

Franklin Township October 11, 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 August meeting were approved as read as well as the special minutes. The minutes from 9-13-2011 were corrected and approved to read 2.5 mils for fire protection. The Treasurer reported income of \$46,066.10 and expenses of \$13,685.70. Additional bills submitted for approval: The Peoples Channel-\$2,976.93 (2nd Qt. 2011 Franchise Fees), Postmaster-\$14 (Annual P.O. Box), Schaedler & Lacasse-\$382.50 (Sept. Legal Fees), Co. Road Commission-\$4,200.32 (Teachout Rd. Limestone-Split w/Adrian Twp.). Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

Twp. Auditor Meredith Matthews of Donna Baker & Assoc. was present and reviewed the township audit. Mathews gave the township an unqualified rating of its financial statements for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the highest rating possible.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed a Fire Protection Agreement between the township and the Sand Lake Fire Dept. The agreement outlined an annual 2.5 mils tax levy the township collects and then compensates the Fire Dept. in exchange for fire protection and related services. VanValkenburg moved to approve the fire protection agreement. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried 5-0. The initial agreement will be for five years. Fire Chief Mark Wilson was present and in favor of the agreement.

The board discussed the following pending business: hall use fees, a drop-box for the hall, the twp. hall sign is in need of being wired for night-time use, and Sherman noted the sprinkler system at Cohen Park has been winterized.

NEW BUSINESS

VanValkenburg will pursue the rezoning of the old twp. hall from R-1/Mixed Agriculture to C-1 (General Commercial).

The board discussed a purchase offer of \$30,000 that was received for the old township hall on a land contract request contingent upon the tennis court being included in the sale. The board discussed that a park grant was received for the tennis court years ago and is looking into transferring the grant to other twp.

property to be used for recreational use. Twp. Attorney Schaedler is reviewing other options regarding this matter. The old twp. hall purchase offer is on hold at this time in order to obtain further information on the park grant.

Property owner Gary Hall questioned Whitehead what the election costs for Franklin Twp. would be for the November 8th special election. Whitehead stated the twp. would be responsible for the election inspector's wages, some printing costs and the cost of programming memory cards. The twp. portion of the special election is estimated to be between \$800 to \$1,000.

Resident Kathy Klumpp who resides on Taylor Road stated her road had been scraped, however, the 2nd salt brine application was not received and her road was dusty. Sup. Platt explained that the Co. Road Commission had requested the rest of the 2nd salt brine be canceled due to heavy amounts of rain.

VanValkenburg moved to approve a bid for \$3,906.86 for ditching and driveway culverts on Munger Road at the intersection of Wisner Hwy. Sherman supported and motion carried.

VanValkenburg updated the board regarding the Planning Commission's review of a Dangerous Building Ordinance, Mixed Zoning and Medical Marijuana.

The board reviewed a budget comparison and heard public comment.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk