

Watertown Township Board Meeting
February 12, 2020

Worvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Thatcher, Pyles, Nelson, Schlosser and Worvie were present. Fire Chief Herington, Commissioner Jensen, Zoning Administrator Sparks and thirty two (32) guests also attended.

Pyles read the January 8, 2020 **meeting minutes**. Worvie instructed that the minutes would stand approved.

Commissioner Jensen Jensen stated that the Animal Control Ordinance was not passed and the county is starting over with the process.

Budget Meeting Date Budget meeting was set for March 27th 2020 at 3pm

Fire Report Herington reported on 1 fire run, assist to Mayville. Herington showed the new air packs. The Department accepted 2 new fire fighters and asked the board to approve. Pyles made a motion to accept William Parcell. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nelson made a motion to accept Mikayla Bailey Sparks. Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pyles to swear in both members.

Blight Report Pyles reported on 6 new cases, 15 extensions she issued, and 2 cases that came into compliance and closed. 1 ticket was issued, 3 violations written and 1 case to go to court to condemn.

Zoning Report: Sparks reported on 1 new house.

Library Report Pyles reported on January game night. The library had 20 participants. Because of the success, the library will have another game night on March 20th. Hunters Safety will be held on February 22nd & 29th. Pyles has 46 people signed up for the class a waiting list for next year. Pyles spoke of the Bachelor auction being held at Buckwild on the 14th. Library had 104 patrons in the month of January.

Treasurer's Report Schlosser presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 1/31/2020:

General Fund	\$133,347.09
Library Account	1,077.37
Fire Dept. Reserve	76,789.20
Trust & Agency	171.97
Tax Collections	325,753.96
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	
#63529	\$10,044.00
#63530	18,300.09
#63726	24,822.86
#63781	5,044.19
#63690	10,012.61
#63770	24,237.27

Pyles motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Report Worvie reported that he was upset in the matter in which the Road Commission is handling our bids. Pyles went over the issue with the street signs.

Trustee Thatcher Thatcher stated she would have all the carpet bids in order for the budget meeting. She then gave the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the PA116 submitted by Zimmer. "The recommendation from the Planning Commission to the Township Board is that the Zimmer application for PA116 be denied due to not meeting requirements. The farm land must be in production for 12 of 36 months immediately preceding the PA1116 application. Also, an accurate description of land being farmed was not provided."

Clerk's Report: Pyles asked for approval to donate the yearly donation of \$200 to Thumb Narcotics Unit. Worvie made a motion to donate \$200 to TNU. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pyles submitted the February vouchers as follows: General Fund \$14,678.78 with the addition of Charter and DTE overhead when they come in; Library Fund \$1,249.26; Fire Fund at \$2,788.26. Schlosser motioned to approve the vouchers and have checks drawn on the same, Seconded by Thatcher. Motion carried. Pyles discussed the new lights, with an astronomical bid from DTE of 4686.00 the board decided to go the route of Worvie donating bulbs and paying Andrew Rickered putting them in. Pyles then said she was asked by the county clerk to teach a class on how to effectively close on Election night. Pyles will do this on Feb 27th.

Worvie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded motion. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Malisa Pyles, Township Clerk

Frank Worvie, Supervisor

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