

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
June 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Clerk Whitehead who then led the flag pledge. Present: Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: Supervisor Bob Platt. Whitehead then turned the meeting over to Trustee VanValkenburg. The regular minutes and both special minutes (May 10th and May 13th) were all approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$43,322.03 and expenses of \$15,344.62. One additional bill was submitted: Meredith Francis CPA-\$4,200 (2015-16 Audit). Kelley moved to approve the report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried 4-0.

Jim Cottrell, Republican candidate for State Representative for the 57th District, candidate Rod Leon for County Prosecuting Attorney, and Stan Sala, candidate for 39th Circuit Court Judge were all present and spoke about their background and positions regarding various issues. The candidates answered questions from those present.

Township Auditor Meredith Francis presented the 2015-16 Audit to the Board and gave the Township a high rating of “unmodified”. Whitehead moved to approve the Audit for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Moore supported and motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel informed the Board that the zoning map is presently being updated by Region 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Moore moved to approve (18) P.A. 116 applications received from Dale & Dee Warner covering approximately 666 acres in Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 28. Whitehead seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Moore moved to approve (2) P.A. 116 applications received from J & W Warner Farms (FR0-130-3320-00 and FR0-131-1100-00). Kelley supported and motion carried 4-0.

Whitehead presented an application with the necessary paperwork received from Kirk Silveira requesting a fireworks permit. Whitehead moved to approve a fireworks display permit for Kirk Silveira on Evans Lake for July 3rd and the rain date July 4th. Kelley seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Kelley moved to allow the Township Hall parking lot be used for a break stop for the Make-A-Wish Michigan bike tour to be held July 31st. Whitehead seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Whitehead gave an update from County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach that credit cards are now accepted for payment at the County Treasurer and Clerk's offices.

Whitehead moved to approve a computer docking station for the Building Dept. not to exceed \$170. Moore supported and motion carried 4-0.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson stated the structure east of the fire station that was recently acquired by the fire department has been used for training and now will be demolished.

Under public comment Pawson Road resident Howard Kapp questioned what number Franklin was on the County Road Commission's salt brine application list? Whitehead replied #18 this year. Residents commented on how dusty the gravel roads are.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk