

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**October 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:32 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 minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$46,776.28 and expenses of \$9,698.32. One additional bill was submitted for approval: Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Clean Hall-Oct.). VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Whitehead presented the following two cemetery software bids: BS&A Software-\$4,615 and Pontem Software-\$2,250. The Board reviewed both bids. Supervisor Platt stated that the Clerk would be the one using the cemetery software and should decide which software would be the easiest to work with. Whitehead will give a recommendation at the next meeting.

Supervisor Platt is still interested in pursuing pickleball courts where the current basketball court is located behind the previous Township Hall, and will visit the topic again in the Spring.

Building Official Bruce Nickel updated the Board that he is working with Twp. Attorney Schaedler in handling a dog issue at Evans Lake. The conditional use to hold rodeos on property on M-50 has been revoked due to a land lease not being renewed by the owner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1-Land Division Application: William Robinson with property at 6840 Pawson Road, Onsted (FR00-107-3525-00) requested to split one parcel of 0.709 acres from the parent parcel. The Land Division Committee recommended approval of the application. Kelley moved to approve the Land Split as presented, VanValkenburg supported and motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

The Board discussed whether to accept credit card payments for tax collection or on-line payments. The Board concluded that the Township will still not allow payments by those methods due to not wanting the Township to incur any fees.

Supervisor Platt will report the street light that is out at the corner of Pentecost Hwy and The Blvd. to Consumers Energy.

County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present and updated those in attendance regarding business at the County level and announced Lenawee County's new website will be launched in April with new forms available to download. Nickel asked Commissioner Wittenbach to look into coordinating the Sheriff Department's issuing of dog kennel permits with Township's zoning ordinances concerning the number of dogs allowed.

Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg gave an update that the variance for the distance between two towers was approved for the proposed cell tower on Service Road by the Board of Appeals, and the Planning Commission also approved the proposed cell tower.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk