

**Franklin Township  
September 13, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:31 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 were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$181.36 in interest and expenses of \$19,081.83. Additional bills submitted for approval: Schaedler & Lacasse-\$668 (Legal Fees), Safety Systems-\$84 (3<sup>rd</sup> Qt.), Nancy Wibbeler-\$1,944 (Summer Tax Collection for 1,944 parcels x \$1/parcel). Additional bills submitted for the Bldg. Site Fund: Troy's Lawncare-\$880 (Hall Topsoil) and \$4,500 (Grass Seeding of Hall Grounds). Motion by Sherman to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried. It was noted that \$161.50 of the Sept. legal fees bill will need to be charged to the Sand Lake Weed Control Fund.

**Fire Protection Hearing:** Sand Lake Fire Chief Mark Wilson presented a power point presentation outlining the departments various responsibilities, training, fundraising and community support. The operating budget is \$336,556.91. 25% is budgeted for payroll with a staff of 27 members. There have been 177 calls so far this year. A new fire truck will replace a 1996 tanker that has been sold. The department has received a partial grant for narrow band radios. Whitehead moved to levy 2.6 mils for fire protection for 2011-2012. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. The board returned to the regular order of business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The board reviewed with Fire Chief Wilson a proposed fire agreement draft and tabled until the October board meeting.

Sherman informed the board that the pump at Cohen Park that runs the sprinkler system was estimated to be repaired for around \$600.

The Sand Lake property owners appointed an advisory board and it was the boards understanding that the advisory board voted to continue using the chemical weed control thru the end of the existing contract.

The board discussed and tabled hall use fees.

VanValkenburg updated the board regarding a proposed hearing on mixed zoning for commercial buildings that would allow housing on the top floor of the buildings. VanValkenburg also stated that Medical marijuana and a proposed Dangerous Building Ordinance would be on the next Planning Commission agenda that will be discussed at their Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The township has been notified of qualifying for a charter township designation due to a population increase shown in the 2010 Census. The board does not see any benefits at this time in becoming a charter township.

Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present and spoke to those present regarding an upcoming Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Tire Collection sponsored by the county and took questions concerning the November 8<sup>th</sup> county-wide special millage election concerning the Lenawee Co. Development Corporations request for additional funding.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk