

**Watson Township Board Meeting
June 1, 2017**

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Agenda:

Kelli made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Michelle made a motion to approve the amended minutes for May 2017, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the Planning Commission discussed 2nd Dwelling on a Parcel Ordinance and discussed the sign ordinance.

Watson Marijuana and Recycle Survey Report:

Michelle compiled the information received on the survey sent to township residents and gave a report to the board on the 68 surveys that were returned. The report included comments received by township residents. The results will be posted online.

Fire Chief:

The supervisor gave a short synopsis of his experience at the meeting he attended.

Cemetery Sexton:

Sexton Mark Simpson reported he had put out 125 new flags and reported on some bushes that he had removed at Hicks Cemetery and a few more that he will remove soon.

Library Reports:

Library newsletters are available online.

County Commissioners- Gale Dugan:

None.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor shared some information on a quote for some culverts that need to be replaced. Also Martin Township will pay to have gravel put on 12th St. and Watson Township will pay for dust control. He also spoke with Don Flower concerning the end of the sewer line and where it is located. He will look into possible grants to make sewer available to our industrial area on 12th Street.

Bills:

Michelle made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,147.62, Chuck supported, all in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Shawn Gary- Third Coast Horticulture, LLC-

Shawn Gary of Third Coast Horticulture, LLC along with Bob Hendricks gave a presentation to the board involving the medical marijuana act adopted in 2008. The presentation included information on proposed medical marijuana grow and transport facility at his property on M-222 a little west of 16th Street. He is also proposing to put some field crops of hops on this property. There is some discussion on the subject and questions were answered by the board and audience members. Sue questioned the proximity with adjacent church property. Chuck had a question regarding tracking of the trim or disposal materials from processing. Cathy Pardee questioned where the refuse from processing will go. Ken Pardee had a question regarding plant regulation (e.g. is a 500 plant operation limited to a total of 500 or 500 mature plants)? Judge Kevin Cronin questioned the location of the processing of the plants. He also mentioned that he has had some experience with

some very small growers that have had vandalism and breaking from people looking for products associated with growing marijuana. He also questioned if there would be any interstate transport, as that would make it subject to Federal Law.

Chuck mentions adopting regulations to make sure dangerous chemicals are disposed of properly and also wonders if the township could repeal the ordinance once it is in place.

Ultimately, Third Coast Horticulture, LLC would like the board to adopt an ordinance to support medical marijuana facilities in the township.

Sue made a motion to table the subject until a later date, Kevin supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Acceptance of Gravel Bid 21AA from R. Smith & Sons:

Kevin made a motion to accept a bid from R. Smith & Sons for 21AA gravel at 23.20/cu yard for a total of \$20,880.00, Chuck supported, roll call vote: Kevin-yes; Michelle-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Sue-abstain. Supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 4 yes and 1 abstained.

2. Fireworks Contribution:

The board discussed the request from the Hopkins Area Business and Recreation Committee. They would like to purchase firing racks and also fund some training for volunteers who help run the fireworks show. They are asking the township to contribute an additional \$800 to cover this cost, for a total contribution of \$1,800.00. Kevin made a motion to make the cultural contribution per Michigan law of \$1,800.00, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Second Residence Zoning Ordinance:

The planning commission passed a “Second Residence Zoning Ordinance” and is now asking that the board adopt this zoning ordinance amendment. Michelle made a motion to adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment Section 15.04 (5.06, 6.06, 7.06, and 8.07) allowing for provision permitting temporary accessory dwellings by special use within the A-1, A-2, R-1 and R-2 zoning districts; Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

4. MTA Dues:

Michelle made a motion to continue membership in MTA and to pay the dues of \$1180.90, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Hopkins Pre-Buy Propane:

Sue made a motion to Pre-Buy 1500 gallons of propane from Hopkins Propane at 1.80 per gallon, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bob Genetski- County Clerk-

Mr. Genetski attended and gave a short presentation on some current services provided by the county and fees for those services. He also mentioned the new voting equipment that the county and townships would be getting for future elections.

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

Ken Pardee asks about “roadside mowing”. It is explained that they have started on 12th Street and will be proceeding through the township. Ken also makes mention of the many very large cracks in 118th Ave. and he wonders where the asphalt went. Chuck also mentions the B-93 Birthday Bash is a few weeks away.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned - 9:32 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk