

Watson Township Board Meeting
October 7, 2009

Called to order: 7:03 P.M.

Present:

Chuck Andrysiak, Stephanie Bogdan, Candy Adrianson, Rod Zeinstra and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

None.

Open Public Hearing- Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District

The Supervisor read the Special Assessment Newspaper Notice. This Hearing is to allow for the continuation of the Special Assessment District for Fire/EMS with a budget of total Revenue and Expenses of \$49,010.00.

Rod makes a note that we should add the language to indicate the 1 mill at the end of the first paragraph. Stephanie makes a motion to adopt Resolution #100709-1 with the noted changes, Rod supports; roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Stephanie-yes and Candy-yes; all in favor, Resolution adopted. Stephanie made a motion to close the public hearing, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Regular Meeting

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Stephanie, and supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max reported that the excitement surrounding the jail situation is still heating up. Cathy Pardee asks Max about the transportation department and if they county has smaller vehicles, because they usually do not have more than a couple people on them when she sees them in her area. Max lets her know that they do in fact have some smaller vehicles. Max also explains that the "911" millage is for five years and will be capped at a lower rate than the current millage. He also gave the board a special Guide for Seniors. Lastly, he let the board know that the Sheriff Department will likely suffer along with the county because of cuts in the budget by the state.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken reported that they received procedures and would like some feedback on them. They also did go over the Watson Township Master Plan and had no comments.

Fire Chief:

Tim McKinnon reported that the first month of MFR calls was a total of 34 calls. They have also had several fire calls with one being fatal in Monterey. Tim would also like to urge everyone to support the 911 issue on the ballot.

Cemetery Report:

None.

Planning Commission Report:

Bev reported that the planning commission reviewed the two master plans from other townships.

Supervisor's Report:

Candy thanked Ken Pardee for doing the parking lot stripping. She told the board that Watson Township's portion of the Minor Drain is \$15,349.15. She let everyone know that a thank you card from the Pushels was received for the firefighters, and the township also received a thank you card from the Fennville Children's Museum for the donation of our old copier and fax machine.

Public Comment:

Ken asked if the board wanted any changes in the plowing schedule this season. Candy told him not at this time.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes with changes for September 3rd 2009, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Stephanie to pay the bills for September 2009, in the amount of \$12,985.58, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$245,676.15 and Book Balances: \$264,325.28

New Business:

1. Dawn Weick/Kennel on 120th Ave.-

The board discussed with both PCI and Dawn Weick the incidents that were raised by Doug Fuss. After detailed discussion and a full report from PCI's many inspections and visits to the property, the board is completely satisfied with the compliance of the kennel permit.

2. Resolution to include Monterey Township as a member of the Hopkins Area Fireboard-

The board discussed the resolution to include Monterrey Township as a member of the Hopkins Area Fireboard. Rod made Resolution #100709-2 to include Monterey Township in the Interlocal Fire Protection Agreement, Stephanie supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes, Chuck-yes; Stephanie-yes; Kelli-yes; and Candy-yes; the supervisor declared the resolution adopted by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

3. FOIA Request from Pat Foster-

Candy explained that based on the election law, the clerk had originally denied a FOIA request to view and photograph ballots from the November 2008 election. The board discussed the subject at length. Stephanie made a motion to deny the request based on the fact that the appeal stated it was based on the fact that so many of the townships were unable to be recounted. Watson was in fact able to be and recounted and was with no issues found, the ballots were then resealed by State Officials and not township personnel. However if the petitioner must persist the following guidelines must be adhered to: a minimum of 6 people would need to be present including one state representative, one legal representative, 2 board of canvassers, 2 Watson Township Board members. This process would likely take around 80 hours or more (5 minutes per ballot, times 1000 ballots); Rod supported this motion, roll call vote: Stephanie-yes; Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Candy-yes and Kelli-yes, the supervisor declared the motion passed by a vote of 5-yes and 0-no votes.

4. Cemetery Costs-

Stephanie made a motion to table this subject, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

5. New Screen Door For Township Hall Entrance-

Rod will install a new storm door not to exceed \$250.00. Motion to have Rod install a new storm door at the township by Stephanie, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Reminder: Draft of Master Plan Review is Available.

Other:

Dawn Weick also mentioned to the board the issue with the corner of 16th and 120th. The board had some discussion on the subject.

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

Adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Kelli Morris
Watson Township Clerk


