

Watts Township  
June 1, 2016

Present: Nancy Cangioli, Karl Raudensky, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Glenn Smithgall, Zoning Officer Bob Hart, and 11 residents.

The Watts Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on June 1, 2016 at the New Buffalo Fire Hall by Chairman Karl Raudensky with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as read, Gutheil/Smithgall. Motion carried unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Beverly Reifsnnyder read and submitted to the Board 2 letters from the Board of Auditors. 1) Regarding Supervisors working as employees. 1) Recommendations for improvements to benefit the function of Watts Township government.

Brian Reifsnnyder commented that according to the MPC Section 614 states the Zoning Officer cannot authorize the change of use of a property. Karl responded he didn't know and the Engineer was not here but the Solicitor can answer.

**SECRETARY**

Nancy stated she was asked to keep record of her time spent on Right to know requests. To date approximately the amount is \$330. Brian Reifsnnyder stated if the Board of Supervisors would allow the Board of Auditors access to the records there would be no right to know requests. Bob Mazzero stated that according to the 2<sup>nd</sup> class township code they are not allowed access because the Board chose a CPA.

John Hefinfinger stated that according to the book they have the ability to do all the parts they have hired out to the CPA.

**SOLICITOR**

The Hunter appeal is still pending.

A motion was made that the Watts Township Board of Supervisors authorize the Solicitor to send a letter to the Board of Auditors explaining to them the Township's position on the legal limits of their authority regarding Supervisors compensation. Gutheil/Raudensky. Motion carried unanimously.

**ZONING OFFICER**

2 permits were issued. 1) Patricia Gutheil for a building addition of 576 sq. ft. at 65 Huggins Rd. 1) Chris Burkholder for an interior EPA certified wood burner at 24 Blacksnake Rd.

**ENGINEER**

Jerry was not in attendance

**SEO**

Approximately 30 more volunteers are needed to participate in Act 537 surveys. A motion was made to have the option to advertise on cable, by community newsletter or a letter from the township for volunteers. Gutheil/Smithgall. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Hefinfinger asked why volunteers are not paid in regards to the Spring cleanup. A man had volunteered to help out and showed up but there was no request made by Karl or Pat for him to come. The Secretary stated there is a liability issue and he should not have been allowed to help. Volunteers by the definition do not receive compensation.

The EADS Group will be attending the July meeting to give an update on the Act 537 plan progress.

**FIRE COMPANY**

There was no one in attendance for them.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Status of SALDO-It is back to the Engineer and Planning Commission for review.

Sale of Excess Equipment-Secretary has advertised in the Township News Magazine.

Letter of intent to purchase property adjoining the townships-No reply from Gary Raub.

Microphone or sound system for meetings- A motion was made to procure or purchase a sound system that will be sufficient for utilization at the township meetings not to exceed \$150. Gutheil/Raudensky.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to approve Nancy to attend the budget seminar at a cost of \$26.66 because the fee is being split 3 ways between 3 townships. Gutheil/Smithgall. Motion carried unanimously.

Lee Seiler submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission. A motion was made to accept Lee's resignation; Smithgall/Gutheil. Motion carried unanimously. A letter of thanks will be sent to Lee for his service to the township.

A motion was made to appoint Russell Clouser to replace Lee; Smithgall/Gutheil. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROAD MASTER**

The Costar prices for a new pickup truck were too high. A motion was made to advertise for bids for a new pickup truck; Raudensky/Gutheil. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

There was a meeting in June.

Farhat revised plan submitted June 29, 2016 for July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Date Submit</u>	<u>Date Approve/Disapprove</u>
Farhat Excavating LLC	2/24/16 PC 3/9/16	6/1/16 ext to 8/3/16

A motion was made to approve the bills and any bills that come due before the next meeting; Smithgall/Gutheil. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; Smithgall/Gutheil. Motion carried unanimously.