

**Township Board Meeting
September 12, 2007**

Edgett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Edgett, Fackler, Frenzel, Herington & Tanks were present.

The August 8, 2007 monthly meeting minutes were read. Edgett instructed that the minutes would stand as read.

Don Thayer: Mr. Thayer, at 122 Barnes Road, addressed the Board requesting more time to make his house compliant with Watertown's Dangerous Building Ordinance #40. On June 14, 2007 a Dangerous Building Hearing was conducted and Mr. Thayer was given until September 1, 2007 to make the house compliant. Because no visible changes have been made, no zoning or building permits have been pulled, Edgett informed Mr. Thayer that the structure must be torn down and completely removed from the property, as well as other blight being stored there such as tires, campers, and a great deal of other debris.

Several residents that live near Thayer's house attended the meeting. Phillip Smith asked why Watertown Township did not begin tearing down the structure on September 1, 2007 and wanted this question a matter of record in these meeting minutes. Edgett explained that we will move forward to get estimates on the necessary work but reminded all present that the money to do the work must be budgeted as such and there is no guarantee that the money will be available right away.

Police Report Millerov presented a written report which is on file for review in the Clerk's office. The bids for the 2000 Crown Victoria are in. The high bid was from Delta College which offered \$4,000.00 cash and \$165.00 membership to the College Consortium making Chief Millerov eligible for classes for the next fiscal year. Frenzel motioned to accept Delta College's complete proposal. Seconded by Fackler. Motion carried.

Fire Report Assistant Chief Edgett reported on a benefit dinner for fireman Sam Richards to be held at Watertown Township Hall on September 22, 2007. The Fire Department will hold an open house the second week in October, tentatively. Turkey Bingo is set for November 10, 2007.

Zoning Report: Three (3) zoning permits were written within the past thirty (30) days. Mike Werner & Elizabeth McCracken for a modular home, Kelly & Janet Raleigh for an addition and John & Linda McMullen for an enclosed porch. Edgett and Frenzel are conducting interviews on September 17, 2007 for Zoning Administrator.

Maintenance: Vandalism repairs have been made to bleachers and pavilion at Foster Park. Two (2) new BBQ grills were installed at Murphy Park.

Cemetery: The East fence row on the North side of the cemetery has been cleaned out and the old fence removed. Have also been straightening and leveling head stones.

Treasurer's Report: Frenzel presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 08/31/2007:

General Fund	16,547.93
Library Account	3,131.41
Fire Dept Reserve Fund	22,602.21
Trust & Agency	52.73
Tax Collections	1.00

Fackler motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Herington. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: Edgett reported that 25 MPH signs will be posted on Saginaw Street near Foster Park. Following requests from some residents, Edgett submitted a 15 year road improvement plan that would be funded by current budget amounts for road improvements, monies saved from land sales and 1.5 millage increase for 15 years. Tanks will talk to the County Clerk and receive instruction for preparing to have the proposal on the ballot for the January 15, 2008 election.

Trustee Fackler: Fackler would like to see the board consider installing surveillance cameras at Foster Park & Murphy Park to help thwart vandalism.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Submitted budget revisions as follows: In the General Fund, a \$610.00 increase to Assessor Software, a \$1000.00 increase to Township Board Pension, a \$700.00 increase to Publication & printing Clerk, a \$301.00 increase to a new category: Treasurer Refunds. A \$100.00 decrease to Auditor fees, a \$2,301.00 decrease to Contingency fund and in the Fire fund, a \$40,000.00 equipment increase to cover the deposit on the new truck. Fackler motioned to approve the budget revisions. Seconded by Herington. Motion carried. Clerk submitted vouchers as follows: General Fund: \$30,397.15; Library fund: \$1,761.75; Fire Dept Fund at \$5,633.27. Fackler made a motion to approve vouchers and to have checks drawn on the same. Seconded by Herington. Motion carried. Edgett asked for a break down of monies currently invested in certificates of deposit to see if there would be any funds available to help fund the demolition of homes in violation of Dangerous Building Ordinance #40. Tanks and Frenzel will itemize the amounts and have it at our next regular township meeting.

Tanks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frenzel seconded motion. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk

Minutes approved on _____

Bryan Edgett, Township Supervisor

Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk