

February 12, 2008

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Clerk Whitehead, who then turned the meeting over to Trustee VanValkenburg, who led the flag pledge. Present: Whitehead, Wibbeler, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: Supervisor Platt. The minutes were corrected to read: Treasurer's sewer wages \$2 x 425 parcels (\$850). The Treasurer reported income of \$961.01 and expenses of \$21,899.53. The following bills were submitted for approval: River Raisin Watershed Council-\$587.80 (2008 Dues), Verizon-\$61.50 (Hall Phone), Scott Miller-\$50 (Install Antenna/Treas.).

### OLD BUSINESS

The board adopted Resolution #08-01R Establishing Guidelines For Granting Poverty Exemptions From Property Tax. After reviewing the guidelines and some discussion, Wibbeler moved to adopt the resolution. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Alice Platt-Wright, with property at 8220 Tipton Hwy, Tipton (FRO-128-4800-00) requested to split one parcel of 1.7444 acres from the parent parcel. Wibbeler moved to approve the land split, Sherman supported and motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning approval.

Motion by Wibbeler, supported by Sherman, to table the salary increase request received from Twp. Assessor Tim Voorhees until the March board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Wibbeler, supported by Whitehead, to approve the fee for any Board of Review member to attend the Board of Review Training Workshop on February 27, 2008. Motion carried.

Bruce Nickel, (Twp. Bldg. Official) asked the board to consider updating the computer software for the Treasurer and Clerk, and also purchase the software for the township laptop. The updates include operating systems, Microsoft Office 2007 and updated virus protection. The purchase of two all-in-one laser printers for the Treasurer and Clerk was also recommended. Motion by Sherman, supported by Wibbeler, to approve the software upgrades, virus protection, and both printers. Motion carried.

Bob Kellum, Representative of O' These Irish Hills spoke to the board regarding a 24 hour 7 days a week recycling drop-off center in the township. Kellum stated the organization was interested in a site in the Irish Hills on U.S. 12. Kellum inquired as to whether a twp. board member was interested in serving on a committee to gather information regarding a full-time recycling center in the township. Wibbeler volunteered to serve on the committee. VanValkenburg stated the township was interested, however, it was not committing any funds to the project at this time.

Kellum also is involved in the Irish Hills Stewardship Community for the Motor Cities Heritage Route. They are seeking grants for Wayward Exhibits (Exhibits That Tell A Story) and on March 29, 2008 there will be a community-wide meeting at Hidden Lake Gardens from 10-3:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what type of exhibits to use, locations, and how to fund the exhibits.

Having no further business, VanValkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk