

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
November 12, 2013

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: Supervisor Bob Platt, Clerk Sue Whitehead, Treasurer Terri Moore, Trustees Dan VanValkenburg and Mike Kelley. Absent: none. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$4,488.10 and expenses of \$32,418.66. Additional bills submitted for approval: Dan VanValkenburg-\$46 (P.C. Postage), Schaedler & Lacasse-\$55 (Oct. Legal Fees), L2LD LLC-\$850 (2 Burials). VanValkenburg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

The regular order of business was suspended in order for Chuck Ouellette, a representative of the Evans Lake Property Association, to speak regarding a proposed Special Assessment District for aquatic weed control for Evans Lake. Members of the Association previously presented a petition with 135 signatures to the township board requesting a special assessment district be set up for weed control for 5 years for those parcels that have deeded access to Evans Lake. Ouellette informed those present that an aquatic vegetation survey conducted through Restorative Lake Sciences LLC was performed and herbicides were recommended for control of invasive aquatic plants. Supervisor Platt stated that there were not enough "qualified signatures" on the petitions that were submitted. This was mainly due to the lack of both property owners signatures. The board may proceed on its own initiative if the board feels there is enough public support. Platt read a proposed Resolution of Intent to those present and explained the special assessment district process and protest process. After some discussion Whitehead moved to adopt Resolution #13-06R Intent to Proceed with Evans Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District. Moore supported. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Kelley-yes, Moore-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Motion carried unanimously 5-0 and the Resolution was adopted. The board returned to the regular order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel updated the board that the Dangerous Building (Hunt property) at 6754 W. Munger Road is still in the clean-up process and to date the barn has been removed.

There was a long discussion concerning the poor road conditions of the gravel roads. The Elton Hwy limestone application as this time has yet to be applied. The board has contacted the Co. Road Commission regarding these issues.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Kristie Miller with property located at 12274 Carson Hwy, Clinton (FRO-102-4300-00) requested to split 1 parcel of 16 acres from the parent parcel. VanValkenburg moved to approve the land division as presented. Whitehead supported and motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

The board reviewed the following snow removal bids for the township hall and the Franklin Cemetery:

1. Backwoods Lawn & Snow: Township Hall 1-4" \$65 Every 4" Add \$80
Cemetery 2-4" \$45 Every 4" Add \$65
Salting \$70
2. Sommers Lawn & Snow: Township Hall 1-4" \$40 4-8" Add \$40
Cemetery 1-4" \$40 4-8: Add \$40 8-10" +\$40
Sidewalk \$10
Rock Salt \$43

Kelley moved to accept Sommers Lawn & Snow bids for snow removal for the township hall and Franklin Cemetery. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried.

VanValkenburg reported that the Planning Commission is reviewing a proposed rezoning request near the 11000 block of U.S. 12 for a winery.

Public comment was heard, announcements made, and having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk

