

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**February 11, 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. The minutes were approved as read. The board reviewed a budget comparison report through 1-31-14. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund \$100 to the Land Split Disbursement Fund and \$1,000 to the Cemetery Expense Fund. Kelley supported and motion carried. The Treasurer reported income of \$88,779.41 and expenses of \$29,093.69. One additional bill submitted for approval: Sommers Lawn & Snow-\$1,755 (Snowplowing-Hall (11) and Cemetery (4) as of this date). VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried.

State Representative Dale Zorn of Monroe County introduced himself to those present. Zorn is a candidate for the State Senate seat that due to redistricting will now represent Lenawee and Monroe Counties in the 17<sup>th</sup> District.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Township Assessor Tim Voorhees was present and presented a new 4-year contract to the board. Whitehead moved to accept the assessment contract for \$27,600 annually which will be paid in monthly increments of \$2,300 beginning April 1, 2014 thru March 31, 2018. Moore supported and motion carried.

The board reviewed a request from the Sand Lake Property Owners Association to renew the Sand Lake Weed Control Assessment District. The request was for \$100 per parcel for 5 years. Whitehead has been in contact with the Cambridge Township Clerk regarding a joint hearing in the spring.

Moore discussed with the board waiving the 3% penalty for senior citizens for the period of 2/15-2/28 for winter property taxes. A 1% interest fee would still apply. After some discussion the board asked the Treasurer to keep track this year of how many residents it would actually affect.

Building Official Bruce Nickel presented to the board the following three bids for a new township website design plus annual service fees: \$2,400-Revize LLC, Hawthorne Software Eng.-\$1,624 plus hourly rate, I.T. Right-\$1,200. The

board reviewed and discussed what each company offered. Kelley moved to approve the bid from Revize LLC for \$2,400. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried. It was noted that Nickel initiated and oversaw the existing township website for the past 10 years.

The board reviewed the following bid for dog licensing and cemetery software from BS&A: Cemetery Management-\$2,175 and Dog Licensing-\$1,120. For Project Management-\$560, Software Setup-\$2,250 and Travel Expenses-\$150. The Grand total for both software-\$6,255. The annual service fee for the cemetery was \$435 and \$225 for the dog licensing. The bid received from Pontem Software for only the cemetery was \$2,730 and \$682.50 for annual support with the first year's fee waived. The board felt it would take several years for the dog licensing to cover the expense of the software. Whitehead will seek additional information from surrounding entities regarding cemetery software.

Moore reported that as of January 31<sup>st</sup> 59.53% of winter taxes and 90.13% of summer taxes has been collected and disbursed.

Nickel updated the board that new FEMA maps should be available in the spring.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk

