

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

April 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:05 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 regular minutes from 3/12/19 and special minutes from 3/19/19 and 4/3/19 were approved as presented. The Board suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the Budget Hearing for 2019-20. Supervisor Platt reviewed the proposed budget for those present. Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year and collect 1 mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0. The Board returned to the regular order of business. The Treasurer reported income of \$52,418.40 and expenses of \$25,959.16. Additional bills submitted for approval: Daily Telegram-\$242.40 (printing), Max Griffith-\$35.75 (Assessor Postage), Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (clean hall/April). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

It was determined that the Ricoh copy machine that is presently being used at the hall still has a lot of life left in it and parts could still be found, so the Board agreed to continue using it.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Audette Vollmer & William Vollmer, Jr. with property at 7137 Tipton Hwy, Tipton (FR0-134-3550-00) requested to split 1 parcel of 5.00 acres from the parent parcel. VanValkenburg moved to approve the land split as requested. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 5-0. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Supervisor Platt stated that since Proposal #18-3 passed last November at the Gubernatorial Election a number of new changes are being implemented by the State Bureau of Elections regarding same day voter registration, no reason absentee voting, etc. Due to the new election laws and procedures the workload for elections has and will continue to increase. A salary increase of \$5,000 for the Clerk was presented. Moore moved to adopt Resolution #19-06R To Establish Officer Salary for the Clerk at \$27,050 retroactive to April 1, 2019. Kelley supported. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted 5-0.

Supervisor Platt explained that the Township receives \$6/parcel for sewer collection. Currently, the Treasurer receives \$3/parcel. The Treasurer is requesting an increase of .55 cents per parcel. Whitehead moved to approve the wages for the Treasurer to increase to \$3.55 per parcel for sewer collection retroactive to April 1st. VanValkenburg supported. Motion carried 5-0. The remaining \$2.45/parcel will go to the Township and also cover sewer billing expenses.

A bid from Selective Data Systems was received for 4 HP Desktop computers including 2019 Business Office and set-up for \$5,363.15 to replace the current outdated computers. Kelley moved to approve the new computers. VanValkenburg supported. Motion carried 5-0.

A bid for security cameras for the Township Hall was received from SDS for \$1,739.15 which includes 4 Hikvision Cameras, Network Data Drop, Battery Backup, 20" LED Monitor and setup. Kelley moved to approve the security camera bid. VanValkenburg supported. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed road bids received from the Lenawee County Road Commission. Kelley moved to approve the following bids:

1. Wisner Hwy/Shoulder Removal & Apply Limestone (M-50 to Robbins Rd.) \$71,403.61.
2. Service Road/Shoulder Removal & Apply Limestone (M-52 to Wisner Hwy) \$62,270.79
3. Spot Patch Any Road (304 & 411) \$30,081.19

Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0.

Platt said a few years ago a few people had requested the Township install a pickle ball court at the old tennis courts that the Township still owns. Nothing happened at that time. Platt is now seeking estimates for pickle courts and will present at the next meeting.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel told the Board he is currently working on 18 properties for blight elimination. An update on the former Bear's Lair property on U.S. 12 has been issued a court order for clean-up by August 1st.

Whitehead moved to approve \$200 to Cambridge Township for the annual use of the Field Inspections Laptop for the Building Inspector. Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0.

Public comment was heard. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk