

April 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was brought 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 were corrected to read: Under Assessor Tim Voorhees new 2 year contract he will receive 12 monthly payments of \$2,187.00 equaling \$26,247 per year.

Suspended the regular order of business to hold the budget hearing for 2008-09: Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and collect 1mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. Sherman supported and motion carried. Returned to the regular order of business.

The Treasurer reported income of \$41,389.05 and expenses of \$121,332.69. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board discussed filling in the well at the Mills Cemetery on M-50. The hand pump has not worked for many years, and the board felt for safety reasons the well should be filled in, instead of repairing the hand pump. Sherman will follow-up on the well.

VanValkenburg reported on the Tipton School appraisal. The appraised value was \$548,000 for the building and 8 acres.

Whitehead noted in the minutes that the building and electrical inspectors \$1 increase raised the inspection fee from \$40 to \$41/per inspection.

Wibbeler presented a phone log from Twp. Assessor Tim Voorhees noting return phone calls placed to township residents.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Paul Gieger with property on Service Rd., Clinton (FRO-111-2500-00) requested to divide 5.485 acres. (No parent parcel.) Land Division Committee recommended denial of the application due to not meeting the minimum requirement of the township ordinance road frontage and no driveway permit or approval was submitted.

VanValkenburg moved to accept the recommendation for denial of the land split. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried.

Wibbeler presented to the board a personal property tax request from The Starling Nest to waive penalty fees for 2003-2006 back taxes. Sherman moved to deny the request to waive the personal property tax fees. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Platt recommended the following board members be re-appointed to another term: Dan VanValkenburg and Greg Wise on the Planning Commission, and John Ost to the Board of Appeals. Motion by Whitehead to approve the recommendations, Sherman seconded and motion carried.

VanValkenburg moved to pay \$162.50 to Twp. Attorney Phil Schaedler for all of Franklin Township board members to attend a Zoning Workshop on May 1st. Cambridge, Rome and Clinton Townships will also be invited to attend.

Platt announced the township received a \$25,000 contribution from the Sage Foundation for use for public purposes as the governing body deems best, including in connection with a new hall.

Rex Reinink with property on Whelan Rd. was present requesting a land division and will present the paperwork at the May board meeting. Reinink also had complaints regarding the condition of Whelan Rd.

Cemetery Groundskeeper Jeremy Ries presented three bids for a new weed trimmer for the cemeteries. The Board will review the bids at the May meeting.

Electrical Inspector Dick Curtis was present and recommended the electrical fee schedule stay the same for this year.

Motion by Whitehead, supported by Wibbeler, to approve any board member who would like to attend the Annual Planning Conference on April 17th. Motion carried.

The board will interview engineer Todd Dailey of Dailey Engineering, Inc. April 16th at 6:30 p.m., and interview architect Dave Siler of Siler Associates, Inc. April 17th at 10 a.m. for the design of the proposed new township hall.

Announcements were made, public comments heard, and the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk