

**Watson Township Board Meeting  
May 5, 2016**

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

**Present:**

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

**Absent:** None.

**Agenda:**

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

**Reports:**

**Cemetery Sexton:**

Pam reported two funerals for the past month. The lawn service has also completed "spring clean-up" at the hall and cemeteries, the new flags have arrived and she is now working on preparing for the cemeteries for Memorial Day.

**Hopkins Area Fire:**

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

**Planning Commission Report:**

Chuck reported that the Planning Commission held a "public hearing" for the "master plan". They also discussed rezoning on 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Don Johnson Gravel Mine, and the possibility of hiring Tim Johnson for a Planner to assist the Planning Commission on issues when needed.

**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 although a sign was put up at the recycle containers, trash and unacceptable items were still being left. She also reported that the new fence is up at the hall and that Spring Clean Up would be Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

**Minutes:**

Rod made a motion to approve the minutes for April 7 as amended, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

Rod made a motion to pay the bills for May in the amount of \$12,293.90, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

**Old Business:**

**1. Tim Johnson-Mainstreet Planning Commission:**

Mr. Johnson introduced himself to the board and gave a short explanation of his business and local contracts. He noted that should the township decide to use his company he would provide a short training seminar for planning commission members. The board had a short discussion with Mr. Johnson. Pam made a motion to hire Mainstreet Planning Company as proposed, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

**2. Asphalt Repair/ Parking Lots:**

Tustin's Asphalt has given the township a bid for surface preparation, seal coating, crack repair, patch repair, and striping for \$3,170.00. Rod made a motion to accept the quote from Tustin's to seal and repair the township hall lot, office parking, and fire parking, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Resolution/ Consumer's Energy Contract:**

Supervisor Pam Brown read the resolution. Rod made a motion to pass Resolution #05052016-1 to enter into a resolution with Consumer's Energy Company for furnishing light service for the township of Watson, considered by the board and executed by the supervisor and clerk; Sue supported, Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes and Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

### **2. 122<sup>nd</sup> Bid Tabulation:**

Rod made a motion to accept and authorize the contract from Reith-Riley for the amount of \$365,736.00 to do paving of 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., adding that the board would like to see some warrantee information; Sue supported; Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

### **3. Adoption of Master Plan:**

Chuck resolved to pass Resolution #05052016-2, a resolution approving and adopting the Township's Master Plan as amended, Sue supports; Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a 5-yes to 0-no vote.

### **4. Millage Renewal/ Dust Control:**

Rod made a motion to pass resolution #05052016-3 to adopt millage ballot language as presented, Chuck supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes 0-no votes.

### **5. Planning Commission Replacement:**

There has been an open seat for a couple months on the Planning Commission. The township has received some applications from individuals interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission. The board will continue to take applications from interested parties until May 23<sup>rd</sup>, after which Pam and Michelle will conduct interviews.

## **Other Business:**

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

Cathy Pardee comments that she believes the residents that are leaving "litter" at the township recycle containers should be sighted by PCI under the township's litter and blight ordinance.

Bod Genetski also attended and gave the board a short presentation on his candidacy for Allegan County Clerk.

### **Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned: 8: 15 P.M.

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Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk