

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **March 14, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:34 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. Whitehead presented a budget comparison report. Kelley moved to amend the budget and transfer \$1,000 from the contingency fund to the Clerk fund. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0. The Treasurer reported income of \$47,719.06 and expenses of \$10,091.15. Two additional bills were submitted for approval: L2LD LLC-\$700 (1-Burial) and Safety Systems-\$90 (1<sup>st</sup> Qt. 2017). VanValkenburg moved to approve all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board will hold a budget workshop Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss the 2017-18 budget.

VanValkenburg updated the Board that he and P.C. member Doug Sherman ordered the wood trimmed oak glass display cases that will hold various Township maps.

Building/Zoning Official Bruce Nickel stated the proposed winery (Chateau Aeronautique) on U.S. 12 is awaiting local permits. Nickel also gave other zoning updates.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Troy's Lawn Care submitted bids for mowing the Township Hall, the Cemeteries, and Parks with Troy's own equipment as follows: Mowing-\$600, Trimming-\$400, Spraying-\$455 per application, Trimming Bushes-\$100, Fall Clean-Up-\$1,850 (labor & machinery). Emptying trash cans, picking up flowers and sticks are included with the trimming price. The bid for using the Township equipment would be \$25/hour per worker. Any spraying, fertilizer, or other materials would be upon request of the Township Board. Supervisor Platt said the Township has been using employees for maintaining all Township property and they do a great job. Recently, Troy's Lawn Care has been used for the Fall Clean-up at Franklin Cemetery. When the Board meets to work on the budget, it will review costs regarding employees versus an independent contractor for mowing.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson said the department has updated their mutual aid agreement with Clinton Township in order to assure that the closest department responds to an emergency.

Platt said Rover Pipeline has until March 31<sup>st</sup> to remove trees in the path of the pipeline that will be constructed in the Township.

Whitehead presented an update received from Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach concerning a possible county millage proposal that could be on a November 2017 county-wide ballot.

There was no public comment, and having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk