

**Franklin Township
Special Meeting
May 13, 2016**

The Franklin Township Board met for a special meeting at 9:35 a.m. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore and Trustee Dan VanValkenburg. Absent: Mike Kelley. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with prospective candidate RCO Law for the position of Township Attorney.

RCO Law partners are Kathryn Mohr, Michael Olsaver and Matthew Budds with offices in Tecumseh and Monroe. Each attorney shared a little about themselves. All three would work for the Township. The firm believes in quick response times and good communication. Presently represents Ridgeway Twp. Their main expertise is in real estate, estate planning, elder law and pipelines. The firm's monthly retainer fee is \$200/hour x 5 hours=\$1,200. Over 5 hours would be \$180/hour. Could attend a board meeting and not go towards the 5 hours.

After the interview the Board discussed all of the prospective candidates that the Board had met with for the Township Attorney position. Moore moved to change Township Attorney's to Fred Lucas effective June 1, 2016. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Whitehead moved to accept Hampshire Farm Landscaping bid for \$3,075 (discounted payment method) to install paver walkway and install "path of pride" bricks around the flag pole with payment from the Community Donations fund. Moore seconded and motion carried 4-0. The plant design will be addressed at a later date.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk