

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

Called to order: 7:01 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Rod Zeinstra

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Cemetery Sexton:

No Funerals.

Hopkins Area Fire:

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

Planning Commission Report:

Professional Code Inspections attended and gave a presentation on the services they could provide for the township. Elections of Officers were Michelle Harris- Chairperson; Troy Baker- Vice Chair; and Bruce Bos- Secretary. Meeting Dates were set for the year. There was discussion on the Jager Contractor's yard. The "fee schedules" were discussed with Kirk Scharphorn of PCI. The date was set for the Master Plan public hearing to be with the April meeting.

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 Dave Carter has resigned from the Planning Commission. The board will but a notice in paper to fill this position. The fence at the township hall is also down again will need to be replaced in the spring. Board of Review dates are set for March 9th (organizational meeting); and March 14th and 15th. The following items were discussed at the County Road Meeting in January: general report, roadside mowing report, dust control, chip and seal projects, gas tax, and increasing "man power" for more projects and maintenance.

Wayland EMS:

Sue attended the Wayland EMS meeting and gave a report. The budget was discussed. The portion of budget for Watson went up by \$35.93 and is \$7,047.20.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes for January 7, 2016, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Sue made a motion to pay the bills for February in the amount of \$9,104.25, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Streetlights Resolution:

Supervisor Brown explained that because it took a little longer to finalize the townships plans for lights we were able to get all LED lights, which will cost less to operate. Chuck made a motion to approve the streetlight resolution provided by Consumer's Energy to change the lighting

contract to include these lights, Sue supported, roll call vote: Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 4-yes; and 0-no votes.

2. Board of Review Member:

Sue made a motion to appoint Troy Hendrickson to the Board of Review, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Ben Williams- Recycling Program for Allegan County:

Ben Williams of Allegan County Recovery Program attended and gave a very detailed, informative presentation explaining the Allegan County Recovery Program. It is a five year contract and offers many services to township members. The township has several options should board members decided to implement this program. The board appreciated Mr. Williams attending and providing the information on this program.

2. Budget Amendments:

Sue made a motion to amend the budget as presented (on attached sheet), Chuck supported- Roll Call vote: Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4-yes and 0-no votes.

3. Budget Meeting Dates:/Road Workshop:

The board will have workshops on March 17th and March 28th at 6:00 P.M.

4. Pension Resolution:

Sue made a motion to approve a resolution with respect to the amendment and restatement of the Watson Township Governmental Non- ERISA Retirement Plan, Kelli supported- Roll Call Vote: Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-yes; Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 4-yes and 0-no votes.

5. Mowing Service Contract:

The board discussed putting an ad in both papers for a mowing service for the upcoming season. The board also discussed the “specification bid sheet” and will make a few modifications to it.

6. Paving of 122nd Ave. Discussion:

The board discussed the different options for the paving project on 122nd Ave. (from 20th Street to the Allegan Township line). There will be more discussion and research on payment options before a decision is made on how to proceed with this project.

Other Business:

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Adjourn:

Sue made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 9:12 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk