

August 12, 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 minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one minor correction. The Treasurer reported income of \$49,292.06 and expenses of \$23,920.31. One additional bill submitted for payment: The Daily Telegram-\$92 (Printing). Sherman moved to approve all bills for payment. Seconded by VanValkenburg and the motion carried.

Audit Review: Meredith Mathews of Robertson, Eaton & Owen was present and reviewed the township's annual audit for fiscal year 2007-08. Mathews gave the township an "unqualified rating" and stated the township was in great shape. The auditor pointed out there is a shortfall in the sewer operation area, and to off-set it would require sewer fees raised. The sewer project is operated by the Lenawee Co. Drain Commission and Mathews encouraged the township to discuss the matter with the County Drain Commissioner.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Fisher, Chairman of the Building Review Committee was present and updated the board with a summary of the committee's progress thus far. Fisher and committee member Dee Warner informed the board that a proposal from resident Gregg Hardy was presented at the last Building Committee meeting. Hardy offered to negotiate a reasonable price for Tipton School from Tecumseh Public Schools, and would in turn offer the same price to Franklin Township, or lease the building to the township. Supervisor Platt responded that the township would negotiate the price for Tipton School itself, and the price should be contingent upon the cost of renovation. Two members of the Building Committee: Butch Brighton and Nancy Wibbeler, along with Supervisor Platt are scheduled to meet with Tecumseh School officials August 15th at 9 a.m. to discuss the matter. Building Committee member Mike Davis was present and felt a contractor's estimate of the building for a fee of roughly \$3,500 was wasteful, due to the costs of improvements on top of the fee charged. The next building committee meeting date has not been scheduled at this time.

Trustee Sherman reported that he and Butch Gordon were able to repair the hand-pump at Mill Cemetery.

Supervisor Platt stated the 24/7 Recycling Center on U.S. 12 in Clinton Twp. is operating on property owned by LM Smith Tool & Die, Inc. Clinton Twp. has contacted the board for a monthly contribution towards the center. Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Wibbeler, to contribute \$50 per month to the recycling center for 1 year. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Arthur Daniel & Betty Gilleylen, with property at 7200 Country Drive, Tecumseh, (FRO-136-4550-00) requested to split one parcel of 10.01 acres from the parent parcel. The Land Division Committee recommended approval of the application. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the land split as presented. Motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

A bid for a second Salt Brine application for \$25,115.70 was presented. The salt brine would be applied to all gravel roads in the township. Supervisor Platt informed the board that the previous gravel bid came in \$20,000 less than the estimate. The \$20,000 could be used for gravel on Taylor Road (East of Carson Hwy). Sherman moved to approve the 2nd Salt Brine application and apply additional gravel on Taylor Road. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. Whitehead stated the gravel roads needed to be scraped first before the salt brine is applied, due to the condition of the gravel roads. Platt stated he would contact the Co. Road Commission. The board acknowledged that the roads were very dry at this time and not real conducive to improvements. Dee Warner had complaints regarding the curve on N. Beebe Hwy was very rough and needed to be scraped.

Building Official Bruce Nickel is in the process of making some adjustments to the Twp. website and then will begin updating the minutes on the website.

Mike Davis inquired as to the printing cost comparison for minutes between The Tecumseh Herald and The Daily Telegram. Whitehead will look into the price comparison.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk

