

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

March 13, 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 Board reviewed a budget comparison. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer \$100 from the contingency fund to the Plumbing Inspections fund. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried 5-0. The Treasurer reported income of \$38,322.88 and expenses of \$14,135.72. One additional bill was submitted: L2LD LLC-\$235 (1 cremation - Raymond). Kelley moved to approve the report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Administrator Bruce Nickel informed the Board that the property on U.S. 12 owned by Joseph Oram (former Bears Lair) has not followed through on the guidelines that the Hearings Officer put in place at the Dangerous Building Hearing (11/15/17) and no demolition permit has been applied for. Township Attorney Fred Lucas has not received a plan of action regarding the property. The deadline for clean-up of the property is May 15. Supervisor Platt recommended the Board pursue court action. Whitehead moved to authorize Attorney Lucas to initiate court proceedings for 5600 U.S. 12 LLC. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

VanValkenburg moved to accept the 2018 Poverty Guidelines received from the Assessor for use with the Board of Review. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

A revised Land Division Application from the Assessing Department was given to each Board member and Nickel to review. It will be revisited at the April 10th meeting for any changes or additions needed.

Nickel updated the Board that the Fathi modular home on Pentecost Hwy has been vacated and sold. When the ground dries out the unit will be removed.

VanValkenburg stated the Planning Commission will hold a conditional rezoning and conditional use hearing for Hampshire Farms on March 20th at 7:30 p.m. The property is currently zoned AG and a zoning request has been received to

change to Commercial. Hampshire Farms is seeking to add additional services and enlarge their business. If approved, the ownership could change; however, the use must stay the same. The Planning Commission will also be working on an ordinance covering large solar energy facilities.

County Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present with the following updates at the county level: there is a new alert system for county residents called RAVE that replaces Code Red. In order to continue to receive severe weather alerts residents must sign up through the county website (lenawee.mi.us) on the home page. The county Sheriff's office will be moving temporarily to the court house annex while the existing building is torn down and rebuilt. The Board of Commissioners are also working on a new animal ordinance.

Public Comment: Resident Joe Ohlman was present with concerns about the standing water that is across S. Beebe Hwy which is now closed to thru traffic. Ohlman's family owns the field where the road has been flooded since February 19, and feels when the pipeline was installed something was damaged or changed. Ohlman requested the Township contact the Lenawee County Road Commission and LCRC contact Rover to decide what needs to be done to solve the water problem. Supervisor Platt will contact the Road Commission.

Having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk