

March 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 and Dan VanValkenburg. Absent: Doug Sherman. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$6.24 (int.) and expenses of \$11,458.79. Additional bills submitted for approval: Schaedler & Lacasse-\$243.90 (Legal Fees) and Safety Systems-\$84 (Qt. Lease). From the Building Site Fund: Selective Data Systems-\$740.44 (Phone System/Installation). VanValkenburg moved Whitehead seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and all bills for payment including the additional bills submitted. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Official Bruce Nickel updated everyone present regarding the FEMA flood plain maps. Area municipalities are in the process of providing alternate data including updated maps from the Lenawee Co. Drain Commission in order to remove homes that should not be included in the flood zone. April 3rd FEMA begins notification of the appeals process.

Supervisor Platt informed the board that the DNRE can transfer the park grant from the old township hall to a new designated site if the land is of equal or greater value than the old site.

The board decided it is more cost effective to purchase mats for the hall instead of renting them. Apple Mat's bid of \$693.92 was \$7-\$10 lower per mat than a bid received from a Grass Lake business.

Wibbeler reported that internet for the hall from Sprint would be \$69.95/month.

It was discussed that Sunday morning liquor sales would need to be voted on by resolution of the board if not in favor of allowing the sales. If no action is taken by the board then the sales would be allowed according to the motion passed by the Lenawee Co. Commissioners.

VanValkenburg updated the board that Twp. Attorney Schaedler prepared a medical marijuana informational booklet for planning commission members.

The board has decided to sell the old township hall outright and place an ad in the paper accepting bids.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Leroy Lewis, Sr. with property at 9216 Pentecost Hwy (FRO-119-3600-00) requested to split one parcel of 3.95 acres

from the parent parcel. The Land Division Committee recommended approval of the application. VanValkenburg moved Wibbeler seconded to approve the land split as presented. Motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

The following public comments were heard: the board received questions regarding the constable position. The board stated that the position does not receive any pay and it allows the township to have access to a constable if needed. The board was also asked if there was any interest in windmill farms in the township? VanValkenburg replied that the planning commission has not addressed anything in the township ordinance for windmill farms at this time.

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

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk