

January 13, 2009

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, Wibbeler, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: Whitehead. Platt asked that Wibbeler keep the minutes of the meeting in the absence of Whitehead. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the Special meeting December 17, 2008 were corrected to read State Education tax not Equalized tax and that Sherman moved to approve the reappointments of the Board of Review, and the Wibbeler supported. The Treasurer reported income of \$97,907.73 and expenses of \$13,857.91. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Wibbeler moved to rescind resolution #08-02 of December 09, 2008, to collect the state education tax. (Needed to be rescinded because the statute specifically states the resolution must be adopted by the board in any January.) Supported by Sherman. Roll Call Vote, Sherman yes, VanValkenburg yes, Platt yes, Wibbeler yes. Absent Whitehead.

Wibbeler moved to adopt resolution #09-01 to rescind an earlier decision to decline to collect the state education tax and states that the two treasurers will begin collecting the summer tax starting in 2009. Supported by Sherman. Roll call vote Sherman yes, VanValkenburg yes, Platt yes, Wibbeler yes, Whitehead absent.

The Township/Road Commission Annual Meeting will be held January 29, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Vo Tech center in Adrian. The other 21 townships in the county are invited also.

Platt advised that Todd Dailey did not have the drawings of the floor plan of the new township hall completed yet, but will have them ready for the next meeting February 10, 2009.

Building & Zoning Official Bruce Nickel is still working on the Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector with Cambridge Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Land Split: Helmer & Harsh Property at 4305 U S-12. VanValkenburg moved to approve the Land Split, supported by Sherman. Motion carried. (Approval of a land split does not mean zoning compliance.)

Doug Gross, representing the Sand Lake Property Owners Association presented a request for a special assessment district for the treatment of invasive aquatic weed species of Sand Lake. After lengthy discussion the board agreed to move forward with the next step in the process, of verifying the signatures of the petitions. Also the board agreed to work jointly with Cambridge Township.

VanValkenburg questioned if there would be an salary adjustments for the up coming year.

Howard Kapp of Pawson Road asked if would could talk to the County Road Commission about paving the hills on Pawson Road.

Platt requested that Bruce Nickel Zoning officer check Tipton Hwy for Junk cars.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Nancy A. Wibbler
Franklin Township Treasurer