

April 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Supervisor Platt who then led the flag pledge. Present: Bob Platt, Sue Whitehead, Nancy Wibbeler, Dan VanValkenburg and Doug Sherman. Absent: none. Supervisor Platt suspended the regular order of business in order to hold the budget hearing. After some discussion Whitehead moved to adopt the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and collect 1 mil less any applicable rollback to support said budget. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried. The board returned to the regular order of business. The regular minutes and special minutes (3/16/11) were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$44,416.97 and expenses of \$26,276.47. Additional bills submitted for approval: Lew Sprague-\$387 (Electrical Inspections 9 x \$43), Max Roberts-\$86 (Electrical Inspections 2 x \$43), Nancy Wibbeler-\$854 (1st Qt. Sewer Wages), Co. Printing & Purchasing-\$42.75 (Assess. Pers. Tax Notices). From the Bldg. Site Fund: Thomas Woodworking-\$1,850 (Board Table). Motion by VanValkenburg, seconded by Sherman, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment including the building site fund payment. Motion carried.

B. J. Pratt, Account Mgr. for Burnham & Flower Ins. Agency was present and reviewed with the board the proposed annual insurance policy renewal. Whitehead moved to approve the policy and liability renewal at \$3,000,000 for \$5,033. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bldg. Official Bruce Nickel gave an update concerning the FEMA flood plain maps. Nickel also is investigating a Medical Marijuana Dispensary in the township. The twp. board adopted a 6-month moratorium regarding medical marijuana dispensary's December 14, 2010.

The board has been notified that the Liquor Control Commission has approved a permit to allow Sunday liquor sales in the township for Top of the Hill Party Store.

The board will take bids for the old township hall until noon on May 10, 2011. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Supervisor Platt will obtain landscaping and grass seeding bids for the new hall. A resident is donating trees for the township hall grounds.

VanValkenburg moved to purchase mats for the hall from Apple Mat for a bid of \$502.07. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed the following road bids:

1. Robbins Road - Culvert Replacement \$4,316.37 (Split with Adrian Twp.)
2. Wisner Hwy & Service Rd. – Culvert Replacement \$1,993.01
3. N. Adrian Hwy – Catch Basin & 4” Tile \$2,221.23
4. 2nd Salt Brine Application \$25,548.73
5. Spot gravel 10 miles of gravel roads \$104,979.70 (\$10,497 per mile for 2” gravel compacted and salt brine applied).

Sherman moved to approve the culvert and catch basin bids (#1-3). Place the 2nd salt brine bid on hold until later in the summer and table the spot gravel bid for more information. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. The board discussed inquiring with Adrian Twp. to see if the twp. would like to share costs for adding gravel to W. Teachout Road (between Elton Hwy and Pentecost Hwy).

Whitehead moved to approve the \$25 fee for Platt, VanValkenburg and Sherman to attend the Annual County Planning Conference on April 21st and any other board members who would like to attend. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Platt recommended Linda Brooks to serve the unexpired term of Gordon Whelan who stepped down from the Planning Commission, and re-appoint Dan VanValkenburg and Greg Wise to 3-yr. terms on the Planning Commission, plus re-appoint John Ost to another 3-yr. term on the Board of Appeals. Whitehead moved to approve the recommendation and re-appointments. Sherman supported and motion carried.

Cemetery Groundskeeper Jeremy Ries inquired as to whether the sprinkler system at Cohen Park would be operational this summer.

During public comment the board heard complaints regarding the condition of the gravel roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk