

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **July 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanValkenburg, who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Dan VanValkenburg, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Mike Kelley and Gordon Whelan. Absent: none. VanValkenburg began the meeting by thanking former Supervisor Bob Platt for all of his years of service to the Township, and being instrumental in the building of the new Township Hall. Dan wished Bob the best in his retirement. VanValkenburg also thanked the Board for appointing him to the Supervisor position and trusting in him that he will continue to lead the Township well. VanValkenburg began serving the Township in 1973. Supervisor VanValkenburg then introduced the newest member of the Township Board. Trustee Gordon Whelan was appointed to fill the remaining term of office that former Trustee VanValkenburg held. Whelan has served in the past as a member of the Planning Commission and the Board of Review. As a Township Board representative Whelan will also serve on the Planning Commission.

The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$21,000.15 and expenses of \$16,458.91. Three additional bills were presented for payment: Fairway Management-\$100 (Noxious Weed Mowing (Coulter), L2LD-\$1,585 (4-Opening & Closing Graves/Stockinger-Xeros-McKee-O'Boyle), Region 2 P.C.-\$40 (Dan/Annual Dinner). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Gilgal Point Condo Assoc. V.P. Paul Morrison spoke regarding the condition of O'Dowling Drive. The Association asked Morrison to address the Board and ask that the road located in Loch Erin be remembered during road projects discussions that it is in need of drainage. There is also culvert issues and problems with the road height. The Board said road projects are decided in April of each year, however, the Board would keep the O'Dowling Drive issues in mind. O'Dowling is both in Franklin and Cambridge Township's.

Building Official Bruce Nickel presented several documents concerning the proposed Flood Insurance Program. If approved the program will allow relief for

Federally subsidized flood insurance that affected homeowners can purchase. As the Building Official Nickel will maintain the maps and data for the designated flood areas in the Township. The only areas mapped as flood plain areas by FEMA in the Township are Loch Erin and Evans Creek. Passage of the proposals allows much less costly flood insurance for homeowners who wish to purchase it. The FEMA maps go into effect August 15<sup>th</sup>. Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #19-08R Intent for Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Moore supported. Roll Call Vote: Whelan-yes, Kelley-no, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Motion passed 4-1. Kelley-no. The discussion continued. Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #19-09R Community to Manage Floodplain Development for National Flood Insurance Program. Moore supported. Roll Call Vote: Kelley-no, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, VanValkenburg-yes, Whelan-yes. Motion passed 4-1. Kelley-no. More discussion. Whitehead moved to adopt Ordinance #19-3 Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-1. Kelley-no.

Kelley said LCRC foreman Josh had been in contact with him requesting the Board approve more spot patching on gravel roads due to the excessive spring rainfall. There was \$7,000 remaining from the estimate that was approved earlier in the season. Kelley suggested the Board use that amount. Kelley moved to approve \$7,000 for spot patching. Whelan supported. Motion carried 5-0. An estimate for a culvert replacement on Ayres Hwy for \$2,318.66 was discussed. Kelley said the Road Commission would pay 50% on this project. Moore moved to approve the culvert estimate. Kelley supported. Motion carried 5-0. Kelley stated the Road Commission was supposed to begin applying a salt brine application in Franklin, however, it would only be down the center of each gravel road.

Moore moved to add Hayden Whitehead as a Groundskeeper employee effective immediately. Kelley supported. Motion carried 5-0. Kelley moved to approve Hayden's hours for payment (15 ½ X \$12.50/hour). Whelan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Nickel presented the Zoning Report for June. The Board reviewed zoning violation progress.

VanValkenburg gave a Planning Commission update: August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be addressing a proposed sign ordinance, proposed height changes on residential buildings, and proposed storage units as a conditional use in certain areas.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk