

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
September 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Supervisor Bob 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 \$9,039.26 and expenses of \$10,196.77. No additional bills were submitted. Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0. The Board suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the Fire Protection Hearing. Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson gave a report to those present. Wilson stated the department averaged 210 calls over the past year with most of those calls for medical. Currently it costs around \$1,800 to train someone in fire & EMT training. Chief Wilson informed the Board that curve arrows have been installed on the curve on West U.S. 12 that has seen so many rollover accidents. Wilson requested the fire millage be renewed for the department. Whitehead moved to approve 2.5 mills for fire protection for 2016-17. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0. Lenawee County Drain Commissioner Jenny Escott introduced herself to those present and gave an update on the Drain Commission. Escott stated she is running for reelection and will be on the November 8th ballot. The Board returned to the regular order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

VanValkenburg said the zoning map corrections are still in process.

Resident Doug Sherman reported that the hand pump at the Mills Cemetery was operating once again. Whitehead thanked Sherman for volunteering his time along with Butch Gordon from Gordon & Son Well Drilling for donating the part and labor in repairing the pump for the community.

Supervisor Platt will seek bids for removal of a tree limb at Mills Cemetery.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel informed the Board that there is an issue with travel trailers on residential lots at the lakes within the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: MRK Company, Inc. with property at 10112 Pentecost Hwy, Onsted (FR0-118-3550-00) requested to split one parcel of 10 acres from the 18 acre parent parcel. Whitehead moved to approve the land split contingent upon the recording of the deed restriction and a private road permit is

obtained. Moore supported and motion carried 4-1. Kelley-no. The parcel will have frontage off of a private road easement. Deed restrictions are as follows: Road developed to a class II (private road permit required), maintain a T-type turnaround on the cul-de-sac. No further land divisions unless cul-de-sac is fully developed per Township Ordinance. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Whitehead moved to recommend an application for a winery/wine tasting room license and banquet facility permit be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Kelley supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kelley-yes, VanValkenburg-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion carried 5-0. The application was received from Lorenzo Lizarralde/Chateau Aeronautique Winery, LLC and the facility is to be located at 12000 N. Pentecost Hwy, Onsted.

Michael Foster requested a release from a Building & Use Deed Restriction due to wishing to sell the property. After some discussion Whitehead moved to approve the Building & Use Deed Restriction release for the Michael Foster property located at 482 Pentecost Hwy. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

VanValkenburg moved to approve the State Construction Code Ordinance #16-01. Kelley seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The new ordinance will allow the Township to establish mechanical and plumbing inspectors.

Whitehead moved to approve the \$20 fee for any board member to attend the September 29th Lenawee Co. Legislative Dinner. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

VanValkenburg gave a Planning Commission update. The Commission is reviewing a sign ordinance.

There was no public comment and no further business so the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk