

Watson Township Board Meeting
May 4, 2017

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

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

Reports:

Planning Commission Report:

Chuck reported that the Planning Commission did have a quorum. Some topics of discussion included a draft ordinance for a second dwelling on a parcel. The ordinance will go back to PCI for some final changes before being sent to the board for approval. They have set a date of May 24, 2017 for a public hearing on the ordinance change. The planning commission also discussed the Contractors Yard on 12th Street.

Fire Chief:

The supervisor indicated that the Fire Chief's monthly report can be viewed online.

Cemetery Sexton:

Sexton Mark Simpson reported one cremation burial at Hicks Cemetery. He also reported there have been a couple plot purchases, and 3 headstones have been set.

Library Reports:

Library newsletters are available online.

County Commissioners- Gale Dugan:

None.

Supervisor's Report:

The supervisor reported attending a Fire board meeting. There is currently a situation where the fuel pump shared with the Village of Hopkins has become an outdated and out dated. They are working to fund a new pump and updated system for logging the use of the pump. He also reported receiving approximately fifty surveys back and is now working on an e-mail access to fill out the surveys. The supervisor is also working with Nora Balgoyan to create property cards with information on the commercial and industrial properties. This will make it easier to possible occupiers to research properties. One disadvantage for Watson is the lack of "sewer" service.

The supervisor has also spoke with Lockmaster and he is going to include a 5th camera at the same cost. Finally, there is some discussion on signage for the recycle containers.

Bills:

Michelle made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,004.80, Sue supported, all in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue gave a treasurer report with current bank balances.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Approval of New Fire Board Agreement:

Sue made a motion to adopt the Amended Inter-local Fire Protection Agreement between the Village of Hopkins, and the townships of Hopkins, Monterey, and Watson in Allegan County, Kevin supported, all in favor, motion carried

2. Gravel Road Work Order:

The board discussed the work order received from the county and the fact that there should be an additional work order. The supervisor also mentioned that he did speak with Mr. Brown at the Allegan County Road Commission concerning the bad section of road on 118th (West of 20th Street). Mr. Brown also acknowledged it as a problem area and will try to work on pulling the shoulders on that stretch of road. The supervisor also sent an e-mail about some culverts that may need to be repaired. The board will contact the county about an updated price on the culverts and let them know the board plans to budget for them next year.

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

Cathy Pardee verifies with the supervisor that she and her husband Ken are still appointed members of the Wayland Area Emergency Medical Service Board.

Adjourn:

The supervisor made a motion to adjourn, Michelle supported, all in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned - 7:53 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk