

April 10, 2007

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 and VanValkenburg. Absent: Sherman.

Platt suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the budget hearing. Board reviewed the financial statements for 2006-07 and the proposed budget for 2007-08. Whitehead moved to adopt the proposed 2007-08 budget and collect 1 mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. VanValkenburg seconded and the motion carried.

Returned to regular order of business. The March 12, 2007 regular minutes were corrected to read: due to an oversight the 2004-05 delinquent taxes that had not been paid to the Sand Lake Fire Dept. and the Co. Drain Commission were paid at this time. Both special minutes from March and April were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$36,051.50 and expenses of \$213,884.31. One additional bill submitted for approval: Rudy Hanna-\$76 (Substitute Bldg. Insp.-2 Insp.). Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Whitehead, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills for payment. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board discussed requests submitted from Bldg. Insp./Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel. Motion by Whitehead, supported by Wibbeler, to increase the Building Inspector per inspection fee from \$38 to \$40 and to purchase new/updated code books, upgrade building software up to \$600, and approve state certification as a Building Official. Motion carried. Motion by Whitehead, supported by Wibbeler, to increase the Electrical Inspector Dick Curtis per inspection fee from \$38 to \$40, and approve a new computer for Curtis including training and annual fees up to \$1,500. Motion carried. Both Inspectors increases are retroactive to April 1, 2007. The electrical inspector will now be able to access the building inspector's computer files and vice versa.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: James & Denise LaFontaine, with property at 5840 Tripp Rd., Tipton (FRO-108-1190-00), requested to split one parcel of 7.0011 acres from the parent parcel. VanValkenburg moved to approve the land division contingent upon private road approval, and upon receipt of application fee. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Whitehead, to approve a bid for \$1,743.08 to replace a culvert on Munger Rd. east of Beebe Hwy. Motion carried.

Motion by Whitehead, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the \$435 fee for the Treasurer to attend a Professional Development Retreat on April 19th and 20th.

Tim Steuwe was present representing N. Franklin Hustlers 4-H Club in regards to the proposed Michigan International Shotgun Sports Complex on 80 acres at the corner of Taylor Rd. and Carson Hwy. The proposed shotgun shooting range is 4-H sponsored and Steuwe wanted to address any questions the board might have. A public hearing will be held May 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall.

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

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk