

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **March 9, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 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 presented. Whitehead presented a budget comparison. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: Building Inspections-\$1,000 and Cemetery Expenses-\$100. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0. The Treasurer reported income of \$43,822.00 and expenses of \$8,373.72. Additional bills and wages submitted for approval: Consumers Energy-\$223.67, Visa-\$293.08 (Twp. Expenses), Safety Systems-\$84 (1<sup>st</sup> Qt.), Lenawee Co. Printing & Purchasing-\$366 (Twp. History Books), Sue Whitehead-\$15 (Rolls for Election). The following Election Inspectors wages for 3/8/16 Election: Julie Bock-\$160, Gert Stuart-\$180, Donna Shoup-\$180, Joyce Fisher-\$80, Carol Hall-\$85, Jill Pawson-\$90, Jane Williams-\$20, Linda Deck-\$105. VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills and wages submitted for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Building & Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel updated the Board that the Fathi's were in the process of working on removing the temporary housing on Pentecost Hwy.

The Board is interested in obtaining additional information for hiring Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors for the Township.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1-Land Split Application: Ries Farms with property located in the 4000 W. M-50 block, Tipton (FR0-121-4025-00) requested to place 9.44 acres in the P.A. 116 program. The Lenawee Co. Planning Commission and the Soil Conservation both recommended approval of the application. VanValkenburg moved to approve the request. Moore supported and motion carried.

The Board will meet for a budget workshop March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Platt recommended Vern Fry, Larry Shea, and Doug Sherman to 3-year term renewals on the Planning Commission, and Bill Spycher to a 3-year term renewal to the Board of Appeals. Whitehead moved to approve the recommendations upon acceptance. VanValkenburg seconded. Motion carried.

Nickel informed the Board he completed the ISO report for the Township. Nickel announced there will be a FEMA meeting March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Human Services Building to view floodplain maps.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson stated the department is averaging 28 calls per month which includes medical.

Wilson is working on setting up a video presentation by the Lenawee Co. Sheriff Dept. for the April 12th Township Board meeting in regards to the 911 ballot proposal that will be voted on at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Special County-Wide Election. Those interested in viewing the video are welcome to attend the meeting at the Franklin Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk