

August 14, 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 from the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$45,108.51 and expenses of \$24,526.27. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitehead presented a letter for the board to review regarding proposed House Bill #4780-88 that would shift elections, tax collection and property assessment duties from the township to the county. The board is against the proposal and are notifying legislators by letter. Sherman stated he has spoke in person with State Rep. Dudley Spade concerning this issue.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel was present and reported since the July board meeting Donna Keehl (68 The Blvd.) has sent a letter to her neighbor concerning tires on Keehl's property. They still have not been moved. Nickel will follow up with the complaint.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Auditor, Meredith Mathews of Robertson, Eaton & Owen reviewed with the board the annual audit for fiscal year April 1, 2006 – March 31, 2007. Mathews gave the audit an "unqualified rating" and stated the township was in great shape.

1-Land Division Application: Gooding Family Trust, with property at 4486 W. Monroe Rd., Tipton (FRO-121-2250-00) requested to split 4.53 acres from the parent parcel. Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Sherman, to approve the land division as presented. Motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Whitehead, to approve a bid for a second salt brine application for \$23,793.82. Motion carried.

Supervisor Platt commented on cars parking in the townships back parking lot for non-township business. A certified letter will be sent to the property owners on M-50 whose guests are using the lot.

VanValkenburg gave a Planning Commission update regarding an application received for a proposed septage storage unit on property on Pawson Rd. A hearing will be held on September 10, 2007.

Platt stated the township has been notified that additional defendants have been added to an ongoing lawsuit that was filed by War-Ag Farms.

Public Comments were heard, announcements made, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk