

**Watson Township Board Meeting
September 1, 2016**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent:

None

Public Hearing- Special Assessment for Fire/EMS:

The supervisor opened the Public Hearing and read the notice of the hearing. There was a question from Michelle Harris with regard to the current assessment covering the costs of Fire/EMS services. The supervisor answered that much of the costs are covered by this assessment and the remaining portions are paid out of the township's general fund balance. Rod made a motion to close the public comment portion of the public hearing, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried. Chuck made a motion to accept Resolution # 09012016-1, Sue supported, roll call vote: Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes; Rod-yes; and Pam-yes; the supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes; and 0-no votes. Chuck made a motion to close the public hearing, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Regular Meeting:

Agenda:

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

Reports:

Frank Baker:

Frank Baker, Republican candidate for Allegan County Sherriff attended and gave a short synopsis of his bid for the Allegan County Sherriff. The board appreciates Mr. Baker's attendance.

Judge Bakker:

Judge Bakker, who is running unopposed for Judge in the November Election attended and gave the board and audience some background and information on a program she helped to start "Allegan County Legal Assistance Center". She believes this program is responsible for helping many people make it into court to be seen. The board appreciates her attendance and information.

Cemetery Sexton:

Sexton reported no funerals. Some clean up at Miner Cemetery was done. She also discussed some repair work that is necessary for Hicks Cemetery.

Hopkins Area Fire:

Fire Chief Tim McKinnon attended the meeting and gave the board and audience a report with the highlights being water rescue and structural fire training this month. The department is also working on getting a Jon boat for water rescues. Lastly, Allegan County Fair asked for volunteers for the Fire Station at the fair.

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 the office will be closed on Tuesday (13th) and Thursday (15th) of fair week. She also reported that the office would be open of Sept. 10th to collect taxes.

Minutes:

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

Bills:

Rod made a motion to pay the bills for August in the amount of \$12,082.77, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:**1. PCI- Blight issue at 1948 118th Ave.:**

The supervisor reported that they did begin clean-up. Kirk Scharphorn attended and gave some insight on the process and order of action in case there was not compliance for the blight. There is discussion and questions/answer session with Kirk that followed.

2. Security camera/ great:

Pam had Lockmaster Security come and give a quote for installing a security camera system. Chuck made a motion to pass resolution # 09012016-2: Whereas Watson Township will apply for a grant from Michigan Township Participants to apply for a grant for a security system to be submitted by November 30, 2016, Rod support. Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-yes; Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes; 0-no.

New Business:**1. Applied Imaging/Maintenance Plan:**

Rod made a motion to enter into a maintenance plan with Applied Imaging for printer maintenance, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Snow Plow Bid Notice:

The supervisor will but a notice in both papers for snow plowing for this coming season.

3. Hicks Cemetery Driveway:

The supervisor received a bid from Simpson and Son's to repair some damage to a wash-out area of the drive. There is discussion about what specifically needs to be done at Hicks Cemetery. Rod made a motion to authorize up to \$2,500.00 for the repair of the damaged drive, to remove trees, and brush, and to connect the current drives with the new east drive, Sue supported, Roll Call Vote: Rod-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes; and Pam-yes. The supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes; and 0-no votes.

4. Building Repair Estimate:

The supervisor went over two estimates for repair and remodel of the outside of the women's bathroom to prevent freezing this winter. It is suggested to go back to the builders and ask for bids that include furrowing out the West outside wall and reinsulating that wall.

Other Business:**1. Richard Davis- Board of Review:**

The supervisor introduced Richard Davis as a new member of the Watson Township Board of Review. She also mentioned that the former Dologowski pit is now being operated by "Top Grade" Sand and gravel.

Public Comment (for topics not on the agenda):

Tim McKinnon mentions that after the supervisor had contacted the county about 124th and 123rd Streets condition, the county did come out and do some repair to the roads.

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 P.M.