

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
July 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:32 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. The Treasurer reported income of \$9,713.99 and expenses of \$18,430.50. VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and all bills presented for approval. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0.

Sally Hazen a member of the Village of Onsted Park Fund Committee spoke to those present and stated the Onsted Park is in poor shape. Hazen felt many of those in the Onsted School district do use the park either through the school, sports or for recreation. The Onsted school district is located in Franklin Township and Hazen asked the Board if the Township would like to contribute to the project. The committee is seeking funds for improvements to the park such as safety mulch, new roofing for the pavilions, grills and security cameras. The entire project is estimated at \$82,000 and at this time \$70,000 has been raised. Hazen stated donations can be made at Onsted State Bank. Supervisor Platt said the Board will take the request under advisement.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Platt said the hall entrance pavers have been moved and laid around the flag pole creating a new design. Updated landscape will soon follow.

Building Official Bruce Nickel said the FEMA maps will be distributed August 5th. Franklin Township is still interested in acquiring Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors in the near future.

VanValkenburg commented on the delay in dust control for the Township. Felt it takes an extremely long time for the Co. Road Commission to cover the whole county with a salt brine application each year. Whitehead agreed that it was the middle of summer and Franklin still had not received any dust control. The Board also discussed that roadside weeds had not been mowed and roads were in need of grading.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation letters were received from long serving Planning Commission members Vice Chair Vern Fry and John Elwart. Supervisor Platt recommended Jeff Fineske and Joel Whelan be appointed to the Planning Commission. Whitehead moved to appoint Jeff Fineske and Joel Whelan to the Planning

Commission Board effective immediately. Moore supported and motion carried 5-0. Fineske will replace Elwart and finish out a 2-year term. Whelan will replace Fry and finish out a 3-year term. The Board appreciates the time and effort put forth by the outgoing commission members who have made valuable contributions in their public service.

Nickel stated he has sent several noxious weed notification letters to property owners.

Under public comment S. Beebe Hwy resident Rob Martin spoke with complaints concerning the lack of dust control on the gravel roads. Martin felt a better quality of dust control is needed and would be more effective. Martin stated that surrounding counties seem to do a better job of dust control with several applications applied each year in a timely fashion and a more powerful product used. Platt will contact the Co. Road Commission.

County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach gave an update at the county level. The Commission just approved a \$28 million budget. Wittenbach noted that there has been a rise in suicide overdoses in the county.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk