

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

September 8, 2020

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 Gordy Whelan. Absent: Trustee Mike Kelley. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$9,217.79 and expenses of \$36,777.41. Additional bills presented for payment: Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Aug./clean hall), Lucas Law-\$150 (Aug. legal fees), Sieler's Water System-\$22.83 (salt), Consumers Energy-\$3.66 (LED's), Exxon Mobil-\$67 (grounds/cem. fuel), Safety Systems-\$90 (qt. fee), Tecumseh Herald-\$204 (printing). Whelan moved to approve the report and all bills presented for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the Fire Protection Hearing. Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson spoke to the Board and gave highlights over the past year concerning the department. Wilson said due to COVID-19 things have been different. New gear was purchased. Nine new staff have been added to the department bringing the total to 28. In 2019 the SLFD had 310 calls. So far for 2020 there have been 239. The department began using new radios at the start of 2020 and they have been a great improvement. The radios were covered by the 911 surcharge through the County. Wilson asked for the Board to renew the millage. Whitehead moved to approve the 2.5 mils for fire protection for 2020-21. Moore supported. Motion carried 4-0. The Board then returned to the regular order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

Twp. Attorney Lucas reviewed the following proposed resolution. Moore moved to approve Resolution #2020-2R that states that Franklin Township refuses to accept ownership of or operation, maintenance, and administrative responsibilities for said particular drinking water supply and has no objection to the application of Country Villa Manufactured Home Community located at 12919 Tipton Hwy, Tipton to continue to own and operate the drinking water system under state permit. Whelan supported. Motion carried 4-0.

VanValkenburg said the County Road Commission did follow-up with Dennis Bordner's complaint regarding Carson Hwy from the last meeting.

The Board reviewed Bruce Nickel's monthly zoning violation report. Nickel's report showed there were 9 violations and 2 cases were closed.

NEW BUSINESS None.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk