

**Watson Township Board Meeting
October 2, 2014**

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Cemetery Report:

Sexton John Andrysiak reported there was one cremation burial this month. He is continuing to repair grave sites with topsoil and grass seed. He has done many this month and there are still many more to repair. He will continue to work on those that still need attention.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the planning commission met and went over the items (that are on our board agenda a little later in this meeting). They also received some more information on "fracking". Lastly, they dealt with some information on "Schnable Lake" and its designation as a "no wake" lake.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Hopkins Area Fire:

Supervisor gave emailed fire report.

Library Report:

None.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported that October 11th Otsego City will be holding an "Electronic Recycling Event". This event will be from 9 AM – 12 PM and be held at the Public Works Building on Farmer St. in Otsego. She also let everyone know that the Sherriff's office administration has been moved to 640 River St., Allegan Mi. She also asked other board members if they had gotten a chance to visit Hicks Cemetery and inspect the work that was done there to remove and clean up the overgrown brush and bushes. She pointed out the fact that there were still many stumps remaining and much of the grass had also been killed off. The board had some discussion on this subject. It was then discussed to pay \$900.00 as partial payment to Knightway Inc. Sue made a motion to pay Knightway \$900.00 for partial work and give them the opportunity to return and do the work to the satisfaction of the board, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

There was an amendment made to the minutes in the County Commissioner Report, replacing the word radios with cameras. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from September 4th 2014 as amended, rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for October, in the amount of \$12,530.32, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. **Review of Outdoor Furnace Ordinance:**

The board discussed the "Outdoor Furnace" Ordinance and all the changes that were made. This ordinance will go back to the planning commission for a final copy and be brought back to the next board meeting.

2. **Review of Wind and Solar Ordinance:**

The board discussed the changes and corrections made to the "Wind and Solar" Ordinance. Rod suggested getting a clean copy of this ordinance for discussion at the next meeting and placing a copy of it on the bulletin board outside and on the township webpage. Sue made a motion to table this until the next meeting, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Snow Plow Bids:

The board had five inquiries and received one bid from D.K. Landscape for snow plowing the township property. The bid from D.K. Landscape was \$1,650.00 for the season or \$55.00 per plow. It also included \$90.00 per time salted. Rod made a motion to accept the "flat rate" bid from D.K. Landscape for \$1,650.00 from D.K. Landscape for snow removal for the 2014-2015 winter season, and provide him with another copy of the bid specifications, Sue supported, all favor, motion carried.

2. 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments:

The board discussed proposed budget amendments. Rod made a motion to pay off the fire barn loan early by adding \$5,590.00 to the already \$300.00 making it \$5,890 and noting that the additional money is from the sale of the church, Sue supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes; and 0-no votes.

3. Other Budget Amendments:

Chuck makes a motion to make the budget amendments as presented on the attached sheet, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Bob Genetski:

State Representative Bob Genetski attended and gave the board a report what they have been doing in Lansing this month. He reported on the "Cunningham Decision" that dealt with the local court costs being assessed to a defendant when a case is lost. This case decided that this would not be legal unless the state passed legislation that indicated it as being legal. He also explained that a petition had been turned into the Secretary of State by an individual involving the "hunting of wolves". There are already two questions on the ballot involving wolves this election. Cathy Pardee questions Mr. Genetski on the "Class Action" lawsuit against Amerigas and who may Watson Township residents contact to be placed on list for this lawsuit.

Other Business:

None.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

David Young of the Wayland Town Broadcast let the board know that the new Hopkins Superintendent, Gary Wood, had been an attendee at tonight's meeting, but had to leave before our public comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Young believes that this was just a friendly gesture to introduce himself to the community and board members. The board was unaware that was who had been here, and regrets not recognizing his presence and inviting him to speak if he wished to. However, the board appreciates his attendance at tonight's meeting.

Ken Pardee questions the "value" of the cardboard container and if the "new recycle container sign" is working. There is some discussion on the recycle containers and the supervisor will clarify exactly what types of materials are accepted in the "paper/cardboard" container.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk

2nd Quarter

PROSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Paying off the Fire Barn?

Page 1, under Miscellaneous "Other Revenue" add \$5,590 to the already \$300 budgeted making it \$5,890

Page 3, under Township Equipment "Debt Serv Princ-TH " adding the \$5,590 to the \$41,000 amending the budget to \$47,290

Pay off on the Fire Barn for October 10th is \$23,173.41 saving us \$330.00 in interest.

Yes or No?

OTHER BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Page 2, under Board "Conference & Mileage Expenses" increasing that by \$400 from "Finance – Audit amending budget from \$600 to \$1,000

Page 2, under "Trustees" increasing by \$300 from "Finance-Audit amending budget from \$4,400 to \$4,700

Page 3, under Building and Grounds "Janitorial Expense" increasing that by \$210 from "Finance-Audit" amending budget from \$2,000 to \$2,210

Totaling \$910 from Finance-Audit amending the \$4,000 to \$3,090

Page 3, under Building and Grounds "Insurance" increasing by \$190 from "Cemetery Operating" amending budget for insurance from \$4,000 to \$4,190, amending "Cemetery Operating" from \$400 to \$210

Page 3, under Fire and Ambulance Board Salary "Salaries" increasing that by \$200 from "Cemetery Computer Service", amending "Salaries" from \$560 to \$760 then amending "Cemetery Computer Service" from \$530 to \$330