

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP February 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:34 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 Van Valkenburg. Absent: none. The minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer report showed income of \$96,810.25 and expenses of \$32,792.93. The following bills were submitted for approval: The Daily Telegram-\$65.25 (Printing), Co. Printing & Purchasing-\$35.21, BS&A-\$523 (Annual Support-Bldg. Dept.), Schaedler & Lacasse-\$66 (Jan. Legal Fees). Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Clean Hall-Feb.). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Van Valkenburg supported the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Van Valkenburg updated the Board that the updates to the zoning map are almost complete. The committee met with Township Attorney Schaedler and reviewed clerical errors and other changes that are needed to update the zoning map.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Dale Zorn (R) was present and spoke regarding several bills. Such as shifting the veterans tax burden to the State instead of locally. Also, allowing 1 tax collection per year, and bills controlling invasive species and blight control.

Bldg. Admin. Bruce Nickel informed the Board that he has sent a letter to the Fathi Family requesting removal of the house trailer on Pentecost Hwy (N. of O'Dowling Dr.) due to it no longer being needed. Nickel will also be attending the Flood Plain Review meeting on March 29th at the Human Services Bldg. Nickel stated the International Property Maintenance Code could possibly be used for blight in the Township in place of the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

Whitehead presented a budget comparison summary. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund \$500 to Street Lights. Van Valkenburg seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead presented and moved to approve the 2016 Board Meeting dates. Moore supported and motion carried. A list of the dates the Board will hold regular board meetings will be posted in the display case outside the Township Hall.

Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present and gave highlights at the county level. February 23rd the new County website will be launched and the public will be able to make payments on-line. The county is also enforcing a pay-to-stay policy at the Lenawee Co. Jail. The new Defender's office is up and running. The Sheriff's office has purchased four new patrol cars and added two new deputies.

There was no public comment. Having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk