows on attached sheet, Chuck supported; Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-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):

None.

Adjourn:

Rod made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 8:35 P.M.