

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

November 13, 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, and Trustee Dan VanValkenburg. Absent: Mike Kelley. Also present: Township Attorney Fred Lucas. The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$7,201.61 and expenses of \$92,218.68. One additional bill submitted for payment: Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (clean hall post election 11/12). VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and all bills presented for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding a proposed blight ordinance. Twp. Attorney Lucas spoke to the Board stating the proposed ordinance would be another tool to allow debris to be cleaned up in situations such as dangerous buildings and properties that are unsightly. Supervisor Platt said he is not opposed to properties being kept up. The Board agreed there is room for improvement and acknowledged Franklin is a rural community, and would like to find a balance. Resident Doug Sherman said he has concerns that future Township leadership could be too strict with enforcement of such an ordinance. Attorney Lucas said based on what the Board concerns are he could change some of the wording and have the Board review again. Supervisor Platt agreed and the Board will review the proposed ordinance with changes at the December meeting.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel updated the Board that the Fathi-Schroeder mobile home on Pentecost Hwy has been removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The passage of state proposal #18-01 at the General Election on November 6th allows municipalities to opt-out of marihuana establishments within their borders. After some discussion and input from Attorney Lucas, VanValkenburg moved to adopt Ordinance #18-3 Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments. Moore supported. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. Absent: Kelley.

Whitehead presented two snow removal bids received by the Township as follows: Adams Outdoor Services-\$75 for 2"-6" of snow and \$150 for over 6 inches with sidewalks cleared. Cemetery-\$40 for 2"-6" and \$80 for over 6 inches

of snow. Neighborhood Outdoor Services-\$80/hour for up to 6” snow with the sidewalk included. The owner told the Clerk he would pro-rate the cemetery at \$80/hour based on the time it took to complete. Moore recused herself from voting due to being related to a bidder. VanValkenburg moved to approve the bid received from Neighborhood Outdoor Services. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 3-0.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business, the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk