

**Watson Township Board Meeting
November 5, 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 Sue 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:

Chuck reported that the planning commission met and topics included a site plan review for Paul Jager, which include a small change in the layout of the building that will be constructed on 12th Street. They also completed work on the "Master Plan", and will have it prepared for distribution to other townships. Lastly, they answered some questions from a gentleman that is operating a business from his home.

Library Reports:

A representative from J.C. Wheeler Library attended and gave the board a report on current events, which included a "bake sale" on November 6th and 7th. She also mentioned that a "writers group" meets the first Monday of each month and "toddler time" is every Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. The library also participated in making Christmas Boxes for the families in need.

The supervisor also summarized the Hopkins Library newsletter and mentioned that Watson Township includes a copy of both libraries newsletters on our township website for anyone interested.

Cemetery:

Pam reported that there were no funerals for the month. She also mentioned that the fence is up at Hicks Cemetery.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

Mr. Campbell mentioned that he had sent out (via email) many documents and materials this month and would be happy to answer any questions on any of this material. Cathy Pardee commented on the removal of the "old jail". Jon added that is coming along, but is a bit behind due to the discovery of some power supplies they were not aware of. Ken Pardee questions the county recycling program and Jon explains the current situation with regard to the county program.

Supervisor's Report:

Pam reported that she attended a seminar by Baucham and Sparks along with Chuck Barb. She also reported that the Fire Board was waiting for final numbers concerning the brush truck for our substation. Lastly, she received a message again from the Allegan Sherriff to be aware of deer this time of year.

Minutes:

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes for October 1, 2015, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills for November in the amount of \$15,421.38, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Budget Amendments:

The supervisor read the attached 2nd quarter budget amendments. Chuck made a motion to adopt the 2nd quarter budget amendments as attached, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Cathy Pardee/ WAEMS:

Cathy Pardee explained that Yankee Springs Township would like to become part of the Wayland Area Emergency Medical Service. If they were added, there would be eleven entities that were members. As with all other members, they would pay the base rate and then pay based on the formula that is currently being used to calculate the remainder of their cost. There was some further discussion, and questions were answered by Cathy.

3. Change of Banking Institution:

Sue explained the reasons for the desire to change banks, pointing out some past, recent and continued difficulties dealing with the current credit union. There are three possible banks that would be most convenient for her to frequent that include Honor Credit, Fifth Third Bank, or PNC Bank. The accounts being moved would be the Building Department Fund and the Dust Control Fund. There is some discussion and the board is in agreement that they will entertain a resolution presented at next month's meeting for the bank the treasurer ultimately decides.

Other Business:

Kelli gave the election results for the Primary Election held on November 3, 2015. Mary Whiteford had the highest vote in Watson Township and also was the winning candidate for the seat of State Representative for the 80th District. Also the Martin School District millage was passed.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee questioned what would need to be done to get it approved to drive ORVs (Off Road Vehicles) on our roads. The board will make contact with the county office to inquire if this is something that could be placed on the local ballot for the township.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:13 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk