12-16-2013 BOT Meeting Summary

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**Township bills:**

MITCHELL, KENNETH GF MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT $1,743.59 **Trustee**

WEITZEL, GEORGE GF MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT $246.11 **Trustee**

CASE, DONNA GF CLEANING 12-1 THRU 12-15-13 $487.50 **Manager’s assistant**

MITCHELL, KENNETH GF MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT $778.15 **Trustee**

CASE, DONNA GF CLEANING SERVICES $487.50 **Manager’s assistant**

AT&T GF OFFICE LONG DISTANCE $109.07

FRONTIER GF OFFICE PHONES, FAX, CEMETERY PHONE $319.14

VERIZON WIRELESS GF TOWNSHIP CELL PHONES $134.91

WOW! BUSINESS GF OFFICE INTERNET CONNECTION $84.95

Watertown v Jon Vancourt $532.07: Legal expenses to require the business owner to get a special use permit before opening a sporting goods shop at the former Book Bodega location.

Correspondence:

**Transfer of title to Watertown Township:**

Two properties at the Stoll Road Development transferred to Watertown from State Treasury. (Tax foreclosed property) The township now owns 16 different properties on Stoll Road and is responsible for the special assessments on the properties.

**Township exempting itself from the requirements of act 152:**

**WATERTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF**

**MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011**

**BY EXERCISING THE TOWNSHIP’S RIGHT TO EXEMPT ITSELF**

**FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees of Watertown Charter Township believes that, as the elected representatives for the Township and answerable directly to the Township voters, it is best positioned to determine what benefits ought to be offered in order to attract and retain the best qualified Township employees at the lowest overall costs;

Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board:

**By exempting itself from the requirements of the Act, the Township is able to pay 100% of the health care benefits. To read requirements and details of benefits of EVIP please click on this Treasury link.**

[TREASURY - Economic Vitality Incentive Programs](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_2197_58826---,00.html)

**This language is copied and pasted from Michigan Public Act 152**

Sec. 8. (1) By a 2/3 vote of its governing body each year, a local unit of government may exempt itself from the requirements of this act for the next succeeding year.

2) For medical benefit plan coverage years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a public employer shall pay not more than 80% of the total annual costs of all of the medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees and elected public officials.

**Township Manager’s 2014-2017 proposed contract details.**

Motion to approve the Manager’s contract as presented:

Motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

To read the complete contracts open the Board packet and go to NB 15 (B)

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Manager’s contracted salary for 2014 is $79,000.00.

Insurance opt out clause $600.00 per month added to her compensation if she does not take Township insurance. An additional 19.3% is paid on the $600.00 and her salary for other benefits.

Also, up to $2,000 a year for dental and vision!

The Manager’s 2010-2014 contract was negotiated and the contracted salary was $71,190.00. The 2013 salary was $74,425.00. The 2014 salary is $79,000.00 for a $7,810.00 increase over four years.

At the 2010 contract discussion, I asked the question why the four year contract instead of three. Trustee Weitzel’s answer was no raises. Please listen to the 2010 contract discussion for verification.

**Contrary to Trustee Weitzel’s statement to me the Manager received a**

**$3,235.00 raise in 2013.**

2010-2014 Ten Minute Audio of the Manager’s Contract discussion on the health insurance clause: Please listen to the audio to understand my no vote on the contract. [View details](http://www.wacousta.org/ImpFiles/2010-2014%20managers%20contract%20agreement.mp3).

This spread sheet shows the Manager’s weighted wages with insurance and after she opted of our insurance in 2010. [View details](http://www.wacousta.org/ImpFiles/Manager's%20insurance%20comparison.docx).

**The Township Board voted to approve all raises.**

The Township Board will receive a 2% salary increase for 2014 per the compensation commission.

The Union Staff negotiated 3% salary increase.

Move to approve a 3% cost of living increase for the Non-Union Staff effective January 1, 2014.

**The included links are from the 11-18-2013 BOT meeting website posting:**

**Information delivered to the Board before the meeting:**

BOT Meeting Summary - [Click to View](http://www.wacousta.org/2013/Nov13/11-18-2013%20BOT%20MEETING%20SUMMARY.docx)

**My Comments at the 2014 public hearing agenda item:**

My Comments 2014 Budget - [Listen](http://www.wacousta.org/2013/Nov13/11-18-2013%20MY%20COMMENTS%20ON%20THE%202014%20BUDGET.mp3)

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Dale Westrick

Still working to keep the residents informed!!!!

If anyone has questions concerning this report, feel free to contact me at

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