

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

July 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order by Supervisor VanValkenburg at 7:02 p.m. Present: Supervisor Dan VanValkenburg, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Mike Kelley and Gordy Whelan. Absent: none. The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report showed income of \$26,006.18 and expenses of \$16,222.22. Additional bills submitted for approval: L2LD-\$710 (1 Burial & 1 Cremation - Anderson & McKenzie), Spectrum Printers-\$447.13 (Election Supplies), Co. Equal Dept.-\$2,379.62 (Summer Tax Postage & Notices), Co. Equal. Dept.-\$4,516 (2-Annual Basic Contracts GF), Burnham & Flower Agency-\$50 (Treasurer Notary Bond). Kelley moved to approve the Treasury Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whelan supported. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

New Assessor Carrie Soto was present and updated the Board regarding some previous assessing issues that she has been working on. Soto reviewed each item and informed the Board that they have been resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor VanValkenburg presented the following 4 generator bids for the Township Hall for review:

1. AEG-\$9,200 (Kohler 20KW 100 Amp)
2. Old Church Electric-\$8,250 (Kohler 20KW)
3. Superior Industrial Sales & Service-\$9,487 (Kohler 20KW RCA)
4. Deere Electric-\$9,000 (22KW Generac)

No action was taken by the Board.

Supervisor VanValkenburg presented an estimate from Safety Systems for \$10,910 for fire and smoke alarms for the hall. The Board took no action.

Board discussed estimate #4131 from the Lenawee Co. Road Commission for \$2,014.70 to replace a 24" culvert on Munger Road (west of Tipton Hwy). VanValkenburg and both Trustees viewed the existing culvert. VanValkenburg will discuss with the Foreman to see about filling in with stone. VanValkenburg also inquired with the Washtenaw Co. Road Commission regarding their salt brine applications. Washtenaw applies 3 applications per year. The Board has received complaints from residents claiming their road was missed; only to find out the salt brine was recently applied. It was a very light application that was applied.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel reviewed his monthly zoning report with the Board. Noting new zoning and enforcement efforts. Violation letters have been sent regarding noxious weeds, junk vehicles, debris, etc.

A resolution was received by the Board from the new owner of Country Villa MHC LLC at 12919 Tipton Hwy regarding their water system. Whitehead will forward the proposed resolution to Twp. Attorney Fred Lucas for review and input.

Treasurer Moore stated First Federal has merged with Premier Bank. The interest has greatly decreased. Moore will contact other banks to compare. Revenue sharing has also decreased.

VanValkenburg bushhogged the Township grounds east of the hall. Trustee Kelley bushhogged prior to that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Howard Kapp was present and would like to see the shoulder removed and improve the hill and twin curves on Pawson Road. Kelley said a prior LCRC estimate for that section of Pawson Road was very high.

Jason Perry, a member of the Board of Review, was present with concerns regarding changing to a new Assessor. Perry felt the Board of Review should have been notified in advance about the change. The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer responded that there had been many complaints received over the 3½ years that AAS had provided assessing. It is the Board's responsibility to the taxpayers to employ an Assessor who works with the community, listens to Board concerns, and handles filings in a timely manner.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk