

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

December 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor VanValkenburg who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Dan VanValkenburg, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore and Trustee Gordon Whelan. Absent: Trustee Mike Kelley. The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$66,717.31 and expenses of \$16,037.42. One additional bill submitted for approval: John Hancock-\$1,394.60 (Dec. Pension Contribution). Whelan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor VanValkenburg reported that Consumers Energy did an energy audit on the Township Hall and replaced light bulbs in the office areas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed 1-Land Division application received from Brian & Catherine Lewis with property (#FR0-136-4525-00) in the Country Drive Block, Tecumseh, requesting to divide and create two parcels. The Land Division Committee recommended approval. Moore moved to approve the land split creating 2 parcels consisting of 1.873 acres and 1.836 acres. Whelan supported. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed changing the Board's pension plan normal retirement age from 65 to 59 ½. Moore moved to approve Resolution #2020-4R Group Pension Plan Change. Whitehead supported. Motion carried 4-0. The change is effective immediately.

The Board approved in October to add LED lighting to the ride share parking lot on M-52 near N. Adrian Hwy. MDOT will pay for installation and Franklin Township will pay the energy use. The Board reviewed a resolution that authorizes Supervisor VanValkenburg and Clerk Whitehead to sign the MDOT contract for the Township. Whelan moved to approve Resolution #20-3R MDOT Contract #20-5450. Moore supported. Whelan-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Consumers Energy will be doing line clearing projects in Franklin Township.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel reported that Township Attorney Lucas recommended a civil infraction process begin for the owners of 270 Evans Trail who are in violation of living in an accessory building while a new house is being built. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk