

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
March 5, 2015**

**Called to order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

None.

**Agenda:**

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

**Reports:**

**Cemetery Report:**

No Funerals.

**Planning Commission Report:**

Chuck presented and read the 2014 "Meeting Summary" for the Planning Commission. Chuck also listed the meeting dates for 2015-2016, which will also be posted on our township webpage.

**County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:**

None.

**Hopkins Area Fire:**

Supervisor presented an emailed report from the Hopkins Fire Chief.

**Library Report:**

J.C. Wheeler Library- Gloria Lyema presented a service contract for 2015. She also included a spreadsheet that included the number of people in Watson Township that have a "library card" for J.C. Wheeler Library. The board will act on the contract at next month.

Hopkins Library- Barb Wroblewski presented a newsletter that she will get to the board and also publish on the township's webpage.

**Supervisor's Report:**

The supervisor reported that "Board of Review" will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> this month.

**Minutes:**

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

A motion was made by Sue to pay the bills for March, in the amount of \$11,705.75, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sue gave a report on current bank balances.

**Old Business:**

**1. Lawn Service Contracts/ Sealed Bids:**

The board received three sealed bids for lawn service at the township hall and two township cemeteries. Each company bidding on this contract was provided a "bid specification sheet". The bids were as follows: DK Landscape- \$9,835.00; B & B Mowing- \$9,800.00; and MW Moore and Son- \$9,800.00. Sue made a motion to accept the bid from B & B Mowing for \$9,800.00, Chuck supported; roll call vote: Rod-no; Kelli-no; Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Pam- abstain; motion denied. Rod made a motion to accept the bid from DK Landscape for \$9,835.00, Chuck supported; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-no; motion passed by a vote of 3-yes and 1-no votes.

**2. Dust Control:**

Rod explained that he had not been successful thus far in finding an alternative to our current method of dust control, but he feels that maybe in the near future we could find a more favorable alternative. Mr. Moore, with MW Moore and Son spent some time giving the board a short tutorial on the differences in the current products used to control dust, including sodium chloride and magnesium chloride. Mr. and Mrs. Bemis also attended and wanted to express their concern with our current "dust control" method and also that 14<sup>th</sup> St. (the road in which they reside) is in very bad disrepair and this

time. There is some discussion on road repair and the costs involved. Sue Zeinstra also expresses that she is not opposed to not having any dust control, and using the funds to repair roads. The board is interested in seeing a bid from MW Moore and Son for the application of Magnesium Chloride as a dust control product. The board will but an ad in the paper for dust control bid interest. The township has approximately forty-three (43) miles of road that would receive dust control. The board will provide a specification sheet to anyone interested in bidding on the contract.

**3. Outdoor Wood Furnace:**

Chuck went over the changes made to the ordinance by the board. There was some discussion on the subject. Rod added that he did present the ordinance to a manufacture of outdoor furnaces and it was the consensus that as long as it meets the manufactures recommendations, then that really should cover most everything. Rod made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 03052015 to Regulate the installation and use of Outdoor Furnaces, Sue supported, Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-No; Pam-yes; Ordinance 03052015 passed by a vote of 4-yes, 1-no, votes.

**New Business:**

**1. Budget Workshop:**

The board will hold a Budget Workshop meeting on March 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Board Meeting Dates for 2015-2016:**

The board will hold its regular meetings on the following dates for 2015-2016: April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3, and April 7.

**3. Annual Report for Board of Appeals:**

The Zoning Board of Appeals annual meeting was cancelled and will need to be rescheduled.

**4. Newsletter:**

There is some discussion on updates and additions for the annual newsletter. One change will be the Annual "Spring Clean-Up" day will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> this year.

**Other Business:**

1. The board will place an ad seeking persons interested in the position of Sexton for Watson Township.
2. There is a home at 1231 on 112<sup>th</sup> that is open to invasion, the supervisor would like for PCI to proceed with contacting the owners of the property to get this property secured.

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

John Dolegowski asks if the board has any input on the current "bridge project" on M-222. Pam explains that unfortunately, the board does not.

**Adjourn:**

Pam made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned: 8:57 P.M.

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Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk