

**Watson Township Board Meeting
January 9, 2014**

Called to order: 7:03 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 (with the correction to John Andrysiak's name) by Chuck, supported by Sue, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Hopkins Fire Chief:

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

Cemetery Report:

New Sexton John Andrysiak explained that he had just started as the Sexton, however he did assist in one last month under the direction of the previous Sexton. The board welcomes John to his new position.

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting.

Wayland Area EMS:

Kelli attended the January meeting. Although they did not have a quorum, the EMS General Manager, Bob Hess gave his report and there was some information on this year's budget and formula for members contributions based on runs made, and population. The next meeting will be in March 2014.

Supervisor's Report:

Pam Brown gave a report that included a new bridge planned for 112th St. This bridge project will be possible due to a grant program in which the county submitted a project request. The grant will be come from the "Risk Reserve Fund" from the state of Michigan. That bridge has been out since 2005.

Fire Board Meeting:

Pam and Sue attended the Fire board meeting and gave the board a report that included the approval for the purchase generators for the Hopkins and Watson Fire Stations. Tom Iciek presented the plan and made a motion to purchase generators for both Hopkins and Watson Fire Stations. The generator Watson location would power both the fire station and the township offices and hall in the event of a power failure.

Minutes:

Sue made a correction on the December 10th minutes, on a motion to move \$350 out of Cemetery Software to Board computer Service. Rod made a motion to approve the December 10th minutes with corrections, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5th, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Chuck to pay the bills for December, in the amount of \$12,115.84, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Steve Angle- CPA:

Steve explained what he has been doing the last few months with respect to our financial records and reconciliations. He also attempted to explain the process of “State” reporting and how money needs to be transferred to pay bills directed to particular funds. There is some detailed discussion of the transfer of funds to and from the general fund and the road fund. Steve is going to clarify with the State if general maintenance road expenses (like gravel) can come out of the townships general fund and not the “special road fund”.

2. Planning Commission- Re-Appointments:

Chuck made a motion to re appoint Beverly McKinnon and Troy Baker to the planning commission for a 3 year term beginning February 1st 2014 and ending January 31st, 2017, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. ZBA- Re-Appointments:

Sue made a motion to re-appoint Jim Lautensleger to a 3 year term beginning February 1st 2014 and ending January 31st 2017, Chuck support, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Martin Township Cost Share 112th St. Gravel:

It has been requested by Martin Township to share the cost of gravel for 112th for 1.12 miles of road. There is some discussion on sharing the cost, and an estimated cost for 50% of the project (using last season’s price schedule) would be approximately \$4,620.00. Rod made a motion to approve sharing the cost at 50% of the gravel for 1.12 miles of 112th Ave, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Gary McNeil shared information after speaking to two county commissioners with respect to the fact that Allegan County is ranked 10th in the nation for “fraud”. Gary believes that the “County” needs to bring more visibility to this problem. He states that none of the law enforcement officials he spoke with were aware of the severity of the problem. Gary also inquires as to what the specific role of a county commissioner. Rod explains that they basically contribute to all the operations of the county.

Adjourn:

Rod made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 8:50 P.M.