

**Watson Township Board Meeting
July 14, 2016**

Called to order: 7:05 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

Rod Zeinstra

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Abigail Nobel:

Abigail Nobel addressed the board and audience members and gave a short presentation with some discussion on her candidacy for State Representative. The board appreciates her attendance.

Gale Dugan:

Gale Dugan is a candidate for County Commissioner. He was not able to attend, however the supervisor was able to read aloud a letter he addressed to the board and audience members.

Cemetery Sexton:

Sexton reported there was one funeral at Miner Cemetery. She reported it had been too hot and dry to get much mulch grass to grow. The lawn care service recommended using "EZ Straw Grass" for seeding.

Hopkins Area Fire:

Fire Chief Tim McKinnon attended the meeting and gave the board and audience a report with the highlights being many new firefighters working on their EMT Certification and the department still working on a Home Depot.

Planning Commission Report:

Highlights of the planning commission meeting included a presentation from the new planner, and introducing new planning commission member Don Bailey. Chuck also attended a FEMA meeting in Allegan Township and he gave the board a report. There will be another meeting on August 17th Saugatuck at 12:00 P.M. and in Allegan at 7:00 P.M. The subject matter has a focus on "flood plains".

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 someone left more items at the recycle container. There will be an open house on July 23rd at the Allegan County Road Commission. The supervisor worked out the "calling plan" with AT & T and it will be going back down to within ten dollars of the previous "calling plan". Lastly, they have started work on 122nd.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes for June 4, 2016, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Sue made a motion to pay the bills for June in the amount of \$24,673.04, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. Dust Control:

The second application of dust control will be applied around July 22nd. The supervisor would like to see the township use 2000 gallons per mile on 114th and 118th. Sue made a motion to increase the application to 2000 gallons per mile on 114th (East of 16th St.) and 118th Ave (North of 20th St.), Chuck supported, all in favor motion carried.

New Business:

1. Burnham and Flower Insurance:

Jeff McCray attended and went over the township's insurance policy, and any available additional options. He also gave the board some information for the "grant program" that Burnham and Flower offers for safety and security. Sue made a motion to renew the insurance policy with Burnham and Flower for the annual premium of \$4,345.00, Chuck supported. Roll Call Vote: Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes; and Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the motion passed by a 4-yes to 0-no vote.

2. Hopkins Propane:

Pam made a motion to pre purchase 1500 gallons of propane at a rate of 1.369 per gallon in the amount of \$2,053.50, minus the township's credit of (\$651.06) for a total of \$1,402.44; Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried

3. Land Rent Renewal:

Sue made a motion to renew the Land Lease Agreement with Alan Henrickson for a 1 year term, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other Business:

1. John Andrysiak:

John Andrysiak mentioned wanted to be sure the board was comfortable with tabling any questions or proposals that may come up during any given meeting. It is explained that this is how the by-laws are written and is currently how the board practices.

2. Michelle Harris:

Michelle would like to see the tree at the end of the drive of the Fire Station trimmed back in order to better see when pulling out of that drive. The supervisor will stop and discuss this with the owners of the tree and neighboring property.

3. Kevin Travis:

Kevin would also like for the supervisor to inquire about trimming some of the dead trees along the county roads.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee inquired about why the county did not trim the Phragmite weeds back farther along the roadside. The supervisor will inquire with the county on this issue. Ken also would like to see the property of the Krywosinski's cleaned up and mowed. Kevin Travis also inquired about the status of the Blankenship Property and possible clean-up of that property. The supervisor explained the Blankenship property is currently still being addressed

Adjourn:

Pam made a motion to adjourn, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned: 8:25 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk