

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

September 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor VanValkenburg who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Dan VanValkenburg, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, and Trustee Mike Kelley. Absent: Trustee Gordy Whelan. The regular August minutes and the special 8/26/19 minutes were both approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$23,095.17 and expenses of \$26,157.50. Additional bills submitted for approval: Consumers Energy-\$52.97 (Street Light Conversion) and \$23,733.24 (K & B Asphalt/Re-sealcoat Cemetery Drive). Whitehead moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment with K & B Asphalt contingent upon satisfaction of the cemetery sealcoat. Kelley supported. Motion carried 4-0. **SUSPENDED REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS IN ORDER TO HOLD THE FIRE HEARING:** Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson gave an overview of the Department. Chief Wilson stated a roof project at the Tipton Station was completed for roughly \$55,000. A pump truck was refurbished for \$197,000 versus purchasing a new model. Wilson said he hopes to purchase new gear for the department this year. The Lake Station is manned Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Burn permits can be requested on-line at the following website: sandlakefiredepartment.com. New radios have been provided through the 911 surcharge. Thus far for 2019 there have been 203 calls received. Presently there is a staff of 25 and payroll of \$85,000 for paid on-call volunteers. Whitehead moved to approve 2.5 mils for fire protection for 2019-20. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-0. **RETURNED TO REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Macauley who resides on Sand Lake spoke to the Board with complaints regarding LED lights that reflect off of the water and shine in on neighboring homes from Carp spearfishing at night on the lake. Macauley has been in contact with the DNR and was told artificial lights are allowed to be used. This has happened about 4 times this year so far. Macauley wanted to know if there was some way for the Township to regulate the use of the lights. Kelley said it is a legal activity. Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel said he will speak with Township Attorney Lucas and see if there are any options for monitoring the lights or the hours. It was mentioned that roughly half of Sand Lake is in Cambridge Township.

The Board reviewed the monthly Zoning Report from Nickel. Discussed the progress of violations. The former Bear's Lair clean-up is on-going.

Public Comment: Helen Gohsman who resides on Evans Trail was present with complaints concerning the condition of Evans Trail. Requested the Board to improve where the culverts have sunk and made dips in the pavement, and feels it is a safety issue. Kelley said he would contact the Road Commission foreman to inspect the roadway.

Having no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk