

September 11, 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 were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$7,768.35 and expenses of \$49,379.23. One additional payment submitted for approval: United Bank & Trust-\$97.95 (Payroll Taxes). Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

The regular order of business was suspended in order to hold the Fire Protection Hearing: Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson was present and gave an update regarding the department's equipment maintenance, building maintenance, and training. There are currently 23 firemen covering both stations with a \$45,000 payroll. The Fire Chief stated the department is always looking for additional fireman. Whitehead moved to levy 2.5 mils for fire protection for 2007-08. Wibbeler supported and motion carried. Returned to regular order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

Whitehead reviewed a letter received from Senator Cameron Brown in response to the township boards letter opposing House Bill 4780-88 that would transfer many duties from the township to the county. Senator Brown stated that at this time there did not seem to be support for the proposal.

Supervisor Platt updated the board that a judge has granted a summary disposition for dismissal of the first War-Ag Farms lawsuit that was filed against the township.

NEW BUSINESS

The Franklin Township Planning Commission heard a Special Use Permit request from Lenawee Sanitation Owner Richard Godwin at their September 10, 2007 meeting. The request was for a proposed Septage Waste Storage Facility on AG zoned property at 6650 Pawson Rd. The Planning Commission recommended denial of the request (Sec. 3.04 township ordinance) and sent the request to the township board for consideration. Supervisor Platt read a letter from Richard Godwin stating "he was withdrawing his application for the proposed septage storage facility due to wetlands and did not want to go against the wishes of the community". A discussion with questions from the audience followed.

Residents present requested the board to post meeting notices for the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals on the township website. The board agreed to begin posting those notices.

Howard Kapp residing on Pawson Rd. was present with complaints regarding the maintenance of Pawson Rd., citing washboards and additional dust control needed. Whitehead stated she had received several calls from Robbins Rd. residents concerning the same complaints. It was noted that Robbins Rd. is shared with Adrian Twp. Platt will contact the Road Commission.

Public comments were heard, announcements made, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk