

December 11, 2007

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:31 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 \$46,841.35 and expenses of \$8,647.52. One additional bill submitted for approval: Dick Curtis-\$187.81 (Elec. Insp. Schooling Expenses). Motion by VanValkenburg, supported by Whitehead, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Bldg. Official Bruce Nickel updated the board regarding RG Scharf & Sons, Inc. request for a Used Vehicle Dealer Zoning & Municipality Approval. Scharf uses the Pentecost Hwy location to tow vehicles to and store the vehicles on the lot. No retail sales are allowed. The state is reviewing and will make a decision.

The township board will establish guidelines concerning hardship cases for tax exemption. The Board of Review will implement the guidelines and decide which hardship cases will be granted tax exemption.

### NEW BUSINESS

Whitehead reviewed the cemetery ordinance regarding re-purchasing graves and the number of cremations per grave allowed. The board felt the cemetery ordinance that is now in place that addresses these areas is sufficient, and did not feel any changes were needed at this time.

Supervisor Platt spoke regarding grinder pump failures in the Sand Lake-Evans Lake-Wamplers Lake Sewer System. Platt stated the twp. board, Cambridge Twp. board, and Norvell Twp. board will meet with the Lenawee Co. Drain Commission Dec. 13, 2007, to discuss possible litigation against the manufacturing company.

VanValkenburg updated the board regarding the Dangerous & Unsafe Building ordinance proposal. The Planning Commission recommended that the township board consider the proposal. It would fall under a General Law Ordinance. The Planning Commission was not in favor of a proposed Noxious Weed ordinance. VanValkenburg stated the commission felt lake associations, etc., could create their own regulations suited to their needs. VanValkenburg moved to table both proposals. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

Cemetery Groundskeeper Jeremy Ries was present and commented that the Fall clean-up was late this year due to the weather. The leaves dropped later than normal this year, however, the clean-up is ongoing.

VanValkenburg informed the board that the Board of Appeals will meet with the Planning Commission at their January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Lake Residential area and possible amendments to the ordinance.

VanValkenburg stated Tecumseh Schools is interested in selling Tipton School. The Tecumseh Schools Finance Committee will meet January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 a.m. at the Board Office. The township board can attend the meeting for more information.

Motion by Wibbeler, supported by Whitehead, to approve any board members to attend the Annual Region II Planning Conference January 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk