

February 10, 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, Whitehead, Wibbeler, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: None. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$40,459.73 and expenses of \$21,819.06. Wibbeler moved to table the annual dues for the River Raisin Watershed Council to March in order to allow the board to review. Sherman seconded and motion carried. The board discussed a budget comparison. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: Board Expenses-\$3,000, Land Splits-\$300, Board of Review-\$100 and Property Expenses-\$1,200. Sherman seconded and motion carried. Sherman then moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried. President and CEO of the Lenawee Economic Development Corp. Jim Gartin was present and spoke regarding the economic outlook for Lenawee County, creating jobs, increasing the tax base, and trying to match businesses with empty buildings in the county. Gartin also spoke about future business prospects.

OLD BUSINESS

Wibbeler and Whitehead updated the board on the petitions received from Sand Lake property owners for a Special Assessment District for Invasive Aquatic Species Control.

The board and those in attendance viewed a rendering of the proposed new township hall.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel reported on junk car violations.

NEW BUSINESS

Whitehead presented a letter of resignation to the board from Cemetery Sexton Dave Hunt due to health reasons. Hunt has sold his business to his son Scott Hunt. Whitehead will contact Scott to sign an independent contractor agreement with the township.

Whitehead informed the board that a resident had requested the township look in to a Bag Tag Program through Allied Waste that some surrounding townships are using. The program is generally geared towards senior citizens. Allied Waste will be in contact with Whitehead after reviewing Franklin Township routes to see if it is feasible.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk