

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **December 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:35 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 presided over the meeting. The minutes from November were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$56,730.76 and expenses of \$18,457.42. Two additional bills were submitted for approval: Lucas Law-\$555 (11/18 legal fees) and Cooper's Lawn Care-\$1,400 (fall clean-up/cemetery). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed and tabled until January a revised version of a proposed blight ordinance due to commercial not being listed and also for more review. The Board would like Township Attorney Lucas to change some of the wording.

Whitehead updated the Board that Neighborhood Services who was awarded the snow plow bid did not carry the proper liability insurance, so the Township will need to choose a new snow plow bid. The only other bidder was Adams Outdoor Services. Kelley moved to approve Adams Outdoor Services for snow removal for 2018-19. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-0. The bid is \$75 for the hall for 2" – 6" of snow and double the price above 6 inches. Franklin Cemetery-\$40 for 2" - 6" of snow and double the price above 6 inches.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2-Land Division Applications: #1 Terrehaven Farms LLC with property on Country Drive, Tecumseh (FR0-136-4250-00) requested to split 3.705 acres from the parent parcel. Whitehead moved to approve the land division as presented. Kelley supported. Motion carried 4-0. #2 Terrehaven Farms LLC with property on Country Drive, Tecumseh (FR0-136-4575-00) requested to split 3.853 acres from the parent parcel. Kelley moved to approve the land division as presented. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-0. The Land Division Committee recommended approval of both splits. Approval of the land divisions does not mean zoning compliance.

Board reviewed a rezoning request from Pogany Family LLC in Section 6 (FR0-470-0050-00) at 6001 Michigan Ave., (U.S. 12). The property was

comprised of Lots 4 & 5 in the Moore's Court Plat, separated by a public walkway. The Township previously vacated the public walkway and the lots were combined through a deed restriction. Lot 4 is zoned R-1. Moore moved to adopt Rezoning Ordinance #18-4. The amendment rezones Lot 5 from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1 (Residential). Whitehead supported. Roll Call: Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Motion carried 4-0. Absent: Platt. The purpose of the change is to make Lot 5 a residential lot to live on. The Lenawee County and Franklin Planning Commission's both recommended approval.

Building Official Bruce Nickel updated the Board that in 2004 a variance was issued allowing a second dwelling at 8771 Pentecost Hwy (FR0-1450-00) for use of the owner's parents until no longer occupying. As of 11/20/18 the dwelling and foundation have been removed. Kelley moved to return the "Fathi-Schroeder" performance bond of \$2,000 plus interest to the property owners, Mehran & Macia Fathi. Whitehead supported the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Fathi's were present and expressed their gratitude to the Board.

Nickel said the FEMA flood insurance maps final determination will be available 1/18/19.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk