

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**December 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 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 regular and special minutes were approved as presented. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the Contingency Fund \$1,000 to the Mechanical Inspector Fund and \$1,000 to the Plumbing Inspector Fund. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0. The Treasurer reported income of \$52,383.27 and expenses of \$74,382.88. No additional bills were submitted. VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Platt gave an update on the Assessing Department. The Township hired (AAS) Assessment Administration Services LLC for assessing duties and to complete the reassessment of all properties in the Township. AAS will begin January 1, 2017 and will be paid \$50/parcel for 1,876 parcels for the reassessment portion and \$16/parcel for the Assessor of Record portion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Whitehead moved to approve the Municipal Civil Infractions and Violations Bureau Ordinance #16-2. Kelley seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. The ordinance will take effect 30 days after publication. The ordinance also creates a violations bureau and it was noted there are 2-parts to the civil infraction procedure. One is a violation notice (fine) and the other is the citation (district court).

Supervisor Platt recommended Kim Goldmann, Jason Perry and Mark Hayford to serve on the Board of Review with Tom Fisher as an alternate. Whitehead moved to approve the appointments as presented for 2-year terms (2017-18). Moore supported and motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead moved to approve two P.A. 116 applications from J & W Warner Farms. VanValkenburg supported the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Kelley-no. The two properties approved by the Board for the Farmland & Open Space Program through the MDA was for property located in the 7000 Block of Pentecost Hwy

(FR0-131-1150-00) and property in the 6000 Block of Feller Road, Tipton (FR0-130-4600-00).

VanValkenburg moved to approve two new sewer connections located at 300 Evansview Trail (lot 93) and Chateau Aeronautique Winery on U.S. 12. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead moved to approve a snow removal estimate from Sommers Lawn & Snow for 2017 for the Cemetery-\$40 and the Twp. Hall parking lot-\$85. If snow is in excess of 6” it would be double. Moore supported and motion carried 5-0.

The Board decided to revisit tree removal bids at a later date.

The Board was in agreement to remove the wording “Banquet Facility Permit” and the address from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission government form that was approved at the last meeting for Chateau Aeronautique Winery. This was per Lorenzo Lizarralde’s request. Whitehead will forward the amended form to the MLCC.

County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach gave an update at the county level and stated a \$10,000 donation had been received for clean-up at the Taylor Road Park.

Whitehead moved to approve \$1,850 to Troy’s Lawn Care for fall clean-up at Franklin Cemetery. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk