

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

## August 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order by Supervisor VanValkenburg at 7:00 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 reported income of \$47,225.30 and expenses of \$77,281.04. Additional bills submitted for payment: Payroll Taxes-\$941.08 and Meredith Francis, CPA-\$4,500 (2019-20 Audit & F-65 Report). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whelan supported. Motion carried 5-0. Meredith Francis, CPA then presented the annual audit to the Board. Francis gave the Township the highest rating of "unmodified opinion". Francis also completed the F-65 Report and the 2020 Qualifying Statement.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board decided to only mow trails on the adjacent Township property except where future expansion of the Franklin Cemetery is planned. That area will be mowed periodically to keep the trees from taking over.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board did not approve a 2<sup>nd</sup> salt brine bid for \$22,563.10. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the ineffectiveness of the 1<sup>st</sup> salt brine application that the Lenawee Co. Road Commission applied. The Board has received many complaints regarding the lack of dust control. The Board did not feel confident that spending additional money on a 2<sup>nd</sup> salt brine application would have any better results. The Supervisor contacted Washtenaw Co. Road Commission and they apply 3 applications per year for dust control. The Board was in agreement that the current level of dust control is not acceptable.

Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel discussed many zoning violations regarding debris, unlicensed vehicles, and one dangerous building.

Building Inspector Brandon McRobert will cover for Bruce Nickel from 8/13-8/16/2020 at the regular inspection rate of \$50/inspection + \$10/mileage.

While Township Assessor Carrie Soto is recovering from an auto accident Rex Murphy will be covering during her absence.

Supervisor VanValkenburg will look into the cost of an electronic sign for the Township Hall.

**Public Comment:** Dennis Bordner who resides at 7643 S. Carson Hwy was present with complaints regarding the very light salt brine application that was

applied by the Road Commission, and the poor grading that does not allow the water to drain off of the road. Mr. Bordner also has been in contact with the LCRC to repair the washed-out area near the corner of Bramble Hwy and Carson Hwy. The Supervisor will contact the LCRC foreman regarding Bordner's concerns.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk