

February 8, 2011

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: Bob Platt, Sue Whitehead, Nancy Wibbeler, Dan VanValkenburg and Doug Sherman. Absent: none. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one name correction. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: Building Inspections-\$1,000 and Drains at Large-\$6,100.90. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried. The Treasurer reported income of \$32,695.56 and expenses of \$24,990.14. Two additional bills submitted for approval: Schaedler & Lacasse-\$289 (Feb. Legal Fees), Selective Data Systems-\$150 (Hall Printer). VanValkenburg moved and Sherman seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried. Sherman moved and VanValkenburg seconded to approve a payment of \$895 for First Alert for a security system for the hall from the building site fund. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Platt informed those present that the majority of the board members and Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel had attended an informational flood risk meeting for Lenawee County. It was learned that if a homeowner is in a declared flood risk zone then a mortgage company could require the homeowner to purchase flood insurance. For Franklin Twp. the Loch Erin area would be the area most affected. Nickel is reviewing the maps at this time to make any corrections that are needed. The flood maps may be viewed at the Franklin Township Hall.

Township attorney Schaedler is inquiring with the DNRE whether the park grant that was originally used for the tennis court at the old township hall could be sold with the building.

Supervisor Platt gave an update regarding the annual road commission/township meeting held on January 26, 2011. Franklin Twp. is scheduled to be the fourth township on the list to receive its salt brine application this year.

The summer tax collection wages and expenses were discussed. The state education tax or school district reimburses the township \$2.50 per parcel for summer tax collection. The 2009 summer tax collection wages that were paid to the Treasurer did not have the expenses of \$1,823.73 deducted resulting in an overpayment to the Treasurer. It was discussed that it costs roughly \$1.50/parcel to cover the summer tax expenses. VanValkenburg moved to pay the Treasurer \$1/parcel to collect the summer taxes beginning with the 2011 summer tax

collection. The 2010 summer tax wages will reimburse the township for the expenses incurred in 2009. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson was present and informed the board that a fire protection and emergency services contract between the township and the department is being drafted.

Sherman moved and Whitehead seconded to approve payment to Wright Signs for \$1,193.52 for moving the twp. hall sign and changing the address number. Motion carried.

Wibbeler presented several cleaning quotes for the hall from Mark Sexton. The quotes ranged from three times per year for \$200 to a thorough cleaning including stripping, waxing and sealing the vct tile floor for \$750. Mat cleaning to pick-up and drop-off mats would be \$6/mat.

NEW BUSINESS

Wibbeler presented a quote from Sprint for internet service at the township hall for up to 4-5 computers would be \$69.95/month with a 2-yr. contract which includes a 20% discount plus a 30 day free trial use.

Sup. Platt recommended Kathy Ohlman to serve on the Board of Review replacing Gordon Whelan. Sherman moved and Whitehead seconded to approve Ohlman to the Board of Review and pay \$10 for any member who wishes to attend the Board of Review training. Motion carried.

Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present and stated he is a member of both the Technology and Equalization boards for the county, and is also a liasion for the Co. Road Commission. Wittenbach stated the FEMA flood plain maps and Sunday morning liquor sales are several topics the commissioners are discussing.

Public comment was heard and having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk