

**Watson Township Board Meeting
February 2, 2017**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Chuck Andrysiak, Sue Jones, Kevin Travis, Michelle Harris, and Kelli Morris

Absent:

None.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes, for January 5, 2017, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck gave a report on the Planning Commission meeting that included reviewing the budget, electing officers (Chair- Troy Baker, Vice-Chair Beverly McKinnon, and Secretary- Bruce Bos), and setting meetings dates for 2017-2018. He also reported that they looked at some upcoming subjects for new ordinances including a second dwelling on a parcel and media towers.

Hopkins Area Fire:

The supervisor gave a short synopsis of the Hopkins Fire Board meeting he attended.

Cemetery Sexton:

One funeral at Miner Cemetery for a regular burial was reported. Chuck made a motion to amend the agenda to include appointing a new sexton, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Library Reports:

Amy Germain was appointed to the Hopkins Library Board as a representative from Watson Township.

County Commissioners- Gale Dugan:

Commissioner Dugan was ill.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor attended the WAEMS (Wayland Area Emergency Medical Service) meeting and reported that Watson Township's portion of the WAEMS budget is \$7,011.27. He also attended the annual Road Commission meeting and is getting some numbers on gravel and paved road maintenance. The county also plans to "fog coat" 1.4 miles of 16th St. North of M-222. The supervisor also met with Kerry Rattinger (of Republic Services) and Mark Evans to discuss doing curbside recycling. Mr. Rattinger is confident that this would be feasible for the township.

Bills:

Michelle made a motion to pay the bills for January in the amount of \$55,296.44, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Michelle made a motion to pay the plumbing invoice in the amount of \$210.00, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

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

Eric Pierce is seeking approval for medical marijuana facility on the outskirts of Watson Township and would like the board's feelings on an ordinance supporting such a facility.

Old Business:

1. Medical Marijuana (Vote to recommend that the planning commission develop an ordinance)-

Chuck comments that because it is such a new idea for this area he is not in favor of being the first to adopt such an ordinance. Michelle sites a news article that reported projected revenues of only half what was originally expected. There is some additional discussion on the subject. The supervisor made a motion to direct the Planning Commission to develop an ordinance for Medical Marijuana- Roll Call Vote: Chuck-no; Sue-yes; Kelli-no; Michelle-no; and Kevin- yes. The supervisor declares the motion declined by a vote of 2-yes and 3-no votes.

New Business:

1. Mowing Contract:

The supervisor made a motion to put an ad in the paper for a 2017 mowing contract, Sue supports, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Appointment of Planning Commission Members:

The supervisor made a motion to appoint Travis Long as a member of the planning commission, the motion was not supported. The supervisor made a motion to re-appoint Troy Baker to the planning commission, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried. The supervisor made a motion to re-appoint Beverly McKinnon to the planning commission, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Appointment of ZBA member:

The supervisor made a motion to re-appoint Jim Lautenschleger to the ZBA, Michelle supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Approval of Liquor License for Miller Lake Campground:

Michelle made a motion to pass the Liquor Control Commission resolution and allow Miller Lake Campground to obtain a Class C/SDM Beer and Wine and Liquor to serve Licenses, Sue supported, roll call vote: Chuck-yes; Sue-yes; Kelli-yes; Michelle-yes; and Kevin-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

5. Budget Amendments:

Sue made a motion to amend the budget as presented on the supplement sheet, Kevin supported, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Budget Workshop:

The board will hold a Budget Workshop on February 22nd at 7:00 P.M. It will be noticed on the board and the website.

7. Appoint Sexton:

The board received applications from Maria Holshoe and Mark Simpson for the position of Sexton of Watson Township. The board discussed the position with each applicant. Michelle made a motion to appoint Mark Simpson as Sexton for Watson Township, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

The supervisor made a motion to adjourn, Michelle supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned - 8:39 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk