

Watson Township Board Meeting
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
May 2, 2024

Call to Order: 7:02 P.M.

Present:

Kevin Travis, Tera Davis, Michelle Harris, John Caras and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

None.

Agenda:

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Sally Brooks- Allegan County Treasurer:

Sally Brooks, Allegan County Treasurer attended and announced her intention to again run for County Treasurer. She would appreciate the support of the Watson Township Board and Watson Township residents.

Minutes:

Treasurer Davis made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments from March 26, 2024 (April Minutes) Trustee Caras supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Davis gave the Treasurer's report of account balances. Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the report as given, Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Trustee Harris made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$14,172.50, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Open- 7:12 P.M.

No Comments.

Close- 7:13 P.M.

REPORTS:

A. County Commissioner Report:

County Commissioner Gale Dugan gave a report on the month's commissioner meetings. He answered Trustee Caras's inquiry on the 123Net project. He also let the board and township residents know that he would appreciate everyone's support for the upcoming election.

B. Planning Commission:

There was a special use permit for Brian Desmit for a private road and seven parcels developed. The Planning Commission approved only the request for the private road at this time. Brad Stalker is currently the Chairperson and Hunter Davis is the Secretary of the Planning Commission.

C. Libraries:

Reports were emailed.

D. Sexton:

Mark Simpson gave a report on one cremation burial and let everyone know that Cory Irish would be taking over after this month. The board thanked Mark for his service to the township and wished him the best in his retirement.

E. Code Enforcement:

Ordinance Code Enforcement Officer Jim Davis reported there are currently fifteen open cases, two closed cases, and one case pending clean-up. Mr. Davis also wanted to clarify that there is no profiling

to his investigations. He has simply been working his way through the township to from one end to the other.

and he also gave a report on the open and pending cases. He also explained the process that is followed when he investigates complaints or township ordinance violations.

F. Mike Villar:

Mr. Villar gave the board and meeting attendees history of his family, highlighting that his father came to this country, taught himself English and became a United States citizen. He reported to the board on the demise of the Allegan County Courts, citing "poor leadership" as a main reason for assistant prosecutors leaving Allegan County. He asked for the support of the board and Watson Township voters in the upcoming August Election.

Old Business:

A. Website Uploading and Television Guide:

Trustee Caras has created a guide for uploading to the web and programming the Television in the meeting hall. Brad Stalker is testing this for the Planning Commission.

New Business:

A. ARPA Funds:

Supervisor Travis reported that the auditor will make a reconciliation on the remaining funds in the ARPA account. The remaining funds would need to be allocated by 12/21/2024 and spent by 12/31/2026. The board discusses options for use of these funds. Supervisor Travis made a motion to table the discussion until the account balance is defined, Trustee Harris supported all in favor, motion carried.

B. Record Retention:

Supervisor Travis made a motion to create a resolution for the record retention as defined and created by the State of Michigan, to include Schedule 1, 10, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 35; Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, motion carried.

C. Volunteers for Spring Clean-Up:

The board made plans for Spring Clean-Up on May 11, 2024.

D. CD Escrow Check:

Supervisor Travis explained an escrow check received from the recent gravel pit. The bank recommended a CD account. Treasurer Davis made a motion to approve a CD Account for and escrow check received from NorthStar Aggregate for \$1,000.00; Trustee Caras supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

Trustee Caras made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Travis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:
8:17 PM

