

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
August 9, 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 \$49,260.72 and expenses of \$41,717.92. Additional bills submitted for payment: Franklin Twp.-\$98.02 (Reimbursement), Lenawee Co. Printing-\$33.75 (Twp. Envelopes), Consumer Life Ins.-\$144.33 (3rd Qt. Bd. Life Ins.), Exxon Mobil-\$50.49 (Gas/Cemetery), Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Clean Hall-Aug.). Kelley moved to approve the report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

VanValkenburg announced that the Planning Commission had approved the Township zoning map corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Board reviewed a P.A. 116 application received from J & W Warner Farms regarding two parcels covering one agreement in the 7000 Block of Beebe Hwy, Tipton. Whitehead moved to approve the application as presented for a total of 55.8 acres covering properties #FR0-132-4250-00 and #FR0-132-4900-00. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed a notification request for: Transfer location of Club license for Brooklyn Lodge No. 2651, Loyal Order of Moose to 6807 W. U.S. 12, Onsted in Franklin Twp. from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The Board had some concerns as to whether the business will be in compliance with parking and building use. Whitehead will respond to the notification with the above concerns.

Building Official Bruce Nickel discussed with the Board a building and use deed restriction for the Foster property on Pentecost Hwy that has two parcels with a separate garage. The owner is requesting the existing building & use deed restriction be released and a new deed restriction with the accessory structure be created with the new primary structure parcel. Nickel will seek counsel from Township Attorney Lucas then proceed.

Under public comment there was a large gathering of residents with concerns regarding the Pawson sand pit located on Monagan Hwy. Since Spring

NRA instructor Glen Cattell has held six firearms classes at the pit. Resident Dan Pluff at 5050 Pawson Road stated he would like to see the gun range closed. Resident Bill Wroblewski at 11685 Monagan Hwy had complaints regarding the noise and questioned lead abatement in the sand pit. Mary Ferwerda at 11350 Monagan Hwy stated she had spoke to Cattell about finding another location for his classes. Supervisor Platt informed those present that the Township does not have an ordinance that covers gun ranges on private property. Resident Glen Cattell addressed the concerns and stated that he operates a private entity that provides firearms instruction to individuals and training for police officers. Cattell has had six classes so far and has two remaining dates left on the schedule for Sept. 24 and Nov. 7th. Classes run from 4-8 p.m. No fully automatic weapons. Cattell said he is licensed and insured and is working on a third location which would allow less classes at each site. Resident Tom Nortley at 10251 Nortley Hwy stated he hears gun fire around his property and considers it a rural way of life. Sand Pit owner Troy Pawson said his family had approved gun safety classes not a gun range. Pawson felt it is important for people to know how to operate a firearm safely. Pluff asked Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg to look into a potential ordinance covering gun ranges. VanValkenburg stated he would contact MTA for more information considering this is on private property. Supervisor Platt voiced caution due to an ordinance of any type can also infringe upon a person's own private property.

Howard Kapp residing on Pawson Road felt the gravel roads were still dusty after the salt brine application from the Lenawee Co. Road Commission.

Having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk