

**Watson Township Board Meeting
July 9, 2015**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Sue Jones.

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Hopkins Area Fire:

The supervisor read and summarized a report from Hopkins Fire Chief- Tim McKinnon.

Planning Commission Report:

The planning commission worked on another section of the Master Plan. They will next look at the remainder of the plan beyond the "statistical part". They also discussed the permit process including fees and the possibility of escrow.

Library Reports:

Barb (Hopkins Library Representative) reported that summer is a very busy time at the library. Pam reported that the township had received newsletter from J.C. Wheeler Library in Martin and in it was noted that there will be a Summer Festival on July 25th.

Cemetery Report:

Pam reported no funerals. She also reported that she is still working on re-mapping at Hicks Cemetery.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Supervisor's Report:

Pam reported that the "curb work" is done by the J & H Service Station on 12th Street.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes for June 4, 2015, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Rod made a motion to pay the bills for July in the amount of \$20,169.70, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Pam read a report left by the treasurer with current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Dust Control:

The board discussed using 2000 gallons per mile instead of 1650 gallons on 122nd Avenue. The board believes this will be a good option, because on that particular road 1650 gallons on the first application did not seem to be adequate.

2. Street Light:

The light is installed at 23rd Street and M-222. Mr. McKeon is very pleased with the light and would like the board to take a look at it after dark and see if it is satisfactory.

New Business:

1. Hopkins Propane:

The township currently has \$526.87 in credit. Rod made a motion to pre buy 1600 gallons at \$1.46 per gallon, and use the current credit of \$526.87 for a total of \$1,823.53; Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Hicks Cemetery:

There was some discussion about some damage to some headstones, as a result of being hit by lawn mowing equipment. Rod made a motion to send DK Landscape Management a bill for \$150.00 to reset three headstones at Hicks Cemetery and sign all five names, Chuck supported all in favor, motion carried. The board discussed getting quotes on fence for the back property line at Hicks Cemetery. Pam also has repaired five headstones that needed to be reset/repared at Hicks and there are seventeen more to do. Rod made a motion to approve \$40.00 per headstone plus any repair supplies to repair headstones at Hicks Cemetery, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried. The board also discussed that the county is going to assist in maintaining the three entrances at Hicks Cemetery.

Other Business:

None.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

None.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:26 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk