

**Watertown Township Board Meeting
February 10, 2010**

Quertermous called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Fackler, Frenzel, Herington, Quertermous & Tanks were present. Also present were Fire Chief Pat Ogg, Assistant Fire Chief Ray Herington and Commissioner Roy Petzold.

Tanks read the January 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Supervisor Quertermous instructed that the minutes would stand approved as read.

Commissioner Petzold congratulated the Board on the recent award of a Federal Stimulus Grant. He also reported that due to budget cuts, Tuscola County Commissioners and Tuscola County Road Board have lost their health insurance. Tuscola County Planning Commission is seeking to develop a county wide ordinance to control the height on wind turbines throughout the County.

Fire Report: The Fire Department was called out on one (1) run during the past month, a lift assist for Mayville Ambulance Service. Assistant Fire Chief Ray Herington submitted bids for an 8" well to provide water for our trucks. We are currently using the pond and loading water from it is inefficient. The lowest bid was \$19,700.84 from Metamora Water Service and that did not include electrical. The Fire Department is also in need of a thermal imaging camera. A camera will likely run in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range. These items will be discussed further at the budget meeting. Fire Chief Pat Ogg wants to get identification badges for all firefighters. Tanks relayed information on Montgomery & Sons, Inc., Fire & Restoration Contractors. The overall consensus was to decline their offer to come onto our fire scenes. Fackler reminded the Fire Department that the Township Dump still needs to be burned. Chief Ogg said it would not be scheduled until some of the snow melts.

Pension Plan Resolution: Tanks motioned to adopt an amendment to our current pension plan that would change the retirement age from 65 to 59 ½ and to allow in service distributions for employees who have reached normal retirement age. Motion seconded by Frenzel. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. (See attached) Herington expressed concern over the cost of the current pension plan. The matter will be discussed further at the budget meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Frenzel presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 01/31/2010

General Fund	\$ 11,169.30
Library Account	1,895.52
Fire Dept Reserve Fund	4,720.69
Trust & Agency	45.24
Tax Collections	\$ 66,823.46

Certificates of Deposit

General Fund	76,228.23
Library Fund	2,041.70
Fire Fund	15,166.85

Tanks motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Herington. Motion carried.

Cemetery Property Acquisition A five (5) acre parcel adjacent to the North Side of Watertown Township Cemetery is for sale. Acquiring the parcel could insure cemetery lot space for many years to come. Frenzel made an offer, contingent on board approval, of \$17,000. The owner has not yet accepted the offer and it appears that she may not want to sell the parcel, after all. Quertermous urged the Board to have engineers look at the site before any other negotiations are made. It is important to know that the parcel will work well for burials. In regards to property that was previously purchased for cemetery use, Fackler made a motion to appoint Patricia Frenzel to negotiate the possible sale of the ten (10) acre parcel the township owns on Millington Road, East of the current cemetery, for no less than \$28,500.00. Motion seconded by Herington. Motion carried. Four (4) ayes and one (1) nay.

Planning Commission: Frenzel read the Planning Commission Minutes from the January meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Report: Quertermous picked up the keys to the Police Vehicle from Phil Millerov and has been starting the engine of the vehicle regularly. A new battery may need to be purchased for the vehicle. Quertermous asked the Board's consideration on making a decision about calling Millerov back to work or suspending the Police Department indefinitely. If suspending the entire department is in the works, Millerov should be notified. The matter will be further discussed at budget meeting. Quertermous is also considering entering an arrangement with Tuscola County Recycling Center to offer community recycling at our township hall once per month.

Trustee Herington: Herington expressed interest in working to obtain bids for the work slated in our recent Federal Stimulus Grant award. Tanks explained that bids were received prior to, and sent in with, the grant application. All contractors selected had the lowest bid or matched bids of out of town contractors. Because the Federal Stimulus Plan was designed for job creation, all contractors selected are reputable local businesses.

Clerk's Report: Tanks submitted the February vouchers as follows: General Fund \$7,488.88; Library Fund \$1,118.82 and Fire Fund \$886.85. Frenzel motioned to approve the vouchers and have checks drawn on the same. Motion seconded by Herington. Motion carried.

Tanks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Herington seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Budget Work Group meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by: Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk

Minutes approved on _____

Danny K. Quertermous, Township Supervisor

Barbara Tanks, Township Clerk