

October 13, 2009

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 regular meeting regarding the outdoor wood burner ordinance was corrected to read: Motion passed 3-2. Platt-no and VanValkenburg-no. Both of the special minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$90.46 (Int.) and expenses of \$14,356.37. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried. Township Auditor Meredith Mathews of Robertson, Eaton & Owen was present and reviewed the annual audit with the board. Mathews gave an "unqualified opinion" which is the highest rating to be given. VanValkenburg moved to accept the 2008-2009 FY audit as presented. Whitehead supported and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Platt stated Slusarski Excavating will begin paving for the driveway approach for the proposed new township hall.

Platt informed the board that he has signed the paperwork for both Cohen Parks and they are now owned by the township. Carl Cohen donated the properties (Lots 49 and 50) in the 4000 block of W. M-50 that are on the corners of Tipton Hwy and M-50 to the township.

Sherman moved to approve a bid for \$2,041.80 from the Co. Road Commission for ditching and a driveway culvert on East Whelan Road. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. The run-off problem was discussed at the previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board reviewed a proposed resolution from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Stephanie Cheever the owner of Coconuts requested to add Steve Hathaway as a partner in a 2009 Class C licensed business with a Dance Entertainment Permit located at 4321 Michigan Ave., Tipton. Sherman moved to approve the resolution and Wibbeler seconded. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Wibbeler discussed with the board a proposed Michigan Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant for use towards a proposed new twp. hall. The grant could be worth \$50,000 if approved. Wibbeler will further research what would be required for the grant.

Sue Whitehead - Franklin Township Clerk