

Franklin Township
April 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Supervisor Platt who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Mike Kelley and Dan VanValkenburg. Absent: none.

The regular minutes of 3/9/15 and the special minutes of 3/23/15 and 3/25/15 were approved as presented.

Supervisor Platt suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the budget hearing. The Board reviewed the proposed budget. Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year and collect 1 mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. Moore supported and motion carried. The Board returned to the regular order of business.

The Treasurer reported income of \$65,150.73 and expenses of \$25,215.05. One additional bill was submitted for approval: ES&S-\$154.60 (Annual AutoMark Maint. Fee). Kelley moved to approve the report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The following Groundskeeper bids/options were presented as follows:

1. Troy's Lawncare: using township equip. & fuel: \$25/hr. per worker using Troy's equip. & fuel: \$600 per mowing and \$400 per trimming with additional fees for extras.
2. F& S Landscape: Main cemetery \$395 and Twp. hall \$125 both prices include mowing and trimming. Other fees for extras.
3. Hire Twp. Employee: \$12.50/hr. using Township's equipment & fuel.

Whitehead moved to appoint Rich Smith and Gary Roberts to the position of Groundskeepers for both cemeteries and Township property for \$12.50/hr. effective immediately. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Platt stated that the Township could trade the existing lawnmower for a new John Deere 920 w/60" deck for less than a \$2,000 difference through Dexter's with a 3-year warranty. Kelley moved to approve the trade-in of the existing John Deere and purchase a new John Deere lawnmower. Whitehead seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Moore moved to approve the Township to cover \$27,000 for Sewer Debt Retirement pay-off in order to meet the May deadline and have the Township be reimbursed as funds are paid. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg updated the Board regarding zoning map updates that are being worked on and a proposed sign ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

VanValkenburg moved to approve the renewal of the annual insurance liability policy through Burnham & Flower Insurance Agency for \$5,363/yr. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

Kelley moved to approve the following road and culvert bids: Teachout (split w/Adrian Twp.) \$4,544.05, O'Dowling Dr. entrance-\$3,544.37, N. Adrian Hwy-\$4,088.33, Carson Hwy-\$910.43 (culvert replaced), Spot Patch-\$6,790.70, North Wisner (culvert replaced)-\$1,154.69, Wyman-\$14,349.94, Munger-\$9,372.54, Carson-\$14,349.94, Whelan-\$1,890.72 (ditching). VanValkenburg seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead moved to approve any board member who wishes to attend the annual County Planning Dinner. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel requested that his wages be increased from \$750 to \$850/month. Treasurer Moore requested that the sewer collection wage be increased to \$3/parcel for all sewers per quarter. Whitehead moved to approve both increases retroactive to April 1st. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

Lenawee Co. Road Commission Operations Mgr. Jason Schnaidt spoke regarding the proposed May 5th state-wide ballot proposal. Martin Klumpp was present and made a statement concerning the proposed May 5th ballot proposal.

Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach updated those present regarding county issues that are being discussed by the County Commissioners.

Public comment was heard, announcements made, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk

