

Watson Township Board Meeting
October 6, 2016

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Chuck Andrysiak, Sue Jones, Pam Brown, Kelli Morris

Guest:

Kirk Scharphorn Jr. –PCI

Absent:

Arrived Tardy- Rod Zeinstra.

Regular Meeting:

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the planning commission received a special use application for a tower and they will have a public hearing on that next month. The planning commission also discussed medical marijuana act.

Cemetery Sexton:

Sexton reported two funerals. She reported these sites are all groomed and seeded. The driveway project is also underway.

Hopkins Area Fire:

Fire Chief Tim McKinnon attended the meeting and gave the board and audience a report. The responded to 5 fires (none in Watson) and 27 medical calls (with 4 in Watson).

Planning Commission Report:

No Meeting. There will be another meeting involving FEMA in November with regard to 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 she is working on a grant for a Security Camera System for the township offices and hall.

Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes with typos adjusted, for September 1, 2016, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Chuck made a motion to pay the bills for September in the amount of \$11,100.60, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:

1. **Snowplow Bids:**

The board received one bid from ATS Enterprises (Scott Langlois) to provide snow removal for \$2,500.00 per season or \$120.00 per plow. Chuck made a motion to accept the bid from ATS Enterprises to provide snow removal for the township in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the 2016-2017 winter season, Sue support; Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed.

2. **Building Repairs:**

The board discussed repairs to the woman's restroom. Rod made a motion to approve the repair of the woman's restroom by Beudoin Construction in the amount of \$819.00, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried

New Business:

1. **Budget Amendments:**

The Supervisor read the budget amendments aloud. Chuck made a motion to make the budget amendments as presented, Sue supported; Roll Call: Kelli-yes; Pam-yes; Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; and Sue-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

2. **PC- Bills Passed on Medical Marijuana:**

Recently Michigan passed laws giving local municipalities control of many types of medical marijuana facilities. There is much discussion on the types of facilities. Matt VanValkenburg, James Graczy, and Eric Pierce all attended and were interested in developing a processing plant and would like to see the township pass an ordinance allowing medical marijuana facilities. There is some discussion on this subject.

Other Business:

1. **Gravel on 13th Street:**

Rod expressed his frustration with gravel quality and timing of the gravel application for 16th street. There is some discussion on the subject; it is thought to have too much "clay" in it.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Ken Pardee questioned the restitution payments of Bogdan. Sue answered his question.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk