

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MINUTES  
July 31, 2014**

A special meeting of the Franklin Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Platt at 6:30 p.m. Present: Platt, Whitehead, VanValkenburg and Moore. Absent: Kelley. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Tipton Apartment building on M-50.

Supervisor Platt presented a demolition bid (#E157) of \$46,464.40 received from J-Bennett Construction, Inc. of Tipton. \$29,214.40 of the bid was to demolish the 2-story 7,688 sq. ft. building, clean-up and haul away all debris inside and out. \$17,250 was for hauling 1500 tons of sand to fill in basement. The bid price also includes the demolition permit, road right-away permit from the Co. Road Commission, and right-away permit from MDOT for along M-50. The county auction for the building is August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for delinquent taxes totaling \$13,600. If the building does not sell at the August auction then it would go to a scavenger sale sometime in October. The Board was in favor of seeing if the building would be purchased at the August auction. If not, the township board would discuss at a later date the possibility of purchasing the building as a community clean-up project. In the meantime the Board agreed to seek more demolition bids.

The Board agreed to offer the position of Township Gardener to Ken Bortel who resides in the township. The position would mainly entail keeping up the landscaping around the hall grounds, weed removal/spraying, dead limb removal, and other tasks as needed. The position will pay \$12.50/hr.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk