

July 10, 2007

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 were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$90,000.00 and expenses of \$73,496.16. Motion by Sherman, supported by Whitehead, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Board discussed a wage increase request of \$1.75/hour from cemetery groundskeeper Jeremy Ries. After some discussion Wibbeler moved to approve a \$1/hour wage increase. Whitehead seconded and motion carried. The groundskeeper position will increase from \$10/hr. to \$11/hr. effective immediately.

### NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Cornish, Clinton Village Manager, was present and presented a joint Resolution along with Clinton Township to the Township Board, extending thanks to the Sand Lake Fire Dept. for their support with the Woolen Mill Fire on April 16, 2007, and to Franklin Township for millage support for the Sand Lake Fire Dept.

Trustee Sherman moved for the board to send a resolution to district legislatures against HB4780 that would transfer duties from the township to the county. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

Donna Keehl with property at 68 The Blvd. (Lots 20 & 42) was present in regards to her neighbor's sewer grinder that is on Keehl's property and requested it to be moved. The board did not feel it was the township's responsibility to remove the grinder. Supervisor Platt stated it was a civil matter. Keehl also discussed a privacy fence in regards to a property line.

Jim Arnett with property at 212331 Coller Hwy was present with complaints concerning a neighbor's high lawn. Trustee VanValkenburg stated the Planning Commission is considering a Noxious Weed Ordinance at this time, along with a Dangerous Building Ordinance.

Howard Kapp who resides on Pawson Road was present and felt the salt brine application that the Co. Road Commission sprayed recently was not heavy enough.

Supervisor Platt updated the board regarding the War-Ag Farms, Inc. legal case concerning the township.

Board discussed appointing up to two alternates to serve on the Board of Appeals. Supervisor Platt recommended Bill Spycher be appointed to serve as an alternate for the Board of Appeals. VanValkenburg moved to approve the recommendation, and Sherman supported it. Motion carried.

Public comments were heard, announcements made, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk