

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**December 12, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:33 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 from the previous meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$55,830.23 and expenses of \$38,481.99. Additional bills submitted for approval: Lucas Law-\$870 (Legal Fees 8/14-10/27/17) and Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (Clean Hall-Dec.). Supervisor Platt noted that he approved increasing the fall clean-up to Adams Outdoor Services to \$1,000 due to the scope of the work involved. Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed a tax foreclosure parcel (#FR0-420-0440-00) located in the 200 Evansglen Trail Block that will be deeded to the Township if the Board has no objections. Zoning Admin. Bruce Nickel said the parcel is located on an unapproved road (never installed). The Board asked Treasurer Moore to contact the Lenawee Co. Treasurer and Twp. Attorney Fred Lucas to inquire if the Township would be required to pay the back taxes, sewer trunkage information, and if the Township can sell the parcel in the future.

Supervisor Platt discussed commercial sewer usage. Platt will look into how the Lenawee Co. Drain Commission applies REU's to businesses and why the billing amount is based on the highest month for the whole year.

Board discussed a snow removal bid received from Adams Outdoor Services: Hall & Sidewalks 2-6 inches \$75. Over 6 inches of snow would be double. Cemetery-\$40. Over 6 inches would be double. Salting applied to the parking lot and sidewalks-\$40. Salting of the Cemetery \$35. Moore moved to approve the bid for the 2017-18 year. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

**Building & Zoning:** Nickel stated the deadline for a plan of action for the dangerous building (former Bear's Lair) on U.S. 12 is December 15. Nickel noted the water slide has been dismantled. Nickel gave an update on the Faithi-Schroeder account stating that the home has been sold on Pentecost Hwy. Nickel said the

flood plain maps have been updated with a change to Osprey Lake near Loch Erin. They are both now classified as AE.

**Planning Commission:** Secretary VanValkenburg informed the Board that a low impact conditional use will be reviewed with a request to sell items out of a barn located on U.S. 12 just west of Phillips Drive. Owner Lorenzo Lizarralde of Chateau Aeronautique Winery will address the P.C. to request a microbrewery to go along with the winery on U.S. 12.

Under public comment Kathleen Klumpp requested a true photo be displayed on the Township website of the Township Hall instead of a drawing. Nickel will verify whether it is a drawing or a photo.

Having no additional comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk