

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
January 8, 2015**

**Called to order: 7:01 P.M.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

None.

**Agenda:**

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

**Reports:**

**Cemetery Report:**

Chuck gave a report for Sexton John Andrysiak; reporting that there was one funeral at Hick Cemetery. He also mentioned that the snow was making it a bit more difficult to find grave sites. Chuck also mentions that John is considering resigning from his position. The board discusses the possibility of finding someone interested in the sexton position. Rod suggests contacting Christie Fontaine. John Dologowski may also be interested and offers to help out if needed in the meantime. The board appreciates John offer and he and Pam will discuss the position further at a later date. If the sexton does resign the board will then proceed appointing a new sexton.

**Planning Commission Report:**

Chuck reported that there had been no meeting since our last board meeting, and future meetings would include some new buildings at the Hidden Ridge RV Park.

**County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:**

None.

**Hopkins Area Fire:**

Supervisor gave a report from her attendance at the fire board meeting. She reported that Tom Iciek has resigned his position as "Assistant Fire Chief". The Fire Board then voted to appoint Bob Kerber to the Assistant Fire Chief position. Fire Chief McKinnon also discussed replacing the Engine that is stationed at Watson within the next two years.

**Library Report:**

The libraries have emailed newsletters and reports and they have been posted to the township website.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor reported that she and Sue attended the Fire Board meeting. Pam also asked that the board discuss the possibilities for more control over the "poor" condition the hall is sometimes left in after a rental. After discussion, the board decides to monitor the rentals and determine the best remedy for this problem.

**Minutes:**

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for January, in the amount of \$10,302.78, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

## Old Business:

### 1. Outdoor Furnace Ordinance:

Rod presented a revised version of the ordinance and the board discussed the changes. A final version of this ordinance will be compiled with the changes included for the boards February meeting.

### 2. Streetlight on M-222 and 21<sup>st</sup> Street:

Pam shared that it costs one hundred (\$100.00) to install the lights and approximately twelve (\$12.00) to operate each one per month. She also included that should they need to be removed the cost would be six to seven hundred (\$600-\$700) per light. Watson Township has 4 intersections on M-222 that do not currently have streetlights. These intersections include 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> streets. The board discussed installing streetlights at these four intersections. Sue made a motion to install (4) streetlights at the intersections of M-222 and 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> streets, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

## New Business:

### 1. Planning Commission Re- Appointment (three year term):

Sue made a motion to re- appoint Barb Wroblewski to the Planning Commission for a three year term thru 2018, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

### 2. Road Commission Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Street:

The board discussed a paving project of .90 miles on 12<sup>th</sup> St. from 115<sup>th</sup> Ave. to M-222. The board also discussed 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and the possible future paving of that road and timelines involved. The board continued in an in depth discussion on the subject of re- paving 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Rod made a motion to authorize a work order for construction or special maintenance on 12<sup>th</sup> St south of M-222 and for .90 of a mile, with Watson Township contributing up to and not to exceed \$150,000.00, and preferably a spring project, additionally in the event the total project costs less than \$400,000.00, any amount less would be reimbursed (split evenly) back to Watson and Martin Townships contributions, Sue supported; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-no; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4-yes; and 1-no.

Martin Township will meet next week and will discuss this project as well.

## Other Business:

1. Annual road Meeting Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Allegan County Road Commission at 7 PM.

## Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

None.

## Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:22 P.M.

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Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk