Watson Township Board Meeting November 5, 2009

Called to order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

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

Absent: Stephanie Bogdan.

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max had previously emailed his report but he let the board know that the County has hired a construction manager for the jail. He also said there has been eighteen million in tax credits for Allegan Co.

Supervisor's Report:

Candy reported that the audit came back ok. She also let everyone know that the township will begin having evening office hours beginning on December 7th. The hours will be Monday 6-8 PM.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee reported that there have been lots of new and renewed P.A.116 programs.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported that there was one funeral at Miner Cemetery this month.

Planning Commission Report:

Rod reported that the Planning Commission had finalized the draft for the master plan and set a date for the public hearing. They also went over a letter they had received from the Hendrickson's asking for a rezoning of a piece of property.

Public Comment:

Ken Pardee questioned why Kelli had abstained from the vote on the FOIA request to the board regarding the Nov. 2008 Election. Kelli explained the reason was that she had already denied the first request and this second one was not actually sent to her and she thought it best to abstain.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the October 7th and October 15th, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for October 2009, in the amount of \$13,612.49, Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$224,538.25 and Book Balances: \$174,913.64

New Business:

1. Amend Budget-

Rod made a motion to take \$600.00 out of Building and Grounds Mowing and transfer to ZBA as follows: \$450.00 to Salaries, \$100.00 to Printing and Publishing, and \$50.00 to

Misc.; Kelli supported, all in favor, motion carried. Rod made a motion to move \$300.00 out of Building and Grounds Janitor and move it into Treasurer – Deputy, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Computer Equip.

The board discussed the purchase of new computers for the township offices. The Treasurer's computer is very old and unreliable and needs to be replaced. Kelli made a motion to table the subject until December, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1. Reminder Draft Master Plan will have a Public Hearing in December.
- 2. Cemetery Costs:

Rod made a motion to raise the cost of regular grave openings to \$500.00 and leave the cost of Baby grave openings and Cremations the same as they currently are, and to raise the charge for foundations to .35 cents per square inch, effective as of December 1st, 2009; Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Other:

Adjourn; a motion to adjourn by Rod, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelli Morris Watson Township Clerk