

Watson Township Board Meeting
April 2, 2015

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Agenda:

Chuck made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Budget Hearing:

The supervisor read all the township budgets for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The supervisor asked for comments- there were none. The public hearing portion of the budget was closed. Rod made a motion to adopt Resolution #04022015-1, a resolution for General Fund, Dust Control Fund, Road Fund, Building Department Fund, and Fire/ EMS Special Assessment Fund Budgets, Sue Supported, Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

Reports:

Cemetery Report:

There was one funeral at Miner Cemetery.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that they are doing more work on the “master plan” and will be getting a new township map. They also had some discussion on medical marijuana.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Hopkins Area Fire:

Supervisor presented an emailed report from the Hopkins Fire Chief.

Library Report:

Barb Wroblewski reported that all is going well at the Hopkins Library, and residents should continue to check the library’s website for current events.

Supervisor’s Report:

The supervisor reported that the date for “Spring Clean-Up” was changed to May 23rd and proposes to change it to May 16th because of Memorial Day. The Board will notice the change in the paper and include it in the newsletter.

WAEMS:

The new subsidy for Watson Township 2015-2016 will be \$7,047.20.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5th, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried. Rod made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18th, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes from March 30th, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for April, in the amount of \$10,609.50, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Dust Control Bids:

The board received two bids for “dust control”, one from Southwest Michigan Dust Control, and one from Michigan Chloride Sales. The board discussed the options for dust control with both applicants in detail. Chuck made a motion to accept a bid from Michigan Chloride Sales LLC for 1650

gallons per application (at \$305.25 per mile) for two applications, with the option for a third application over the summer of 2015, Rod supported, roll call vote: Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Rod-yes; and Pam-yes. Motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

2. Streetlights:

The board discussed the installation of 4 streetlights on m-222 at the intersections that do not currently have lights. The board will check to see if this project would qualify for the Burnham and Flower safety grant available.

3. J.C. Wheeler Library:

Chuck made a motion to accept the agreement from J.C. Wheeler Library for \$1,000.00 for library services for 2015, Sue supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes. The motion passed by a 5-yes to 0-no vote.

New Business:

1. Memorial Plaque:

The supervisor made a motion to approve a request from Jodie Gilson to help fund a plaque and stand (at ¼ of the cost at \$177.50) for a memorial marker by the siren monument by Martin Township Hall for Everett Gilson for service with martin Fire-Rescue from 1952-2004; Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other Business:

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Michelle Harris expressed the opinion that the township should go ahead with getting the LED lights for the streetlights in the township.

Adjourn:

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

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk