

**Watson Township Board Meeting
April 7, 2016**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Arrived Later: Rod Zeinstra

Absent:

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Public Hearing- Budget:

The supervisor presented the Proposed Budgets for 2016-2017, with the totals as follows: General: Total Revenue \$218,850.00 and Total Expenditures \$ 218,850.00; Building Department: Total Revenue \$9,000.00 and Total Expenditures \$9,000.00; Special Road Fund Budget: Total Revenue \$14,775.00 and Total Expenditures \$270,000.00; Dust Control: Total Revenue \$56,350.00 and Total Expenditures \$92,000.00; and Fire and EMS Special Assessment: Total Revenue \$70,470.00 and Total Expenditures \$60,470.00.

Sue made a motion to approve the budgets as presented, Chuck supported; Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. Supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4-yes and 0-no votes.

Cemetery Sexton:

Pam reported two funerals for the past month. She also reported that she had found the markers at Miner Cemetery and the township would be ordering some new flags.

Hopkins Area Fire:

The monthly report was emailed to the township. The supervisor read through the emailed report.

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck gave a summary that included preparing for the Public hearing for the “Master Plan”, discussing the By Laws and the MTA Handbook, discussion on the Don Johnson permit and the process of dissolving it, discussion on the “water shed” map and lastly to work on re-organizing currently used “special use permits”.

ZBA Report:

Rod reported that the ZBA met for their “annual meeting”. He reported that officers were elected – Jim Lautenslager- Chair; Jim Kelsey- vice Chair; and Michelle Harris- Secretary. They also discussed the by- Laws and determined they were satisfied with the current content.

Library Reports:

Newsletter from J.C. Wheeler Library was emailed to the township and is available for viewing on the township website.

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell:

None.

Supervisor’s Report:

The supervisor reported that all the LED Street Lights have been installed. She also reported that the Recycling Containers are being misused and many items are being “dumped” by the containers. Pam and Sue attended the Fire Board Meeting where the reviewed wages, discussed the scholarship for Hopkins Senior that is funded from money from Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Hopkins Fire Department. Lastly, she mentioned that Spring Clean Up will be Saturday May 7th.

Minutes:

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes for March 3, 2016 (regular board minutes) and March 17, 2016 (budget workshop minutes), Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills for April in the amount of \$73,379.86, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:**1. Fence by Fire Hall:**

Rod made a motion to hire Mr. Galloway to repair the fence along the east and north sides of the hall, providing his bid is no more than \$2,000.00, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:**1. Dust Control:**

The board received two bids for dust control for the upcoming season. The board discussed the two bids and ultimately was satisfied with the dust control applied last season by Michigan Chloride Sales. Rod made a motion to contract with Michigan Chloride Sales for the first application (at a rate of 1650 gal/mi) for \$13,480.00 with further direction on the second application, Chuck supported; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes

2. Gravel Work Order:

Rod made a motion to accept the Work Order from Allegan County for the 2016 Gravel Program including 2.25 miles on 13th/ 14th Street (from 120th Ave. To 124th Ave.) And 1 mile on 21st street (from 116th Ave. to 118th Ave.), Sue supported; Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

3. Paving Work Order:

Rod made a motion to approve the work order from Allegan County Road Commission to pave 2 miles on 122nd Ave. west from 20th street to the Allegan Township line, with a note that the final payment to the county of approximately \$100,000.00, Sue supported; Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

4. Proposal from Tim Johnson:

Tim Johnson provided the board with a proposal of services available in the way of planning, as a professional consultant for the planning commission and township board. He will attend the next board meeting to give a presentation and answer any questions from board members.

5. Alan Henrickson (Clearing of Tree line on Rental Property):

Mr. Henrickson would like permission to remove a 30 foot section of fence line and trees (in that span) on the township property he is currently renting from the township. The board would like to discuss the removal with the neighboring property owners before making any decision on this request. The board would also like to obtain written permission from adjoining property owners and bring this back to the next board meeting for further discussion.

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

None.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk