

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

October 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:02 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. Trustee Gordy Whelan arrived at 7:30 p.m. Absent: none. The regular minutes and special minutes (9/20/19) were both approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$53,917.89 and expenses of \$34,909.47. There were 7 additional bills submitted for approval: Tecumseh Herald-\$90 (Printing), Lucas Law-\$270 (Sept. Fees), Region 2 P.C.-\$856.98 (2020 Membership Dues), Consumers Energy-\$46.67 (LED), Exxon Mobil-\$68.70 (Grounds Fuel), Medical Mutual-\$107.02 (Bd. Life Ins.), SLFD-\$137.58 (AED Pads & Battery). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

Lenawee County Sheriff Troy Bevier introduced himself to those present. The Sheriff has been in the position since March 1st and spoke about his background and gave updates on the Dept. There is a staff of 105 over-all. A new Drone Program has been implemented for certain cases such as a missing person. Sheriff Bevier took questions from those present.

OLD BUSINESS

Spearfishing at Sand Lake. Since the last meeting a sign has been posted at the DNR boat launch site stating the site is closed 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. It was the consensus that the DNR will need to enforce the hours that are posted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed one bid received from Hampshire Farms for \$2,526.31 to install screened asphalt millings next to the edge of the cemetery drive that was recently seal-coated. The Board is waiting for more bids to come in and would also like to compare the cost against limestone.

The Board discussed Fall Clean-up at the Franklin Cemetery. Cooper's Lawn Care submitted a bid for \$2,000 for leaf clean-up. Bader & Son quoted \$599 (installed) to add a quick-cut advantage mulcher to one of the Township's existing mowers. Whitehead moved to approve the \$599 purchase to add the mulcher to one mower to mulch the leaves instead of contracting for the leaf clean-up. Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinance #19-4 Text Amendment and Additions that covered Accessory Structures Height, Self-Service Storage Facilities where they can be located, and the definition. The Lenawee Co. Planning Commission recommended approval. The Franklin Township Planning Commission recommended approval and requested that 1-story be removed from the Accessory Structures text. **Accessory Structures Max Height:** Kelley moved to approve the zoning text amendment for Accessory Structures maximum allowable height from 16 feet to 25 feet in R-1 (Residential District). Eliminating the wording 1-story. Whelan supported. Motion carried 5-0. **Self-Service Storage Facilities:** Whitehead moved to approve Self-Service Storage Facilities as a Conditional Use in C-1 (General Commercial) as Section 12.03.13, CR-Commercial Recreation District as Section 13.03.13, and M-1 (Industrial District) as Section 14.01.8 as an addition to the Zoning Ordinance. Whelan supported. Motion carried 5-0. The Board mutually agreed that fencing could be required as a conditional use during the site plan review according to each circumstance. **Self-Service Storage Facility Definition.** The Board discussed the definition that was forwarded from the Planning Commission and decided to slightly alter it. Whitehead moved to approve adding the Self-Service Storage Facility definition to Article XXI (21) in the Zoning Ordinance as discussed. Kelley supported. Motion carried 5-0. The approved definition is as follows: “Self-Service Storage Facility. A building or group of buildings in a facility that contains varying sizes of individual, compartmentalized, and controlled-access stalls or lockers for the storage of customer’s goods or wares.”

Sand Lake Fire Department Chief Mark Wilson demonstrated a portable CPR machine called “LUCAS” that is on loan to the Department for 3 months. The machine has a cost of \$18,000. Chief Wilson was assisted by Howard Kapp. Chief Wilson said the machine would be very beneficial to the Department.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business, the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk