

July 12, 2011

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: Bob Platt, Sue Whitehead, Nancy Wibbeler, Dan VanValkenburg and Doug Sherman. Absent: none. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$7,576.44 and expenses of \$15,941.93. VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurers' Report and all bills presented for payment. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A public open house for the new Franklin Township Hall will be held August 21st from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The board reviewed a draft of the Sand Lake Fire Contract. The board is awaiting comment from the Sand Lake Fire Dept. Attorney.

The township hall now has high-speed internet service through Frontier and residents may also purchase internet service through Frontier.

VanValkenburg reversed a motion from the previous month and moved to have Sherman contact Gordon Well Drilling to submit an estimate to repair the pump at Cohen Park for the irrigation system. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried.

Bldg. Official Bruce Nickel updated those present that the federal flood plan maps that would have required many township residents to purchase flood insurance have been updated for Franklin and Cambridge townships. However, all new maps have now been delayed for at least a year while the whole process is revamped, allowing FEMA to overhaul existing faulty maps in all areas.

VanValkenburg stated the wiring for the township hall sign at the entrance by M-50 needs to be completed in order to allow it to be lit-up for night-time use.

NEW BUSINESS

Wibbeler moved to approve a request to transfer ownership of a 2011 Class C licensed business with dance-entertainment permit that is located at 6400 U.S. 12, Tipton, from Cruise Inn, Inc. to Brale Operations LLC. Sherman supported and motion carried. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Sup. Platt informed the board that there has been some discussion by the Sand Lake Property Association to change the weed control from chemical to weevils. Platt felt the Sand Lake Weed Control 5-year contract that is presently in

effect, which uses chemicals, should continue to be honored until the end of the contract, and will seek counsel from Twp. Attorney Schaedler.

The board received a donation request from Clinton Township to help support their 24/7 Recycling Center. Sherman moved to approve a \$600 donation for the recycling center. Whitehead seconded and motion carried. Franklin Twp. residents are welcome to use the Clinton drop-off site on U.S. 12.

The board received a letter from Nickel requesting the township to change servers for the township website from DataVend to Network Solutions in order to improve website information and its postings. Wibbeler moved to approve Nickel to change the server for the twp. website and implement changes needed to improve the website. Sherman supported and motion carried. Whitehead stated there have been complaints that the website has not been up-to-date and the new improvements should help in those areas.

VanValkenburg moved to adopt Resolution #11-3R Electrical Permit Form updates. Sherman seconded and motion carried. The following permit fees were increased in order to cover expenses: Additions & Alterations-\$90, Attached Garage-\$90, Pool/Above Ground & In-Ground-\$90, Enclosed Porch/Sunroom-\$90, Sewer (Original Install)-\$90, Temporary Service-\$90, Service Upgrade-\$90, TV-Phones-Etc.-\$90, Geo Therm Furnace-\$150.

Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson informed those present that the dept. along with the Red Cross was holding a blood drive July 23rd from 11-3:45 at the Lake Station.

Residents Charlie & Jean Kohler were present with a complaint concerning the corner of Tripp Road and Breyman Hwy. That the hill by Highland Drive is very narrow at the top of the hill and needs to be re-surfaced.

Resident Rick Zimmerman was present with a request to use chloride instead of salt brine for dust control on the gravel roads for more effectiveness. Zimmerman suggested even a 50% chloride and salt brine mixture. The board replied that it has questioned the Lenawee Co. Road Commission in the past as to the quality and thickness of the salt brine applications. The brine application does not appear to be effective for very long.

Other public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk

