

December 14, 2010

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: Bob Platt, Sue Whitehead, Nancy Wibbeler, Dan VanValkenburg and Doug Sherman. Absent: None. The regular minutes from the previous meeting and the November 17th and December 1, 2010 special minutes were approved as read. The board members reviewed the budget summary. Whitehead moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following account: Treasurer-\$4,000. VanValkenburg seconded and motion carried. The Treasurer reported income of \$38,031.49 and expenses of \$11,498.07. Additional bills submitted for approval: Lenawee Co. Equalization-\$533.62 (2010 Winter Tax Postage), The Peoples Channel-\$2,789.96 (3rd Qt. 2010). River Raisin Watershed dues were tabled until the January meeting. The Building Site Fund had the following additional bills submitted: Sieler's Water Systems-\$1,099 (Water Softener), Krieghoff-Lenawee-\$72,381(Dec.). Motion Sherman and seconded VanValkenburg to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment including the Building Site Fund. Motion carried. Supervisor Platt will contact the County Drain Commission for clarity on what determines a drain at large?

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed a proposed Cost Recovery Ordinance that was tabled from the November meeting. Motion Wibbeler and seconded Sherman to adopt the Cost Recovery Ordinance #10-1. Roll Call Vote: VanValkenburg-yes, Sherman-yes, Wibbeler-yes, Whitehead-yes, Platt-yes. Absent: None. The ordinance was adopted unanimously 5-0. The ordinance allows Franklin Township to recover costs incurred by the twp. in connection with the provision of certain police and fire emergency services.

The board discussed a proposed medical marijuana moratorium that was tabled from the November meeting. Motion Wibbeler and seconded VanValkenburg to approve Resolution #10-2R effective immediately. Motion carried. The moratorium is imposed upon the issuance of any permits, licenses or zoning approvals for the sale, dispensation and/or cooperative growing of medical marijuana for six months or until amendments to the Franklin Twp. Ordinances are passed, whichever occurs first.

VanValkenburg updated the board that he has requested a title search on the old twp. hall. The board discussed the value of the old hall and what would be the best avenue to sell it.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherman spoke in favor of job descriptions for the employees of the township. It was noted that elected and appointed officials responsibilities are controlled by state law.

Sherman asked if the township could obtain a credit card that does not have an annual fee like the current card that is being used. Whitehead will follow-up on the matter.

Howard Kapp who resides on W. Pawson Rd. requested that sand be spread on the hills on West Pawson Road when it is icy or slippery conditions.

Supervisor Platt suggested to the board that native prairie grass be planted on the rest of the 22 acres that adjoins the new twp. hall to help prevent weeds as part of a federal conservation program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Sue Whitehead
Franklin Township Clerk