

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

January 12, 2016

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, and Trustees Mike Kelley and Dan VanValkenburg. Absent: none. The minutes were approved as presented. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: \$2,500-Cemetery Expenses, \$3,000- Building Inspector, \$1,500-Electrical Inspector, \$400-Board of Appeals. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0. The Treasurer reported income of \$12,787.06 and expenses of \$40,657.79. Additional bills submitted for approval: Legal Briefings-\$99.49 (1-yr. subscription) and River Raisin Watershed-\$317 (2016 Dues). VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder of the annual Township/Road Commission meeting January 14th at 1 p.m. to discuss 2015 business and proposed 2016 projects.

VanValkenburg updated the Board that the map committee will be finalizing updates to the zoning map with Township Attorney Schaedler.

NEW BUSINESS

(2) P.A. 116 Applications: The Board reviewed Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program applications received from J & W Warner Farms for properties located at 5000 W. M-50 Block, Tipton (FR0-120-4000-00) and 5015 Teachout Road, Tipton (FR0-132-4900-00). Moore moved to approve both farmland agreements as presented, Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead read a statement from Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach who could not attend the meeting that the new website for Lenawee County is scheduled to be launched February 23rd. A County 911 proposal will be on the ballot for the May 3rd Election. The proposal is asking to raise the 911 fee from \$1.18 to \$3 in order to improve equipment.

Building Official Bruce Nickel asked the Board to consider hiring a Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector in order to provide a more convenient service to Franklin Township residents. Currently state inspectors are used. The Board was interested in pursuing the idea.

Under public comment Rome Township Supervisor Al Boggs was present and complimented the Board on how well they get along and interact with each other. Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Sue Whitehead

Franklin Township Clerk