

November 11, 2008

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 \$3,656.40 and expenses of \$31,496.83. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the proposed Lake District Overlay Ordinance amendment. The amendment addresses certain residential areas around Evans Lake and Sand Lake that were platted years ago for seasonal housing and over time have been converted into year round residences. The township would recognize and preserve the unique characteristics of the new "Lake District" through special regulations allowing greater flexibility in site standards while protecting public health. The Lenawee Co. Planning Commission reviewed and was in favor of the zoning ordinance amendment. It was noted that eaves was misspelled and "ordinary" should be added in front of high water mark in the ordinance text. Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to adopt the Lake District Overlay Ordinance #08-1. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Platt-yes, Whitehead-yes. Supervisor Platt declared the ordinance adopted 5-0 unanimously. The ordinance will take effect 8 days after publication.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Alfred & Jennifer Brown, with property at 1349 W. Taylor Rd. (FRO-113-2500-00) requested to split 56.8 acres into two parcels consisting of 48 acres and 8.8 acres from the parent parcel. The Land Division Committee recommended not approving the land split. Supervisor Platt read a letter from Bruce Nickel, Zoning Administrator, outlining the reasons for denial, mainly due to the lack of road frontage for the 8.8 acre parcel. A discussion followed. Sherman moved to approve the land split with the contingency that the Board of Appeals approves a road frontage variance request. Motion died for lack of support. VanValkenburg moved for denial of the land split due to lack of road frontage (access off of public road). Sherman seconded and motion carried. It was noted that if this land division application is resubmitted there will be no fee.

Two Lenawee Co. Road Commission Bids were received as follows:

1. All Gravel Roads Scraped with Grader-\$4,729.65
2. 3 Weeks of Brush Chopper Work on Local Roads-\$11,402.84

The Co. Road Commission informed the township that there are not any more road maintenance funds for the township for the rest of the year.

Therefore, the township will have to pay for its own road maintenance for the remainder of the year. The board agreed the roads are in rough shape and need to be scraped again before the ground freezes. Wibbeler moved to approve both road bids and Sherman seconded. Motion carried. The board stated it did not want to set a precedent by paying for road maintenance, however, the board felt the work was needed now.

Mark Wilson, Sand Lake Fire Chief, was present and stated he would like to add Fire Department information such as phone numbers and business hours to the township website for burning permits, etc.

Public comments were heard regarding Proposal A and the general election. Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk