

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

## May 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7 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 Gordy Whelan. Absent: none. The Board social distanced due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The regular minutes and special minutes (4/29/2020) were both approved as presented. The Treasurer's report showed income of \$2,645.10 and expenses of \$85,483.73. Two additional bills submitted for payment: Accident Fund-\$1,315 (annual worker's comp.) and John Hancock-\$37.50 (1<sup>st</sup> qt. pension fees). Kelley moved to approve the report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor VanValkenburg introduced new Township Assessor Carrie Soto (Michigan Advanced Assessment Officer) to those present. Carrie is an independent contractor with the Township and will begin her assessing duties June 1st. Carrie will hold office hours at the Township Hall on Wednesday's from 9-noon.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the following bids for sealing the Franklin Cemetery drive: K & B Asphalt-\$2,579 and Slusarski Excavating-\$7,245. Kelley moved to approve the bid from K & B Asphalt for \$2,579. Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0. The sealer will be applied over the sealcoating that was done last year.

Supervisor VanValkenburg updated the Board that Township Attorney Lucas gave a 30-day notification to AAS in writing that their Assessing services will end May 31<sup>st</sup>.

It was noted that Electrical Inspector Dick Curtis began doing inspections again as of May 4, 2020.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Due to the coronavirus the Board discussed the following estimates for 2 sneeze guards (48x36 and 24x36) for the Township Hall counter: DGS-\$367.98, On-The-Spot-\$450, Tecumseh Trolley-\$510. On-The-Spot's barrier attached to the walls and the other 2 barriers sat on the counter. Whitehead said she would prefer it not attach to the walls. Whelan suggested purchasing locally. Whitehead moved

to approve the Tecumseh Trolley estimate for \$510 minus \$50 if the Township picks-up the barriers for a total of \$460. Moore supported. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel's monthly zoning report. Nickel said Chateau Aeronautique Winery on Pentecost Hwy was recently approved for a covered patio by the Township Planning Commission.

Board reviewed an estimate for \$1,094.38 from SDS, Inc. for a new PC for the Assessor's use. The model includes extra mapping features and a monitor. Whitehead moved to approve the new computer for the Assessor's office. Kelley supported. Motion carried 5-0.

Howard Kapp from the Sand Lake Fire Dept. said both stations are being staffed again and the state-wide ban on burning permits has been lifted.

Public comment was offered. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk