

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

February 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Clerk Whitehead who then led the flag pledge. Present: Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: Supervisor Bob Platt. In the absence of the Supervisor, Trustee VanValkenburg presided over the meeting. The regular minutes and special minutes (1/12/18) were both approved as presented. The Treasurer reported income of \$100,511.03 and expenses of \$65,753.60. One additional bill submitted for approval: L2LD LLC-\$660 (1-Burial (Snyder) and 1 shrub removal). Kelley moved to approve all bills presented for payment. Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Whitehead presented a budget comparison report through February 13, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Official Bruce Nickel updated the Board that the demolition work on the former Bear's Lair property had slowed down.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #18-2R TO ADDRESS THE COLLECTION OF PAYMENTS OR REFUNDS ON TAXES UNDER/OVER \$5.00 effective immediately. Kelley supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, VanValkenburg-yes. Absent: Platt. Motion carried 4-0. Treasurer Moore stated a secondary payment of any tax totaling \$5.00 or less will not be requested and an overpayment of taxes totaling \$5.00 or less shall not be refunded.

The Board discussed a proposed moratorium regarding large solar energy facilities. Whitehead moved to forward the proposed resolution to the Township Planning Commission for review. After further discussion Whitehead withdrew the motion. Kelley moved to adopt Resolution #18-3R TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR LARGE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES as presented and does not include small solar energy facilities. Moore supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes. Absent: Platt. Motion carried 4-0. The temporary moratorium is imposed upon the issuance of permits, licenses and approvals for large solar energy facilities for 6 months.

Nickel informed the Board that residential codes will now be good for 6 years. The cell tower located on Pawson Road that is not in use will be demolished.

Moore discussed eliminating the 3% penalty for senior citizens who pay their winter taxes after the deadline. Kelley moved to approve waiving the 3% late penalty for senior citizens 65 and older who pay their 2017 winter property taxes after the deadline of February 15 and by February 28, 2018. Moore supported the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Whitehead gave updates from County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach to those present regarding action at the county level.

Under public comment Kathleen Klumpp inquired as to Franklin's position concerning marijuana facilities. Whitehead stated the Township has not opted in or out which makes marijuana facilities not allowed in the Township. Klumpp complimented the Board on the limestone that was placed on Taylor Road (between Carson Hwy and M-52) in 2017. Klumpp felt the limestone was holding up much better than gravel.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk