

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

## **January 9, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 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 \$11,345.42 and expenses of \$18,397.04. Additional bills submitted for approval: On The Spot Glass & Screen Replacement-\$90 (hall door push bar lubricated), Jacqueline Benedict-\$75 (clean hall-Jan.), Adams Outdoor Services-\$345 (Hall (3) & Cemetery (3) Snowplowing-Dec. 2017). VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Kelley supported and motion carried 5-0. Whitehead presented a budget comparison through December 31<sup>st</sup> to the Board for review.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no new developments concerning the tax foreclosure parcel (#FR0-420-0440-00) located at 200 Evansglen Trail that remained unsold at the final 2017 County Tax Foreclosure Auction and now is in the process of being deeded to Franklin Township.

Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel reported that the former Bear's Lair property on U.S. 12 is in the process of demolition. As of this date no plan of action has been filed with the Township.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moore moved to approve Resolution #18-1R to Waive Interest and Penalty Associated with Untimely and Not Filed Property Transfer Affidavits (Form 2766). Whitehead supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The resolution will waive interest and penalties if a buyer of property does not file form 2766 within 45 days of transfer of ownership.

Nickel presented to the Board an annual Building Report for 2017. Construction value for all building permits was \$4,955,000 (new homes only \$3,095,000).

Planning Commission Secretary VanValkenburg updated the Board that Lorenzo Lizarralde has requested to add a microbrewery (Blue Skies Brewery) to his winery (Chateau Aeronautique Winery). VanValkenburg said since there will be no new construction a site plan is not required.

Whitehead moved to recommend an application received from Blue Skies Brewery, LLC located at 12000 Pentecost Hwy, Onsted, be considered for a Micro Brewer license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Kelley supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

No public comment was heard. Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk