

May 11, 2010

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. The minutes from the previous regular meeting and the two special meeting minutes (4/26/10 and 4/29/10) were approved as read. The Treasurer reported no income and expenses of \$29,455.67. One payroll item was submitted for approval: Jeremy Ries-Cemetery Groundskeeper \$390.50 (35.5 Hrs. x \$11/hr.). Motion by VanValkenburg to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Sherman seconded and motion carried. Curtis Parsons, Coordinator for Lenawee Co. Emergency Management spoke regarding MEMAC (Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact). MEMAC is primarily intended for catastrophic emergencies and disasters as declared by the State of Michigan. However, the compact also authorizes interjurisdictional mutual assistance through personnel, equipment and other resources upon request. The requesting party reimburses each assisting party for the use of its equipment, personnel and expenses. Township board approval is needed to enroll in MEMAC. Upon approval the Sand Lake Fire Department would assume all liability and insurance regarding the compact. Sand Lake Fire Dept. is a separate agency within Franklin Twp. and is not operated by the township. MEMAC is not associated with FEMA. The board will make a decision at the June board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sup. Platt gave an update on the new township hall.

Platt will find out whether the drain by Cohen Park on S. Tipton Hwy is a county drain. Platt stated the electric meter for the sprinkler system at Cohen Park is on the Jim Morris property which is located to the west of the park on the south side of M-50. Platt has spoke with Morris and at this time the property owner is willing to cover the small cost of the electricity.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the following road bids:

1. Limerick Drive \$31,050.40 (Spot Wedge, Culvert and Seal Coat)
2. Evans Trail \$25,586.67 (Wedge over Culverts)
3. Coller Hwy \$4,157.99 (Culvert Replacement – S. of U.S. 12)
4. Wisner Hwy \$4,308.60 (Culvert Replacement - N. of Paragon)
5. 2nd Salt Brine \$25,548.73 (2nd Application on All Gravel Roads)
6. Bramble Hwy \$13,142.21 (Gravel)

The board discussed whether to seek a special assessment district for Limerick Drive. The drive is a ½ mile long not including the culdesac, and it does not connect to another road. Whitehead would like to see the roads graded again before the Co. Road Commission applies the 1st salt brine application for the summer. Sherman moved to approve both culvert replacement bids for S. Wisner Hwy-\$4,308.60 and Collier Hwy-\$4,157.99 and place the 2nd salt brine bid on hold to address later in the summer. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried. Bramble Hwy is the last road that has not had new gravel applied. At this time the gravel presently on the road appears to be adequate. The remaining road bids were tabled to seek further information.

The Board reviewed Twp. Assessor Tim Voorhees contract. It is for 4 years starting June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2014. The Assessor requested \$2,180 per month (\$13/parcel) equaling \$26,160 annually. The board noted two changes in the proposed contract: The pay was decreased by \$7/month and Tim would voluntarily process land division applications at no cost to the township. Previously Voorhees received \$75 per application. Wibbeler moved to approve the renewal of the assessment contract for 4 years. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

Sup. Platt read a letter the board received from Clinton Twp. requesting funds towards the recycling center that is located in that twp. The recycling center is open to all residents of the county. Whitehead will find out the amount that was donated previously from Franklin Twp. towards the recycling center.

VanValkenburg presented an appraisal estimate of \$1,500 from Affinity Valuation Group in order to appraise the present twp. hall.

O' These Irish Hills is sponsoring a community information meeting that will be held May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Hall regarding gas drilling and oil leasing.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson informed those present that a Blood Drive will be held at the Tipton Fire Station July 30th.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk