

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
June 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Supervisor Platt who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Mike Kelley and Dan VanValkenburg. Absent: none. The minutes were approved as read for the regular May board meeting 5/13/14, a special meeting 5/19/14 and the 5/21/14 joint hearing with Cambridge Township for Sand Lake Weed Control Renewal. The Treasurer reported income of \$40,253.10 and expenses of \$36,097.59. Motion by Kelley, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelley reported that he and Supervisor Platt met with the Co. Road Commission foreman Doug Harsh and toured township gravel roads to discuss where material would be placed this summer. 3 miles of limestone will be applied on N. Beebe Hwy to Pawson Road to Monagan Hwy. 3 miles of gravel will be applied to S. Carson Hwy from M-50 to Robbins Road. Kelley also stated that the hill on E. Whelan Road was also looked at for proposed riprap for a drainage problem. A resident asked the board if the Co. Road Commission uses pot ash on the gravel roads in order to stabilize the road material? The board was not aware that pot ash was used, however, the board will ask about it.

Whitehead updated those present that petitions have been received for Sand Lake Weed Control.

VanValkenburg stated that the zoning map for the township is in the process of being updated.

Building Official Bruce Nickel informed those present that a purchaser is interested in the Preston property (dangerous building) located on Pentecost Hwy (FR0-131-1400-00) and would demolish the dwelling.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelley moved to approve a 2014 Display Fireworks Permit to Kirk Silveira for use on Evans Lake for the 4th of July. Moore supported and motion carried. The fireworks will be located near the west side sand bar.

VanValkenburg moved to approve Estimate #8001 from K & B Asphalt, Inc. for \$345 to fill cracks in the hall parking lot and to have the crack next to the sidewalk looked at. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Platt recommended John Ost be renewed to a position on the Board of Appeals. Whitehead moved to approve the recommendation of John Ost to serve on the Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried.

The board discussed complaints received concerning the tall grass at the Tipton Apartment building. The board agreed that the lawn was unsightly and will consider what options are available. Nickel stated that the property is zoned multi-family and is under review for a possible dangerous building status.

Nickel will also review a commercial property on U.S. 12 that falls under the Noxious Weed Ordinance.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson and Nickel will review the addresses on Shady Lane and Twin Lakes Drive (both private drives) for discrepancies in the event of an emergency.

Summer tax bills will be sent to township property owners July 1st.

The board has received complaints of odors from the lagoon near Evans Lake. The Lenawee Co. Drain Commission is in the process of eradicating the problem.

Under public comment residents stated that the street light at Pentecost and U.S. 12 was out and the street light at Evans Trail and U.S. 12 was malfunctioning.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk