

August 9, 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 with the following correction to read: Township Attorney Schaedler instead of Sauter. The Treasurer reported income of \$47,517.20 and expenses of \$30,055.81. Additional bills submitted for approval: L2LD LLC-\$400 (1-Burial), Credit Card Processing-\$526.84 (VISA), Lenawee Co. Treasurer-\$4.16 (Tax Tribunal/Cornerstone Const.). Motion by Sherman, supported by Whitehead, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

Dustin Krasny a Field Representative for Congressman Tim Walberg was present and gave a legislative update and also presented a certificate from Congressman Walberg and the U.S. House of Representatives for the dedication and opening of the new Franklin Township Hall.

Senator Bruce Caswell was also present and spoke regarding changes made to the income tax on pensions, homestead tax credit changes and other issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee VanValkenburg moved to approve a bid for \$30,160.84 for a 2nd salt brine application to be applied before the 2nd week of September with grading completed prior to the application. Also deduct 10 miles of brine from roads that will receive spot graveling that was already approved. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried.

The board did not discuss the Sand Lake Fire Contract draft due to the Fire Chief not present.

Supervisor Platt gave an informational update for those present of the history surrounding the Sand Lake weed control 5-year contract for the use of chemicals and the special assessment district. The Franklin and Cambridge Township Boards concerns are that the contract is not being honored as written and what was voted on at a public hearing by both boards. Some lake residents would like to switch from using chemicals to weevils.

Election Inspector Dick Curtis will contact MB Electric to complete the lighting for the township hall sign at the entrance.

Trustee Sherman is coordinating the pump repair for Cohen Park's irrigation system.

VanValkenburg updated those present that at the Sept. 12th Planning Commission meeting there will be a public hearing regarding medical marijuana and mixed zoning. Also, under discussion is a dangerous building ordinance.

Planning Commission member and Tipton Farms owner John Krueger donated an oak tree west of the new township hall in memory of former Township Supervisor Wes Whelan. A memorial plaque placed on a stone under the tree will be dedicated at the township hall open house August 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Schrader Auctioneering will hold a land auction at the hall on Sept. 19th or 20th at 4:00 p.m. for acreage located in the township and will pay a \$150 use fee.

Public comment was heard. Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk