

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

October 9, 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 minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$54,135.20 and expenses of \$25,312.10. Additional bills submitted for approval: Betty DeBoer-\$1,000 (2-graves repurchased), County MTA-\$30 (annual dues), Lucas Law-\$477.50 (Aug. legal fees), Dan VanValkenburg-\$50 (P.C. postage), Co. Road Commission-\$58,575.87 (Wisner Hwy Limestone). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel updated the Board that there will be a pre-trial hearing February 15th for the former Bear's Lair property at 5600 U.S. 12 to remove the remaining debris on the property. The Board discussed other issues that are being reviewed with Twp. Attorney Fred Lucas concerning a proposed blight ordinance, secondary residences, and lake rentals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussed a Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal. VanValkenburg moved to adopt Ordinance #18-2 Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. Whitehead supported the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The agreement is for 30 years.

Whitehead presented a METRO ACT request from Midwest Energy. The Board reviewed the application asking for a right-of-way telecommunications permit. Kelley moved to approve the permit. Whitehead supported. Motion passed 5-0. The permit is for 15 years. Midwest Energy plans to deploy a fiber communications project in the Township in 2019.

The Board received the following fall clean-up bids for Franklin Cemetery: Cooper's Lawn Care-\$1,400, Adam's Outdoor Services-\$1,575 and VanErt's-\$2,200. Moore moved to approve the Cooper's Lawn Care bid for \$1,400. VanValkenburg supported. Motion carried 5-0. The bid is for leaf removal.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk