

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

February 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:08 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. Due to the absence of Supervisor Platt, Trustee VanValkenburg presided over the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The Board reviewed a budget comparison report. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer \$10,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Hwy/Sts/Bridges Fund. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Treasurer reported income of \$109,003.95 and expenses of \$129,439.64. The following bills were submitted for approval: L2LD LLC-\$850 (2-Burials: Kern & Leeth), Lenawee Co. Road Comm.-\$11,806.54 (N. Adrian Hwy Concrete Box Culvert), Co. Printing & Purchasing-\$51.32 (Copier Paper), BS&A Software-\$400 (Bldg. Dept. Annual Support), Lucas Law-\$285 (Jan. Legal Fees). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the highlights of the Road Commission/Township annual meeting held January 18th. Franklin is #4 on the salt brine list this year. Proposed road projects for 2019 were discussed. Bids will be sent from the LCRC to the Board in April. The Board discussed concerns with the Road Commission regarding road conditions, the need for water drainage, ditch cleaning and grading deeper.

VanValkenburg informed the Board that the previous moratorium on Large Solar Farms was due to expire soon. VanValkenburg felt an additional 6 month moratorium was needed while the Planning Commission completes their work on the proposed ordinance and also allows time for public hearings. Moore moved to extend the Large Solar Farms moratorium for 6 additional months. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

Whitehead said the new election tabulator (2018) that was still under warranty from Dominion was returned to the company due to operating issues and has since been replaced with a new unit.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board received a letter from the Sand Lake Property Owners Association requesting a 5-year renewal of the existing Sand Lake Weed Control

Special Assessment District. The terms were the same as they have been over the last 10 years. Each lake front property owner would be assessed \$100 per parcel for 5 years. The current weed control special assessment is scheduled to end May 2019. Whitehead moved to accept the letter. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-0. Whitehead explained that the next step in the process would be for the Board to consider a Resolution of Intent at the March or April Board meeting.

Moore requested the late penalty be waived for senior citizens who pay their property taxes during the last 2 weeks of February. Whitehead moved to waive the 3% late penalty fee for those 65 and older who pay their property taxes between February 15-28, 2019. Kelley supported. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a partial rezoning request from Valerie Konz concerning 0.3 acres of property at 1245 W. U.S. 12, Tipton (FR0-510- 0020-00). The purpose of the proposed change is to conform to current and future use. A portion of the property is already zoned C-1 and the adjacent Evans Lake Resort is bisected by the property. Whitehead moved to approve Rezoning Ordinance #19-2 changing the zoning from R-1 Residential to C-1 Commercial. Kelley supported. Motion carried 4-0. It was noted that the rezoning will make the existing “residential duplexes” a legally conforming use (grandfathered). The duplex will be allowed to continue, however, it cannot be expanded.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk