

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**April 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:31 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 from the previous meeting were approved as read. The regular order of business was suspended in order to hold the Budget Hearing. Supervisor Platt reviewed the proposed 2014-15 budget with those present. Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year and collect 1 mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. Kelley seconded and motion carried. The board returned to the regular order of business. The Treasurer reported income of \$50,576.88 and expenses of \$26,979.79. Two additional bills submitted for approval: ES&S Software Systems-\$149.53 (3-Election Machine Warranties), Schaedler & Lacasse-\$535 (March Legal Fees). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried.

Jeff McCray, Account Mgr. for Burnham & Flower Insurance Agency, Inc. was present and reviewed with the board the current insurance package. After McCray answered questions regarding the policy, Whitehead moved to approve the property, liability and bonding insurance package renewal for \$3,000,000 at \$5,076 for the year. Kelley supported and motion carried.

Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #14-02R Intent to Proceed to Renew the Special Assessment Weed Control for Sand Lake. VanValkenburg supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Supervisor declared the motion passed unanimously 5-0. There will be a joint public hearing for the proposed renewal of the Sand Lake weed control special assessment May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Twp. Hall.

Moore moved to approve the purchase of the .Net Permitting software from BS&A for a multi-jurisdictional cost of \$3,387 plus \$552 annual support fee, contingent upon Rollin and Cambridge Township's permitting software approval, and approve the Selective Data Systems quote #478 for \$4,597.50 for a Windows server, hard drives, and other upgrades, along with upgrading the hall computers to Windows 7, and purchase a reconditioned computer for the Building/Assessor's office. Whitehead seconded and motion carried. Kelley moved to approve a \$5 building fee increase to all building permits and add a \$20 administrative fee to all new permits. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried. The fee increase is effective May 1, 2014.

Whitehead moved to change the employee contribution to the John Hancock pension plan to pre-tax deferred. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried.

The board will consider a quote presented by Supervisor Platt from Dexter's, Inc. for a John Deere 920 Commercial Z-Trak with a 60" deck for \$7,788.04 (government discount) before trade-in of the township's existing mower.

Whitehead stated that long-time Deputy Clerk Jane Williams is stepping down and appointed Julie Bock to the position effective immediately.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson was present and gave an update of the department.

Township Groundskeeper Jeremy Ries asked the board to consider doing some cement work around the cemetery dumpster.

Gravel roads were discussed under public comment and the consensus was even though limestone is more expensive it is holding up much better than gravel has in the past.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk