

**Watson Township Board Meeting**  
**August 4, 2016**

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

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

none

**Agenda:**

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

**Reports:**

**Gale Dugan:**

Gale Dugan attended and gave the board a short synopsis of his candidacy for 6<sup>th</sup> District County Commissioner.

**Cemetery Sexton:**

Sexton reported she did get the EZ Straw product and some poor soil grass seed to aid in the growing of grass over some of the sites at the Cemeteries.

**Hopkins Area Fire:**

Fire Chief Tim McKinnon attended the meeting and gave the board and audience a report with the highlights being Bob Kerber and Erik Alberta passing their EMT Test.

**Election- (August 2, 2016 Primary):**

Turn out for the election in Watson Township was 263 voters. The Dust Control Millage passed by a vote of 151 yes to 98 no votes.

**Planning Commission Report:**

None.

**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 the first layer of asphalt is down on 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Pam also reported on a question from last meeting about Phragmites weeds along the roadside. The county is working on these weeds with the help of a grant they have received. She also reported on the dead Ash trees inquired by residents, letting them know that the county would prefer if the property owners contacted them directly to facilitate the removal of any of these trees that are a hazard. Pam also reported speaking with the neighbors to the east of the Fire Department driveway and they will assist in the trimming of their tree that is blocking the vision of exiting that drive. Lastly, she asked the mowing service to do some trimming at the township hall that had been missed several times.

**Minutes:**

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2016, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills for July in the amount of \$7,400.01, 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. Request from Sharon Case/ Noise Ord. Exception:**

Sharon Case is having a birthday party at her residence of 1493 Beck Rd. Hopkins, Mi. on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, with a “live band”. Although she does not expect the party to exceed the limitations of the noise ordinance, she is requesting an exception of the Noise Ordinance for that evening. Chuck made a motion to accept her application for an exception to the Anti-Noise Ordinance for Sept. 10, 2016; Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. Old Copier:**

Rod suggests asking a 4-H Club, or Boy Scouts, etc. If they have a use for it and donate it to them. Pam will ask and see who may need or want it.

**3. Republic Services Contract:**

Rod made a motion to accept the contract from Republic Services for a three year recycling service, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**4. PCI/Blankenship Property:**

Pam would like to see PCI send a letter to the Blankenship’s for the clean-up of their property and if no action is taken then issue them a citation. The board has some discussion and is in concensus with this plan. Pam will contact PCI and get that process started.

**Other Business:**

**1. Dust Control:**

Rod mentioned that he has had at least people make positive comments to him regarding the “Dust Control” this season. The township also received some positive comments via e-mail. The board members appreciate the feedback.

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

Tim McKinnon brings it to the board’s attention that his and his father’s road 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. was washed out again. He mentions there are ditches, but the water runs down the road instead of going into the ditch.

Michelle Harris compliments Pam on her attentiveness with reference to bringing answers this month to last month’s public comments and questions.

Ken Pardee also mentioned that the Ambulance that was due for a “Chassis” replace was in an accident and the new insurance is going to cover the cost of the chasses and repairs.

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 P.M.

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Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk