

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:30 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 regular minutes were approved as presented. The special budget minutes from 3-19-18 were changed to read: If approved, permit fees would take effect April 1st and inspection wage increases would take effect June 1st. The special budget minutes were then approved. The Board suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the budget hearing: Supervisor Platt spoke about the highlights of the proposed 2018-19 budget while the Board reviewed the financial statements. Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year and collect 1 mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. VanValkenburg supported the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Supervisor declared the budget adopted. The Board then returned to the regular order of business. The Treasurer reported income of \$52,652.42 and expenses of \$29,094.22. Kelley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Building/Zoning Official Bruce Nickel reminded the Board that May 15 is the deadline for everything to be cleaned up at the former Bear's Lair property on U.S. 12. Nickel also said FEMA will begin a 90 day appeals period on April 24 for property designated to be in the flood plain area.

Whitehead moved to approve the permit fees as requested from \$60 to \$70 per inspection retroactive to April 1st. Moore supported and motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed road bids received from the Lenawee Co. Road Commission . Operations Mgr. Jason Schnaidt and Foreman Josh Martineau were both present and stated the county has received an additional \$800,000 in road funds from the state and would match 50% on certain projects. Schnaidt said Precision Pipeline would cover the costs for repairing the field tile that is plugged on S. Beebe Hwy and repair the roadway where it was flooded over the road. Kelley moved to approve the following road bids:

1. Coller Hwy \$81,538.14 (Underseal & Asphalt Overlay)

2. N. Adrian Hwy	\$18,292.51	(Asphalt - Taylor to Service)
3. N. Wisner Hwy	\$86,210.79	(Limestone – Whelan to 12)
4. Spot Patch	\$18,635.35	(500 Ton 411 & 500 ton 304)
5. Reed Road	\$33,645.80	(Asphalt – Pentecost to Line)
6. N. Adrian Hwy	\$15,519.81	(Asphalt – Service to 12)

Moore moved to support the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Both Adrian Hwy projects will be split with Clinton Twp.

The Board reviewed the annual property & casualty insurance proposal from Burnham & Flower, Agency. Kelley moved to accept the proposal and pay the \$5,499 premium. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0.

Whitehead presented a P.A. 116 application received from Waterland Farms, LLC (Arnoud & Elizabeth Schot) for 123.29 acres located in the 6000 Block of Feller Road, Tipton (FR0-130-4100-00 and FR0-130-4300-00) for 50 years. Whitehead said the Lenawee Soil Conservation and the Lenawee Co. Planning Commission both recommended approval of the application. Moore moved to approve the application as presented. Whitehead supported and motion carried 5-0. The application packet will now be forwarded to the Michigan Dept. of Ag in Lansing.

Supervisor Platt presented one new John Deere mower bid from Bader & Sons for approximately \$8,276 with a government discount. Platt will look into additional bids.

Supervisor Platt and Planning Commission Chairman Greg Wise will tour solar farm operations.

Under public comment Pawson Road resident Howard Kapp questioned whether the Board could spend more money on the roads from the Rainy Day fund. The Board explained the amount of revenue received annually from the tax levy and the state revenue sharing is mainly what the Township operates on. A majority of that amount goes towards road improvements each year. The Rainy Day fund is set aside for emergencies. If the Board chose to dip in to the fund for road improvements, eventually, the rainy day fund would be depleted and the roads would still need improvement.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk