

July 8, 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 regular and special minutes from previous meetings were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$1,156.95 (Int.) and expenses of \$58,118.52. Additional bills submitted for approval: The Daily Telegram-\$46.00 (Printing), Exxon Mobil-\$170.63 (Gas-Cemetery), Tecumseh Herald-\$190.80 (Printing). Motion by Sherman, supported by Whitehead, to approve all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

Republican candidate Cletus Smith was present and spoke to those in attendance regarding his candidacy for Lenawee Co. Sheriff.

Lenawee Co. Drain Commissioner Steve May (Rep.) was present and spoke concerning his campaign for re-election and also fielded questions from the audience. Wisner Hwy resident Ron Coffelt forwarded his complaints regarding the drain on Wisner Hwy to May.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Platt recommended the following appointments to the Building Committee that will be researching options for a township hall: Ed Greaney, Dee Warner, Mike Davis, Butch Brighton, Tom Fisher, Vern Fry, Bruce Nickel, Dan VanValkenburg and Nancy Wibbeler. Sherman moved to approve the recommendations and Whitehead seconded. A long discussion followed regarding the appointees on the list. Resident Paul Geiger had concerns that a commercial contractor was not on the committee, and inquired as to the goals of the committee. Platt responded that the committee will present recommendations to the board along with community input. After the public comments the motion carried. Resident John Warner again asked where the money for the building site fund originated? The board once again reviewed the building site fund, the budget, twp. taxes, and revenue sharing as in previous meetings. Approximately half of the 30 residents present were in favor of their gravel road being paved, and the same number were in favor of a road millage, with the twp. paying a portion, and the property owners paying a portion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The board received a letter from Clinton Twp. asking the board for a monthly donation towards a 24/7 Recycling Center that would be stationed

on US 12. Platt will contact the Clinton Twp. Supervisor for more information regarding the request.

Sherman informed the board that Clerk Whitehead had agreed to be the Recording Secretary for the Board of Appeals and Sherman requested compensation for the position. VanValkenburg offered the same pay as the other Board of Appeals members. VanValkenburg also clarified that the Recording Secretary would only take the minutes and would not be a voting member. Motion by Sherman, supported by Wibbeler, to pay Whitehead \$40 per meeting for the position of Recording Secretary for the Board of Appeals effective immediately.

Resident Marlin Klumpp requested the agenda be posted on the township website. There was no comment from the board regarding that request. Dee Warner requested the minutes be updated on the twp. website. Bruce Nickel who coordinates the twp. website responded he will update the minutes in the near future.

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

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk