

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

**January 10, 2017**

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 minutes were approved with the following correction: AAS will be paid \$55/parcel for 1,876 parcels for the reassessment portion. The Treasurer reported income of \$13,988.03 and expenses of \$31,405.75. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer \$21,000 from the contingency fund to the Assessor Fund. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0. VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead seconded and motion carried 5-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the County Solid Waste Plan. One concern was if a plan is not in place grants cannot be sought. The Board tabled a decision until the February meeting.

Supervisor Platt gave an update on AAS who began performing assessing for the Township January 1<sup>st</sup>. The State Tax Commission extended the length of the reassessment to 2 years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Whitehead moved to approve a Signs on Public Property and Structures Ordinance #17-1. Kelley supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The ordinance prohibits the placement of signs on Township property along with enforcement and penalty. The ordinance will be effective 30 days after publication.

Kelley moved to reappoint Vern Fry and Jason Hess to the Construction Board of Appeals for 2-year terms. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

Charlie Smith, a representative for Country Drive (private drive) property owners was present inquiring about a possible special assessment district to chip seal the drive at an estimate of \$23,000 involving 11 properties. Smith will begin with the next step of filing a petition with the Township.

Congressman Tim Walberg's field representative Dustin Krasny gave a congressional update covering such topics as healthcare, career/trade tech and energy and commerce that Congress is currently working on.

Any Township resident who is interested in serving as a delegate for the River Raisin Watershed Council should contact Supervisor Platt or Clerk Whitehead.

Pawson Road resident Howard Kapp requested better snow removal from the Lenawee County Road Commission.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk