

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

November 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:31 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 special minutes from 10/16/17 were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$4,182.82 and expenses of \$88,728.75. Additional bills submitted for approval: Selective Data Systems-\$85 (Computer Repair), Lucas Law-\$180 (Legal Fees 7/17-Inv. #571), Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Clean Hall-Nov.). Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The county-wide election held November 7th to decide a millage proposal to renew the 1968 Separate Tax Limitation was passed by voters, and allows the County millage to increase by up to 5.75 mills for 4 years. The County decided to increase the current millage rate from 4.9412 to 5.4 mills. Supervisor Platt stated due to the proposal passing the Township Board could choose to increase the Township's portion up to 1 mill from the current rate of .7374 mills. The consensus of the Franklin Township Board was to not increase the tax limitation millage at this time.

Building Official Bruce Nickel informed the Board that a Dangerous Building Hearing for 5600 U.S. 12 (former Bear's Lair) was rescheduled to November 15 at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitehead presented the following fall leaf pick-up bids for Franklin Cemetery:

1. Troy's Lawn Care-\$2,400
2. Vincent Lawn Care-\$1,500
3. Adams Outdoor Services-\$350

VanValkenburg moved to approve the low bid of Adams Outdoor Services for \$350. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Platt commented that the Chateau Aeronautique Winery located in the Township on Pentecost Hwy held their grand opening November 9th and it was a huge success.

Whitehead moved to no longer require a permit for replacement windows in Franklin Township effective January 1, 2018. Moore supported and motion carried 5-0.

Franklin Township will cover the \$20 cost for Supervisor Platt to attend the County Legislative Dinner November 30th and any other Board member. The topic will be Lenawee VISION.

VanValkenburg will contact the Region 2 Planning Commission regarding looking at the master plan for a 5-year review.

Whitehead received a request from Beatrice McCallister to use the meeting room twice a year for a County Women's Group (non-profit) during office hours. The Board approved the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howard Kapp who resides on Pawson Road said after the County Road Commission scraped recently it left large stones in the road on Nortley Hwy. Kapp was dissatisfied with the level of grading that was done.

Doug and Cheryl Podlewski who reside at 12266 N. Wisner Hwy were present with complaints concerning the condition of N. Wisner Hwy especially from Service Road to U.S. 12. Podlewski's said the road was recently graded, however, the holes were still there and the road is still in poor condition. Felt the grading is not deep enough and the sides of the road are not being pulled in. The Podlewski's who live on a private drive had questions regarding land splits on the private drive. Nickel answered that the private drive in question was built to old standards that the Township no longer uses. Frontage for a land split would need to be on an approved private drive or public road.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk