

November 13, 2007

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 meeting were corrected to read: Land Use Plan instead of zoning map is in need of updating. The Treasurer's monthly report showed income of \$1,270.18 and expenses of \$27,024.50. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the Contingency Fund \$115 to the Sewer Fund and \$2,150 to the Land Acquisition Property Tax Acct. Sherman seconded and motion carried. One additional payment was submitted for Bruce Nickel-\$75 (1 Land Split-Daniels). Motion by Sherman, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills presented for payment. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Land Division Application: Gerald Munger & Meredith Loudon with property in the 2000 block of W. Munger Rd., Tecumseh (FRO-123-2300-00), requested to split one parcel of 21.839 acres from the parent parcel. Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Sherman, to approve the land split as presented. Motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

Stephanie Cheever was present and requested transfer of ownership of a 2007 Class C Licensed Business (in escrow) with Dance-Entertainment Permit from William & Susan Starling. Whitehead moved to approve the Resolution received from the State Liquor Control Commission and Sherman seconded. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Supervisor declared resolution adopted 5-0.

Sherman suggested the Board of Appeals meet with the Planning Commission for discussion and input regarding the zoning ordinance and variances. VanValkenburg suggested a discussion during a monthly Planning Commission meeting.

The Township/Road Commission annual meeting will be held January 31, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and will now include all 22 townships at one meeting.

Motion by Whitehead, supported by VanValkenburg, to approve a request from Bldg. Insp./Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel to purchase an all-weather jacket with Nickel's title and identification on it. Motion carried. The township's share after splitting with Cambridge Township is \$100.

The Lenawee Co. Farm Bureau forwarded to the board two recently passed resolutions that support Farm Land Preservation and oppose Transfer of Township Government.

Supervisor Platt stated the Board of Review will establish guidelines for property tax hardship exemptions and outline under what circumstances the exemption may be granted.

Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel informed the board that RG Scharf & Sons, Inc. has requested a Class B - Used Vehicle Dealer Zoning and Municipality Approval. Property is located in a Light Industrial Zoning District (M-1). Discussion followed noting the zoning district does not allow retail sales. Nickel will follow up on the request.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk