

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **May 9, 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. The Treasurer reported income of \$6,264.54 and expenses of \$92,673.51. Additional bills submitted for approval: Exxon Mobil-\$25.06 (Cemetery/Grounds Fuel), Brad Trusty-\$100 (Glass/Auto), Lucas Law-\$1,642.50 (Legal Fees/Feb-Apr). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all payments as submitted. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Township Board will discuss any future park plans for Township property at a later date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kelley moved to approve removing the shoulders and applying limestone to Mull Hwy and Ayres Hwy (combined 1.2 miles). Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0. The Supervisor will notify the LCRC foreman of the Board approval and have the paperwork forwarded.

Tree Removal Bids: All Weather Trees-\$4,870. Underwood's Nursery-\$8,000. Stevenson Arbor Care-(Franklin) \$3,950 + \$2,950 (Mills) = \$6,900. The bids were for removal of 6 trees from Franklin Cemetery plus dead limbs above the shed, and remove 2 trees from Mills Cemetery, clean-up debris and grind the stumps. Moore moved to approve the bid of \$4,870 from All Weather Trees. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead moved to approve a P.A. 116 application from Ries Farms, LLC on 91 acres in the 7000 Wisner Hwy Block (FR0-135-3000.00). Moore supported and motion carried 5-0. The agreement is for 10 years in the Farmland and Preservation Program.

The Board reviewed a land division application received from Ricky L. Zimmerman with property located at 5701 Tripp Road, Tipton (FR0-108-1800-00). Whitehead moved to approve the request to split parcels of 4.0576 acres (house) and 4.0577 acres (vacant) from the parent parcel. Kelley seconded and motion carried 5-0. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Due to changes in how the electrical permits are now processed Whitehead moved to approve decreasing the Electrical Administration Fee from \$30 to \$20

paid to the Electrical Inspector for new permits. The remaining \$10 of the fee will go towards Township expenses effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel updated the Board that dangerous building proceedings for the former "Funland" on U.S. 12 are in progress. Nickel also stated that some of the property owners who received a violation letter regarding junk cars have been removed and some are in the process of removing.

Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg informed the Board that the proposed ordinance changes for the storage of Recreational Vehicles has been sent to other area Board's for review. The Planning Commission has also started to review the Township's Master Plan.

Supervisor Platt recommended reappointing John Ost to serve a 3-year term on the Board of Appeals. Whitehead moved to approve the recommendation. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Platt announced that the Assessing Department is out working in the Township measuring dwellings and buildings for the complete reassessment of all parcels in the Township. Each assessment worker has a photo ID badge.

There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk