

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

August 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Supervisor Platt who then led the flag pledge. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: Treasurer Terri Moore. The minutes were approved as presented. Whitehead read the Treasurer's Report showing income of \$44,311.65 and expenses of \$31,411.45. Additional bills submitted for payment: Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (clean hall/Aug.), Exxon Mobil-\$125.93 (Grounds Fuel), Rich Smith-19 ½ hrs. and Gary Roberts-31 ½ hours (grounds keeping/July). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel gave the following updates to the Board: Nickel is still pursuing the property to be cleaned up at the old Funland on U. S. 12. The winery on U.S. 12 near Pentecost Hwy has made great progress.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a Uniform Video Service Local franchise agreement renewal from Comcast. Kelley moved to approve the franchise agreement renewal for 10 years and continue receiving 3% an amount equal to the percent of gross revenue. Whitehead supported and motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed a petition received from Franklin Meadows for a proposed Special Assessment District for road improvements. An estimate of \$37,830 for grading and 4" of asphalt from K&B Asphalt was included. Franklin Meadows is a private road with five parcels and has a private road maintenance agreement attached to each parcel. Carol Clay and Andy LaRue spoke for the property owners who were present. One of the five property owners was not in favor of the proposal and did not sign the petition. The request was for each parcel to pay \$7,566 over 3-5 years. Supervisor Platt questioned whether any road improvements would hold up near the beginning of the road due to wetlands on each side and it was not built to county specifications. Whitehead stated that the Township Attorney and the Township Assessor both had concerns regarding the proposed project and advised the Board against it. VanValkenburg moved to deny the request for a special assessment district. Kelley seconded and motion carried 4-0.

1-Land Division Application: Cymes Family Trust with property at 11789 Highland Drive, Tipton (FR0-107-2300-00) requested to split one parcel of 2.67 acres from the parent parcel. Nickel noted that 21 years ago an error was made when the property number was assigned. The request would clear up the issue and assign a new property number. Whitehead moved to approve the land division as presented. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 4-0. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson said the department's recent photo fundraiser was successful and is looking to improve the department's 800 megahertz radio with 911 funds.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk