

**Watson Township Board Meeting
December 3, 2015**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Hopkins Area Fire:

The monthly report was emailed to the township.

Planning Commission Report:

No meeting and other information will be covered in old and new business.

Library Reports:

A newsletter was emailed from J.C. Wheeler Library. Barb Wroblewski reported that all is going well at Hopkins Library and there are many events for the holiday season. She encourages interested parties to visit the libraries website or library for a list and more information.

Cemetery:

Pam reported that there were no funerals for the month. She also mentioned that she did a lot of clean up that had not been completed by the mowing service.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Supervisor's Report:

None.

David Gernant- Candidate for State Representative Michigan House 80th District:

Mr. Gernant gave a short synopsis of his career and his premise for running for office. He thanked the board for the opportunity to address the board and asked for support in the election this coming March.

Minutes:

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for November 5, 2015, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Rod made a motion to pay the bills for December in the amount of \$10,447.02, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Consumer's Energy LED Street Lights:

Rod made a motion to approve the installation of LED Streetlights as presented from Consumer's Energy on 19th, 21st, and 23rd Streets (replacing the recently placed "mongoose light" on 23rd), each at the intersections of M-222, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Banking Resolution:

Sue made a motion to adopt Resolution # 12032015-1 to change the financial institution for funds of the Building Department Fund and the Dust Control Fund, Kelli Supported; Roll Call: Rod -yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no.

3. Planning Commission Master Plan:

Dave Carter gave a synopsis of what things were changed from the current Master Plan, noting that most things remained the same with projection until 2030. Highlighting that demographics indicate that over time the township will be more populated with retired residents. The Planning Commission will continue with the notifying of neighboring townships and possibly have a public hearing and finalize around February 2016.

4. Wayland Ambulance Emergency Medical Service (WAEMS):

Rod made a motion to table the resolution for WAEMS Interlocal Agreement (first and second) until further clarification, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Township Planner Resignation/Kirk Scharphorn:

The township recently received the resignation letter for the townships current planner, Mark Sisson. Mr. Sisson has taken a permanent position with Gaines Township and will no longer be available to provide services to Watson Township. Kirk Scharphorn of PCI (Professional Code Inspections) of Dorr attended and explained the services that PCI could provide for the township. Currently, PCI provides all building permits and inspections for the township, as well as all ordinance enforcement needs of the township. He does believe that in certain projects the planning commission would benefit from a “planner” and in these cases PCI would assist in finding a suitable contact. There is more discussion on this subject and Mr. Scharphorn will provide the township with some names and contacts for possible planners to use when the need arises

2. Allegan Conservation District/Justin Burchett:

Mr. Burchett sent an annual report to the township.

3. Occupancy Agreement/Watson Township and Hopkins Fire Board:

Rod made a motion to adopt Resolution # 12032015-2 Occupancy agreements between Watson Township and Hopkins Area Fire Board, Sue supported, roll call: Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes; and 0-no votes.

Other Business:

None.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Adjourn:

Rod made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 8:08 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk