

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

August 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Trustee Mike Kelley chaired the meeting in the absences of Supervisor Bob Platt and Trustee Dan VanValkenburg. Present: Kelley, Clerk Sue Whitehead, and Treasurer Terri Moore. The regular minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$47,444.18 and expenses of \$44,458.09. One additional bill submitted for payment: Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Clean Hall-Aug.). Whitehead moved to approve all bills submitted for payment. Kelley supported and motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitehead spoke with K & B Asphalt and was told the hall seal coating and striping would be done soon. Franklin Cemetery seal coating will be revisited in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Evans Lake resident Gary Olejniczak was present requesting a “No Jake Brake” sign be posted on U.S. 12 near Breyman Hwy, due to the increased noise level from semis in the last year. Whitehead said she would contact MDOT for more information and then contact Olejniczak.

Franklin Township was invited to be part of an Intermunicipality Committee made up of municipalities within the Greater Irish Hills Region who have mutual interests in receiving grants. Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #18-4R for the Township of Franklin to become a participating municipality in the Committee. Moore supported. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board read through a first draft of a proposed Blight Ordinance. Whitehead moved to forward the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission for review. Kelley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel said the appeal period for flood plain maps ended in July. Nickel feels the Board should consider adopting a flood plain ordinance in the near future.

Whitehead said there will be a Criminal Justice Meeting September 6th at 10 a.m. at the old courthouse to discuss the new animal control fees (dog licenses). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

During public comment Howard Kapp who resides on Pawson Road feels the Township needs to look into chloride for dust control in the future. Does not feel the salt brine that the Road Commission applies is very effective.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk