

June 9, 2009

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, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: None. The minutes from the regular and special meetings were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$135.01 (Int.) and expenses of \$18,259.36. One additional bill was submitted for approval: MTA-\$2,597.48 (2009 Dues). Sherman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills for payment. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Platt informed those present that prints of the proposed new township hall were available for viewing. The board will schedule a public hearing soon to discuss the prints.

Sherman updated the board that the water pump at Mill Cemetery has been repaired. Whitehead will order a "Do Not Drink" sign for the pump. It was noted that Butch Gordon and Doug Sherman both donated their time in repairing the pump.

NEW BUSINESS

Noxious weeds were discussed. Supervisor Platt received a complaint from a Loch Erin property owner regarding high weeds on neighboring property. Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel will contact the owner to mow the property. Each summer it is a problem with vacant lots.

Board received a bid from the Co. Road Commission for \$2,041.80 for E. Whelan Rd. at the bottom of the hill to fix a culvert that keeps getting plugged with run-off (stone). The board decided to table the bid until the Supervisor obtains more information from the Road Commission.

Ken & Florence Kasper with property at 18 Evans Trail were present questioning why the township was monitoring the rental of their cottage? Platt and Bldg. Official Bruce Nickel responded that they had received complaints from area businesses that the cottage was being advertised for scrapbooking and group rentals. It is zoned a single-family residential dwelling and can only be used for that. The cottage cannot be advertised for group use. Platt said when a complaint is received by the township it is then looked into. The Kaspers will word their ads more carefully and the travel trailer that was hooked to the sewer has been unhooked.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Schultz residing at 5858 Pawson Rd. was present with complaints regarding the strong odor from the Evans Lake sewage lagoons. Schultz lives east of the lagoons and has been in contact repeatedly with the Co. Drain Commission concerning this matter. Schultz stated that only ¼ of the aerators for the lagoons are working. The raw sewage smell is strong all the time except in the winter. Platt stated he has received other complaints and will contact the Co. Drain Commissioner.

Samantha Abramczyk who resides on S. Carson Hwy was present requesting that S. Carson Hwy be graded better and that the road is not in good condition.

Glen Madison was present representing the Tipton Community Church and updated the board regarding the standing water problem from adjoining property next to the parsonage. Madison has spoken with the property owner regarding the standing water with no results. Platt stated the township is not responsible for the standing water and it is the owners responsibility to repair any broken tile. Platt stated the township would be willing to help if possible with phone calls, however, Platt has already been in contact with the Co. Drain Commissioner regarding this problem. The responsibility still remains with the property owner.

Howard Kapp who resides on Pawson Rd. was present and said the salt brine from the Co. Road Commission that was applied after the new gravel was put on in that area of the township is much thicker and better coverage than normally is used. Platt stated he asked the Road Commission for gravel specifications and has still not received a report. Jeremy Ries who resides on Munger Rd. informed the board that he had some gravel tested through an outside source. It was 22A with 7½% wash. The gravel met the specifications. However, he was told if water is needed for packing it should be added to the material and then compacted with a compactor. Limestone was discussed for more durable roads, however, the expense is greater due to hauling the material further.

Supervisor Platt reviewed the background on building a proposed new township hall for those present followed by a discussion. Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson was present and commented the initial cost of brick and steel roofing for use on a twp. hall may be higher, however, the fire stations brick and steel roofs are low maintenance and the department has been very satisfied with them. Wilson also stated the tornado alarm has been giving false alarms and is under repair.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Sue Whitehead, Franklin Township Clerk

