

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

March 23, 2015

A special budget meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Supervisor Platt. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: none. Building Official Bruce Nickel was also present.

Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: Treasurer-\$250, Building Inspections-\$175, Board of Review-\$305, Cemetery Expenses-\$900, Board of Appeals-\$80. Moore supported and motion carried.

The Board then discussed the 2015-16 budget. Building Official Nickel presented budget considerations for the Board to review. Nickel proposed the Zoning Officer fee be increased from \$750 per month to \$850 per month. Nickel performs several other tasks under the Zoning Officer department such as the township website, FEMA, and other township items. The annual \$200 fee to Cambridge Township for use of the field inspection laptop is also due. Moore proposed that the Board consider increasing the pay for the Treasurer to collect all sewer payments from the current \$2/parcel to \$3/parcel. The Township's total share received is \$6/parcel and the remaining \$3 that is collected would go to the Township. Moore also discussed that the Township cover any delinquent sewer debt retirement payment's as needed after the May 2015 payoff date; the Township would be reimbursed as delinquent funds were paid.

Township Groundskeeper Jeremy Ries, owner of Troy's Lawn Care, submitted bids for the Board to consider for the 2015 season as follows:

- Bid #1: Using Township equipment and fuel: \$25/hr. per worker
- Bid #2: Using Troy's Lawn Care Equipment and Fuel:
 - \$600 per mowing
 - \$400 each trimming (includes emptying trash cans)
 - \$455 each spraying application
 - \$100 Trimming Bushes
 - \$100/Hr. Spring & Fall clean-up

Currently the wages for grounds keeping is \$12.50/hour using township equipment and fuel. The Board will look into bids from other lawn services and individuals before making a decision by the April 14th Board meeting.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk

