

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**January 14, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Platt who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: none. Also present: Twp. Attorney Phill Schaedler. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$12,414.39 and expenses of \$71,205.78. Additional bills submitted for approval: Sommers Lawn & Snow-\$765 (Hall-6 snowplows), John Hancock-\$212.41 (4<sup>th</sup> Qt. 2013 Pension Fees. Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Upcoming annual Road Commission/Township meeting January 16, 2014 at 9 a.m. The Board will also hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for Evans Lake Aquatic Weed Control January 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Building Official Bruce Nickel reported on the completion of the Dangerous Building and clean-up of the property at 6754 W. Munger Road, Tipton.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Planning Commission V.P. Vern Fry was present and explained the recommendation for the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment that would establish a different type of home occupation as a conditional use in the AG, Suburban Estate, and Residential districts, which would allow for up to 2 people not living in the home to be employed by the business. If passed Fry stated a “low-impact and no-impact home based business” would be listed under “Home Occupation” in the zoning ordinance. VanValkenburg moved to approve Zoning Ord. #14-1 per the County Planning commission and Region 2 Planning Commission. Whitehead supported. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The ordinance will be effective 8 days after publication.

VanValkenburg presented a proposed zoning change for property near the corner of U.S. 12 and Pentecost Hwy for parcel #FRO-107-1050-00 (20 acres) from Residential (R-1) to Suburban Estates (SE) and adjoining property #FRO-106-3540-00 (1.84 acres) from Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (C-1) in order to establish a winery and vineyard. The Lenawee Co. Planning Commission and Region 2 P.C. approved the recommendation. VanValkenburg moved to approve Zoning Ord. Amendment #14-2. Whitehead seconded. Roll Call Vote:

Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Motion passed 5-0 and will be effective 8 days after publication.

Moore reported that as of January 6<sup>th</sup> 93.1% of summer taxes and 47.8% of winter taxes have been collected.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk