

**Township Board Meeting
June 9, 2004**

Meacham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Meacham, Frenzel, Coon, Edgett, Tanks were present.

County Commissioner Roy Petzold submitted a petition from Tuscola County Road Commission to abandon Boucher Road. Following discussion, no one in Watertown Township Hall offered to sign the petition. Petzold does not intend to circulate the petition and left the petition with Supervisor Meacham.

The May 10, 2004 **monthly meeting minutes** were read. There was one change due to a typographical error and another change due to a numerical error. Meacham instructed that the minutes would stand approved as amended.

Jason Hook and Mike Sparks asked the board to consider the possibility of moving the lawful egress, which runs across Mr. Sparks' property. The board asked Mr. Sparks to investigate the costs of such a project and reminded him that all costs of such a project would rest solely on him. Watertown Township will not accept financial responsibility for such a project.

Hal Phillips asked the board to consider the eviction of Michael Sparks, claiming he is a menace to the neighborhood and may quite possibly be dangerous to his neighbors.

Following much discussion, Bryan Edgett made a motion to refuse any further payment from Michael Sparks towards his land purchase. If it can be proven that all evidence of dispute over the lawful egress on Sparks property has been halted, the board will reconsider this position. Coon seconded motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Fire Report Chief Larry Hawe presented the fire report. No runs for the fire dept during the month. However, they stayed busy storm spotting. Hawe's full report is on file for review in the clerk's office.

Zoning Report: Jim Cheney issued five zoning permits during the past 30 days. Free Dump Day on May 15 went well. Four 40 yard dumpsters were filled. Cheney suggested that in the future we make sure the Township Dump is open on dump day. Cheney requested that we begin giving Phil Millerov a list of permits issued each month. Tanks made a motion to pay Cheney \$300.00 for his service on May 15, 2004. Cheney broke in and asked that the motion be dropped as his service on dump day is his contribution to the township. The motion went no further.

Maintenance: Michelle Bell reported that the new park slides arrived on June 2, 2004. There was discussion on the landscaping in the front of the hall. Tanks instructed Bell that only \$300.00 could be allocated to that project at this time. Murphy Park at North Lake was open for Memorial Day. Bell submitted pictures of septic field excavating that had been done at Murphy Park by the Bacons. Tanks will call Health Department to see if a permit was pulled.

Public Comment: Neil Weldon asked for information on a variance. Clerk gave Mr. Weldon an application.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Frenzel presented the May 2004 report with the following balances on May 31, 2004:

General Fund	48,434.65
Library Account	8,255.57
Murphy Park Account	524.63
Fire Dept Reserve Fund	29,528.85
Trust & Agency	20.73
Tax Collections	1.00

Edgett made the motion to approve Treasurer's report with an amendment to the Fire Department receipts. Seconded by Coon. Motion carried.

Frenzel informed the board that Mayville State Bank's Fostoria office is due to close its doors in October of 2004.

Planning Commission: Frenzel read Planning Commission minutes from May 18, 2004. The Planning Commission recommends that a pond at the Meacham Gravel Pit be approved by the Township Board. Tanks made a motion to approve the pond at the pit. Seconded by Frenzel. Meacham abstained. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Edgett made motion to approve budget amendments as follows: In the general fund create a new line item marked dues, under Township Board. In that line item take \$1000.00 from contingency and place in Dues. In addition, increase Township Board pension from \$6000.00 to 6225.00 and Police Dept pension from \$1700.00 to 3330.00. Also, create income accounts for pension income to cover the employee's portion, and in turn, balance the budget increases. Seconded by Frenzel. Motion carried.

Clerk submitted vouchers and asked for the addition of the invoice on the new slides for 4,728.00. The general fund's June vouchers totaled \$33,267.64; library fund at \$1,977.16; Fire Dept Fund at \$179.57. Frenzel made motion to approve vouchers with the addition of the bill for the slides. Seconded by Edgett. Motion Carried.

Police Report: Tanks presented Millerov's police report for the month of May. The Department passed the LEIN audit. The next one will be some time in 2006 – 2007. The Tribesmen's swap meet went very well. No problems reported. Department has received a grant of 900 gun locks to give out. Millerov's full report is on file for review in the clerk's office.

Supervisor's Report: Meacham reported that Tuscola County Road Commission has completed all gravel construction. The Road Commission also wants approximately \$2,500 to add gravel to Goodrich Road now (while they are working in the area). Following discussion, the board decided that the money is not available at this time.

Meacham attempted to act upon a complaint made to DEQ regarding solid waste dumping. When he went to the site, he found no problem. Neil Weldon said that he had seen problem but that someone had cleaned it up.

Tuscola County Building Codes have given Marjorie Hawkins at 9830 Boucher Rd 30 days to clean up her property.

Meacham has asked Dale Kowitz to check out our options on tiling at the new cemetery site to alleviate the present water problem.

Truth in Taxation will be conducted at the next regular township board meeting, on July 14, 2004 at 8:00 PM.

Dale Kowitz has asked that payment for his soil removal permit renewal to be considered paid in exchange for the pea gravel and top soil he brought out to the cemetery and North Lake. It was decided that Tanks will stamp his permit renewed and mail it out to him.

Edgett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Coon seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk

Minutes approved on _____

John J. Meacham, Township Supervisor

Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk