

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

July 10, 2018

The 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 and special minutes (6/12/18) were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$24,682.72 and expenses of \$32,824.33. One additional bill presented for payment: Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (July/Clean Hall). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Probate Judge candidate Catherine Sala spoke to those present regarding her run for the position. Sala talked about her background and experience.

OLD BUSINESS

Board reviewed the following paving bids:

1. K & B Asphalt-\$2,770 crack fill and seal coat hall parking lot.
\$1,400 seal coat Franklin Cemetery drive.
\$23, 733.24 asphalt cemetery drive.
2. Slusarski Excavating-\$7,162 crack fill and seal coat hall parking lot.
\$7,092 crack fill & seal coat cemetery drive.
\$56,687 replace existing asphalt with new-cemetery.

Kelley moved to approve the \$2,770 bid from K & B Asphalt to crack fill and seal coat hall parking lot. Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0. After much discussion the Board decided to table the cemetery bids in order for the Supervisor to receive more information on the cemetery bids.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric and Pat Pogany with property at 6001 Michigan Avenue, Tipton were present with a request for the Board to grant approval of a 10 foot private walk be vacated that is between lots 4 and 5 in order for the Pogany's to build an attached garage. The Pogany's presented quick claim deeds from 100% of the property owners in Moore's Court. Nickel stated Twp. Attorney Lucas approved the paperwork. VanValkenburg moved to grant the request as submitted. Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the fee for new permits that Electrical Inspector Dick Curtis has been receiving. Electrical applications are generally applied for at the hall or downloaded from the Township website and received by mail. The Building Inspector is entering the computer data. The consensus was in order to bring all inspectors in alignment with each other the permit fee was no longer needed. Whitehead moved to eliminate the \$20 new permit fee for the Electrical Inspector. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

VanValkenburg moved to extend the initial Solar Farm moratorium 6 more months. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-1. No-Kelley. Kelley felt 6 months was too long. Original moratorium began 2-13-18.

County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present and updated the Board regarding current events at the County level. There was much discussion regarding the recent dog license increase that the County Board of Commissioners recently passed. Treasurer Moore voiced opposition to the recent increase. Additional work will now be required due to the new mandates. Wittenbach said he has had a few phone calls from residents not happy with the decision.

VanValkenburg reported he had received two complaints concerning N. Carson Hwy (near the Taylor Road County Park) in regards to the tree canopy over the road causing limited sight distance.

It was noted that Franklin Township still has not received a salt brine application, and is #11 on the salt brine list this year. With the dry weather the roads are very dusty.

Having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk