

July 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Supervisor Platt, who then led the flag pledge. Present: Platt, Whitehead, Wibbeler, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: None. The following corrections from the June minutes were made: E. Whelan Rd. culvert was changed to private drive and the name of Glen Mattison was corrected. The July special minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$127,856.33 and expenses of \$94,747.86. One additional bill was submitted for approval: John Hancock-\$168.12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Qt. Pension Fees). Sherman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. VanValkenburg supported and motion carried.

Todd Dailey of Dailey Engineering updated the board and those present regarding the drive design for the proposed township hall and his meeting with MDOT officials. MDOT will waive the culvert requirement. The drive design has been submitted to MDOT for approval. Consumers Energy and Verizon are coordinating the electrical pole removal and equipment. Michigan Paving and Slusarski's are in the process of submitting driveway approach construction quotes. On site utilities discussed a possible retention pond. Gas lines would be installed near the east drive. The board wants the driveway approach to be completed now while MDOT is working on M-50, whether a twp. hall is built or not, it could provide another access to the Franklin cemetery in the future if needed. There was discussion on whether to bid out the twp. hall construction or slow down on the planning process due to the economy and declining revenue sharing. Dailey will forward a figure of how much he has invested in the project so far and how much it would cost to continue to the bid process.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

VanValkenburg moved to approve a bid for a 2<sup>nd</sup> salt brine application of \$25,115.70 from the Co. Road Commission. Whitehead seconded and motion carried. Supervisor Platt will notify the Road Commission that the board would like the salt brine to be applied in late August.

Glen Mattison representing the Tipton Community Church updated the board regarding the standing water problem adjacent to church property is dry at the present time.

Supervisor Platt reported that he spoke with the Drain Commission regarding the odor from the Evans Lake Lagoon. Platt was told that each year in June there is an odor until the lake temperature rises and rolls over algae allowing the odor to subside.

It was noted that payment was received concerning Alfred Brown's land division.

Gary Hall with property on S. Carson Hwy was present and stated the road conditions were improved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Drain Commission Director Steve May was present and spoke regarding the Wisner Drain. May stated the tile is full of holes near the corner of Wisner and Service. The maximum allowed for maintenance is \$5,000 per year without township approval. The proposed work would stop at the edge of the woods. The board adopted a resolution authorizing drain maintenance not to exceed \$24,000 over 5 years. Roll Call: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Resolution passed 5-0 unanimously.

Whitehead moved to approve an application from Jon & Julie Ries for placement into the (P.A. 116) Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. 46.158 acres will be placed in the program for 10 years located at 1349 Taylor Road (FRO-113-2505-00). Sherman seconded and motion carried.

Supervisor Platt read a letter the board received from Carl Cohen. Cohen wishes to donate the two small (Cohen) parks at the four-corners of Tipton to the township. The board is interested in the donation. Platt will contact the twp. attorney regarding this matter.

Platt will cut the weeds on the township property next to the post office.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk