

June 10, 2008

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 previous meeting and the special meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$131,207.36 and expenses of \$15,526.46. Additional bills submitted for approval: Bruce Nickel-\$1,621.48 (Bldg. Insp.+ Exp.), Zoning + Exp.-\$782.63 and 1-Land Split (May)-\$75.00. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills for payment. Motion carried.

Keith Brown, Field Representative for Congressman Tim Walberg was present and updated those in attendance regarding issues that the Congressman is currently working on such as the Energy Bill and the Farm Bill.

OLD BUSINESS

Board reviewed a Liquor Control Commission resolution regarding David and Joanne Bopp requesting to transfer ownership of a 2008 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment permit from Cruise Inn. Motion by Whitehead, supported by Wibbeler, to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Platt-yes, Whitehead-yes. Resolution was adopted unanimously 5-0.

Board discussed possibly amending the cemetery ordinance regarding the number of cremation burials allowed per grave. Whitehead will seek additional information.

Sherman inquired about material the planning commission had forwarded to the township attorney, regarding variances in the lake areas in the township.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Leroy Siler, with property on N. Carson Hwy (FRO-125-1050-00) requested to split two new parcels consisting of 9.32 acres and 8.50 acres with a remaining parent parcel of 11.05 acres. Motion by Sherman,

supported by Wibbeler, to approve the land split as presented. Motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

The board declined to make a decision on the proposed road bids until the board could meet with representatives of the Co. Road Commission and review the roads further.

John Warner of Elton Hwy and Gregg Hardy with property on Wisner Hwy and Munger Rd. were present with complaints concerning road conditions and the Co. Road Commission's lack of response to residents complaints by phone. Which was followed by a long discussion regarding the gravel roads.

Doug Lerch of Cambridge Twp. and Matt Koester of Blissfield were present and informed those present that they are both running for the Lenawee Co. Road Commission board.

VanValkenburg updated the board that the Planning Commission reviewed the township land use plan, and decided not to make many changes due to the economy and the 2010 census figures are not yet available. VanValkenburg felt it made more sense to wait and not spend the money for the update at this time. The board agreed with that decision.

Gregg Hardy commented that the public should be more involved with the planning process of a future township hall and was concerned about the operating expense of a new hall. The board stated there would be public meetings held for the residents input regarding a future township hall.

John Warner requested that more meeting information be placed on the township hall sign out in front of the hall.

Wibbeler announced that the community was invited to attend the Relay for Life event at MIS on June 27th & 28th from noon to noon.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Sue Whitehead

Franklin Township Clerk