

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**March 25, 2014**

A special meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Platt. Present: Bob Platt, Sue Whitehead, Terri Moore, Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Also present: Building Official/Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the 2014-15 budget. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: Clerk-\$1,209 Treasurer-\$2,677 Zoning Enforcement-\$38 Cemetery Expenses-\$1,516. Moore seconded and motion carried.

The board discussed multiple lots that are part of the Evans Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District and resident inquiries regarding combining multiple lots.

The Board then discussed the 2014-15 budget and reviewed each line item. The board reviewed Nickel's letter of considerations for the board. The board will consider upgrading the current BS&A permitting software to a .NET system. The current Pervasive system from BS&A will no longer be improved upon and the new .Net system would have many advantages. Based on Franklin's 1,959 parcels the costs for planning, training, and travel would be \$3,387. The annual service fee would be \$552. Nickel also brought to the board's attention that surrounding municipalities permit fees are much higher and as a way of reducing overhead suggested raising all permit fees by \$5 and applying a \$20 administration fee for all permits. A discussion on the permit fee information followed. Other software improvements the board discussed was the proposed cemetery software, dog licensing software, upgrading the existing computers at the township hall to Windows 7, and adding an additional computer to the Building/Assessor's office.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk