Watson Township Board Meeting April 2, 2009

Called to order: 7:04 P.M.

Present:

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

Arrived Later: Stephanie Bogdan

Absent:

None.

<u>Public Hearing – Budget:</u>

Candy opened the Public Hearing and asked for public comment. Rod went over each budget in detail it was mentioned that the assessor's salary was raised two thousand dollars to fifteen thousand dollars. The raise is consistent with the increase in the amount of parcels. Candy closed the public comment of the budget hearing. Stephanie made resolution # 04022009-1 to adopt the budgets as presented, supported by Rod, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Kelli-yes; Chuck-yes; Stephanie-yes; and Candy-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of five (5)-yes and zero (0)-no votes. Stephanie made a motion to close the Budget Public Hearing, Chuck supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Budget Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting:

Agenda Approval:

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

Reports:

County Commissioners- Jon Campbell and Max Thiele:

Max told the board this should be the last "hard copy" report he gives the board, they are going to be electronic in the future. He highlighted a few items on his report. Ken Pardee asked him what the current status of the kennel and Max explained the current situation to him and everyone else. Dick Davis also asked about the impact on tax collection for all the foreclosures in the township. Rod explained to him that even though it takes quite a bit of time eventually the township and county get their tax funds. Rod also explained more about the assessments of properties in the township.

Supervisor's Report:

None.

Allegan County Planning Commission Report:

Ken Pardee let the board know that the estimate for the cost of aerial photos would be down 15% form the original estimate.

Cemetery Report:

Dave Kok reported one funeral for last month, Janet Quick at Hicks Cemetery. He also let everyone know that the "spring cleanup" for the cemeteries was finished.

Planning Commission Report:

No regular meeting. The members did attend a beneficial county seminar this month. <u>Public Comment:</u>

Cathy makes note of a seminar on Max's news put on by the MTA. Candy will ask members if they would like to attend. Ken mentions that the lines in the parking lot are getting

light. He mentions that he has called around and the cost of the machine to repaint them costs approximately six dollars. He offers to repaint the lines, if the township will rent the machine for him to use.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

A motion was made by Rod to approve the minutes for the March 5th 2009, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried. Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 30th, 2009 meeting, Rod supported, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rod to pay the bills for March 2009, in the amount of \$33,762.07, Stephanie supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie Bogdan gave a report of account balances as follows:

Reconciled Balances: \$240,424.76 and Book Balances: \$357,233.65

New Business:

1. Township Newsletter-

Stephanie lets Tim know that she needs an article from the fire department. There is some discussion on the newsletter and Stephanie also asks that the board get together and prepare them for mailing.

2. Martin Township Library Agreement-

Rod made resolution to pass the Martin Library Agreement, Stephanie supported, roll call vote: Rod-yes; Chuck-yes; Kelli-yes; Stephanie-yes; and Candy-yes. The supervisor declared the resolution passed by a vote of five (5) yes; and zero (0) no votes.

Old Business:

Other:

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie, supported by Chuck, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Kelli Morris Watson Township Clerk