

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

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

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

Public Comment:

Ken Pardee mentioned that he and his wife Cathy will attend the next Ambulance meeting and then they will be gone for the winter season. Additionally, Ken expressed that he and Cathy would like to remain on the Ambulance board upon their return in spring, if the board feels the same.

Andrew (a representative) of Patent Solutions Provisions Center Dispensary addressed the board and expressed an interest in opening a dispensary “store front” for medical marijuana.

Reports:

A. Planning Commission:

Chuck reported that the planning commission worked on the sign ordinance and gave their information to Lori at PCI to provide them with a Draft Ordinance. They also discussed Medical Marijuana a bit more and presented the board members with a packet that was given out at the Bauchman seminar.

B. Fire Chief:

Kevin read the report of Fire Chief Tim McKinnon for the benefit of the township board and audience members.

C. Sexton:

Mark reported that everything is going well at the Cemeteries.

D. Libraries:

Elyshia Shafer Hopkins Library Director attended and reported that the painting had been complete at the library, and it looks very nice and much lighter and open. She also mentioned some programs coming up in the next couple months.

E. Supervisor:

The supervisor reported that he met with David Bee about the possibility of applying for a grant for a Sewer Project. He also attended the Allegan County Townships meeting, where they introduced a 3-D imagery (assessing) program to be used as an assessing too. Watson’s cost for this program would be \$2,090.00 payable over 3 years. Lastly, he received quotes for street lights as follows, 20th/M-222 (\$4,101.00), 20th/118th (\$2,452.00); and a new light at 20th/122nd (\$305.00).

F. Clerk:

There will be an election for Martin, Allegan and Otsego Schools on November 7, 2017. Watson Township voters in any of these school districts wishing to vote please attend the polling place from 7:00 AM-8:00 PM on November 7th.

G. County Commissioner:

Gale Dugan went over some of the highlights from the past month. He mentions some vacancies on some committees, as well as Probate Court looking to fill some positions. He reported that in order to achieve grant money for the Blue Star Bike Trail, they had to have the county’s approval to take on the permanent maintenance of the trail. The county commissioners received more information on the “Headlee Rollback”. Lastly, the Health Department was working on steps toward better and timelier

service. Ken Pardee asked Gale if he had heard any information at the county about high speed internet. Gale explained that he had not heard anything yet.

Bills

Michelle makes a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,723.11, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasure's Report

Sue gave the Treasure's Report.

Kevin made a motion to reach out to Chemical Bank and see what options the township has for its Oppenheimer Account.

Old Business:

A. Snowplow Bids-

ATS Enterprises submitted a bid for seasonal snow removal of \$2,600.00 for the season. Chuck made a motion to contract with ATS Enterprises for a seasonal rate of \$2,600.00 as submitted, Sue supported, all in favor, motion carried.

B. M n S Contract-

Michelle clarified that M n S will continue to mow until it snows even though the contract said the season ended Oct. 21st.

New Business:

A. Fire Rescue Truck-

Watson's share of the new truck will be \$46,406.08. Sue reported that we right now we have just shy of \$35,000.00, therefore, the general fund would only have to provide about \$12,000.00 for this purchase.

B. Availability of Board to attend Planning Commission meeting December 6th-

Chuck explains that Lori from PCI indicated that the township would need to do an "opt in" ordinance before any ordinances were implemented by the township. Michelle asks if Lori has Infor about specific things that need to be in the ordinance.

The board plans to meet along with the Planning Commission for a Special Meeting Dec. 6, 2017.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned - 7:57 P.M.

Kelli Morris—Watson Township Clerk