

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

April 11, 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 regular minutes and 3/20/17 special minutes were approved as presented. The regular order of business was suspended in order to hold the budget hearing: The Supervisor gave an overview of the budget and went over certain line items. Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year and collect one mill less any applicable rollback to support said budget. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0. The Board returned to the regular order of business. The Treasurer reported income of \$50,267.20 and expenses of \$29,569.91. One additional bill submitted for approval: Max Griffin-\$49 (Assessor-Postage). Kelley moved to approve all bills submitted for approval and the Treasurer's Report. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #17-2R New Voting System. Moore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Resolution gives the Clerk authority to submit a grant application on behalf of Franklin Township with the State to purchase a new voting system. The cost for the equipment will come from State and Federal funds. Franklin plans to implement the new voting system (Dominion) in 2017.

Kelley moved to approve the following road bids:

1. (Bid #3328) Feller Road (Shoulder Removal & 2" Limestone) \$37,043.11
2. (Bid #3329) Spot Patch – Any Road (304 and 411) \$18,832.98
3. (Bid #3330) Tripp Road (W. of Highland) Asphalt Overlay \$12,642.51
4. (Bid #3332) Bramble Hwy Bridge (Crackfill and Seal Coat) \$ 5,141.57
5. (Bid #3334) Kemp Road 12" Culvert (W. of Wisner Hwy) \$ 2,421.27
6. (Bid #3335) Mull Hwy 12" Culvert (N. of U.S. 12) \$ 2,395.86
7. (Bid #3336) O'Dowling Drive - South Entrance (Culvert) \$ 8,821.24
8. (Bid #3039) N. Adrian Hwy (Split w/Clinton) Asphalt Overlay \$ 39,377.01
9. (Bid #3035) Nortley Hwy (Shoulder Removal & Limestone) \$45,417.12
10. (Bid #3033) Taylor Rd. (Carson-M52) Shoulder & Limestone \$27,334.46

11. (Bid #3333) Teachout Rd. (Split w/Adrian Twp.) 12" Culvert \$ 1,548.11
Grand Total \$200,975.24

Valkenburg moved to adopt Resolution #17-03R Establishing the Supervisor's Salary at \$17,325. Whitehead seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Motion passed 5-0. Kelley moved to adopt Resolution #17-04R Establishing the Clerk's Salary at \$22,050. Moore seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes, VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes. Motion passed 5-0. Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #17-05R Establishing the Treasurer's Salary at \$22,050. VanValkenburg seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Whitehead, Platt, VanValkenburg, Kelley, Moore. Motion passed 5-0. Whitehead moved to adopt Salary Resolution #17-06R Establishing the Trustees Salary at \$3,000. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0. All salaries are effective April 1, 2017.

The Board reviewed the MI Twp. Participating Plan annual insurance package.

Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel informed the Board that 15 violation notices have been sent concerning junk cars and trash in the Township.

Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg said a public hearing for Ordinance 4.16A will be held April 18th regarding proposed changes to Recreational Vehicles regarding how many are allowed, storage, and occupancy.

Kelley met with Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP) located in Lansing to gain information for Recreation Planning for a Park Plan. The Township has talked about a possible walking trail at some point in the future on the 22 acres that is connected to the Township Hall. Kelley gained insight as to establishing a park committee and seeking grants that he shared with the Board for future reference.

Supervisor Platt recommended reappointing John Krueger, Greg Wise and Dan VanValkenburg to 3-year terms on the Planning Commission. Whitehead moved to accept the recommendations as presented. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0.

Under public comment resident Kathy Klumpp urged the Township Board to look at the County Park on Taylor Road. Klumpp said the nature of the Park has changed since work began on the 80 acre Park in January. Many trees and brush have been removed with an enlarged parking lot. Klumpp stated that area property owners are concerned about inappropriate behavior at the Park.

Nickel said the Construction Board of Appeals that covers five area Townships including Franklin has been reappointed to 2-year terms. Local Township residents on the Board are Vern Fry and Jason Hess.

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk