

January 8, 2008

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: Platt, Whitehead, Wibbeler, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: None. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$130,665.91 and expenses of \$18,861.62. VanValkenburg moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund \$2,000 to board expenses and \$5,000 to Drains at Large. Sherman seconded and motion carried. There was one additional bill presented: Wibbeler-\$850 (\$2 x 425 sewer parcels) for qt. sewer wages. Whitehead moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills as presented including the Visa. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Platt stated a Poverty Tax Exemption Resolution will be presented at the February meeting for review.

Board discussed the Drain Commission meeting (12/13/07) that also included Cambridge and Norvell Township Boards. The meeting was in regards to litigation concerning sewer pump failure in the Sand Lake-Evans Lake-Wamplers Lake Sewer System.

Board was reminded of the Twp./Road Commission Annual meeting that will be held Jan. 31, 2008 at 6 p.m.

Board discussed variances regarding lake residential areas.

### NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Tom & Amy Harrison, with property in the 1400 block of M-50 (SE corner of Bramble & M-50) requested to split two parcels consisting of 5.12 acres and 20.00 acres from the parent parcel (FRO-125-2100-00). Motion by Sherman, supported by Wibbeler, to approve the land division as presented. Motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Wibbeler requested the necessary equipment for high-speed internet service for her home Treasurer's Office, and a laptop for use at the twp. hall for tax collection. A connection to the County Treasurer's office is now required for processing tax bills. VanValkenburg moved to authorize the Treasurer to purchase a laptop and related computer equipment with a limit of \$2,000 in order to allow a good internet connection at the Treasurer's home office and at the twp. hall. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk

