

**Franklin Township**  
**March 14, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order at 7:33 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 approved as read. The board reviewed a budget summary. VanValkenburg moved to amend the budget and transfer from the contingency fund to the following accounts: \$1,738.29-Bd. Exp. & Misc., \$897.20-Townhall, \$11.20-Bd. of Review, \$408.06-Bldg. Insp., \$94.01-Electrical Insp., \$1,716.11-Drains at Large. Whitehead seconded and motion carried. The Treasurer reported income of \$887.94 and expenses of \$8,100.29. Motion by Sherman, supported by Whitehead, to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The board will seek estimates for a fence with a gate for the old twp. hall basketball court that adjoins Cohen Park. Estimates will also be sought for re-surfacing the basketball court and refurbishing the basketball hoop.

Supervisor Platt announced that offers for the old township hall had been received by Gary Hollis-\$7,000 (in writing), and Larry Shea-\$9,000 (verbal offer), and Scott Turner-\$15,000 (verbal offer). The board will receive offers for the old twp. hall in writing until April 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon at the new Franklin Twp. Hall. The Franklin Township Board reserves the right to reject any offer for the building. Platt suggested keeping the old twp. hall and using it to store cemetery mowers and equipment or use some of the funds from the sale of the old hall for construction of a new storage shed.

VanValkenburg moved to purchase window treatments (shades) for three widows in the office/reception areas for \$606.50 from Columbia Interiors. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

Wibbeler moved to hire Jacqueline Benedict to clean the twp. office, reception and foyer areas along with the bathrooms for \$60 per cleaning. At this time it will be once a month.

Supervisor Platt informed the board about a Municipal program for lawnmowers purchased with a municipal discount and using the mower for one year and then trading back to the dealership in order to purchase a new model for a very low monetary difference.

VanValkenburg moved to purchase a John Deere 920A mower with a 60" deck for a discounted price of \$7,800 from Dexters. Not to exceed \$8,100. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. The cemetery will continue to use the bagger that is on the old mower.

The board discussed and tabled both the proposed Dangerous Building Ordinance and proposed ordinance amendment to District Regulations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1-Land Division Application: Scott and Donna Church with property at 9305 Carson Hwy, Tecumseh (FRO-124-3100-00) requested to split one parcel of 17.91 acres from the parent parcel, and a future split is being transferred from the parent parcel to a new parcel . The Land Division Committee recommended approval of the application. Wibbeler moved to approve the land division as presented. Sherman seconded and motion carried. Approval of the land division does not mean zoning compliance.

The board was in favor of Consumers Energy changing the house numbers/addresses in the Tipton Meadows Subdivision off of M-50 in order to allow for less confusion.

Platt and Whitehead met recently with several residents and the Lenawee Co. Road Commission regarding issues with the gravel roads. Some of the topics discussed was the need to get rid of standing water off of the roads and possibly eliminating the second salt brine application in exchange for an extra scraping. The board will discuss road projects at a future meeting.

The board will meet for a budget workshop March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk