

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**  
**Special Budget Minutes**  
**March 19, 2018**

A special meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Platt at 5:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Zoning/Building Official Bruce Nickel was also present.

The Board discussed the proposed budget for 2018-19. The Board reviewed each line item of the budget. The Board added a new line item for Office Staff and budgeted \$7,500. This would be used for an extra office person or for filling in as needed in the front office for the Treasurer and Clerk.

Nickel presented to the Board several budget considerations and a list of area inspection fees including Jackson County. Nickel suggested increasing all Inspector fees (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing) from \$40 to \$50 per inspection plus \$10 mileage fee per inspection. The permit fees would increase from \$60 to \$70. This would bring inspection and permit fees in line with surrounding areas and still be on the lower end. If approved, the permit fees would take effect April 1<sup>st</sup> and the inspection wage increase would take effect June 1<sup>st</sup>. Nickel also gave an update on code books, Inspector's schooling, and FEMA floodplain maps. Other annual costs: Franklin Township will continue to pay \$200 annually to Cambridge Township for the use of the field inspection computer. (The existing computer will soon be replaced.) It is proposed that Franklin Township pay \$100 towards the MADCAD annual Building Official membership/subscription. This allows all Inspectors online access to codes and reference materials which is a State requirement.

A budget hearing will be held at the April 10, 2018 regular board meeting. Having no further business the Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk