

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

September 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Clerk Whitehead who then led the flag pledge. Present: Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: Supervisor Bob Platt. In the absence of Supervisor Platt, Trustee VanValkenburg chaired the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$12,996.68 and expenses of \$20,461.67. Additional bills submitted for payment: K & B Asphalt-\$2,770 (hall repaving), The Daily Telegram-\$75.25 (printing), Gary Roberts-\$306.25 (groundskeeper), Dick Curtis-\$350 (inspections) & \$70 (mileage), payroll taxes-\$100.38, L2LD LLC-\$970 (burials), Tecumseh Herald-\$68.70 (printing), Bruce Nickel-\$258 (training). Kelley moved to approve all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried 4-0. **Fire Protection Hearing:** Sand Lake Fire Department Chief Mark Wilson addressed those present with an update over the past year. Wilson reported there have been 178 calls to date with 70% of those medical. There are currently 25 on staff with a payroll of \$70,000. Most calls are one hour or less. Wilson stated a new fire truck was too expensive so the department is refurbishing an existing truck. A new roof will be needed at the Tipton Station. The Fire Chief requested the current millage be renewed. Whitehead moved to approve 2.5 mils for fire protection for 2018-19. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Moore attended a recent County Commission meeting regarding the recent dog license fee increases. No action was taken. Moore said the County Commissioners will revisit the topic at a future meeting.

Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg said the large solar farms and a sign ordinance are still under discussion. A blight ordinance is also being worked on. VanValkenburg updated the Board that the Planning Commission voted to approve the existing master plan with no changes on 8-21-18.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Anderson, owner of Port-To-Port Mini Golf on U.S. 12 was present and said he was interested in acquiring the adjacent former Bear's Lair property in order to lease it to David Schulteis, President of Straw Hat, Inc. of Adrian. Both were present and Schulteis stated if the state proposal for recreational marijuana passes he is interested in operating a processing center, growing area, office and 1 dispensary. It was noted that Franklin Township has not opted in for medical marijuana operations in the Township.

Public comment was offered. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk