

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Tim Benner was excused from the meeting due to illness.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill – spoke as a representative of the Twin Lakes Association and inquired about the property on St Rt 43 being listed as a short term rental/lease option on VRBO/Airbnb websites. Sam Abell responded that Jenny August, the township assistant administrator, reported the listing as well. Mr. Abell responded that he would pursue civil prosecution. Ms. Grimm replied that the association has also determined that the use of this property appears to also be against TLA code.
- Lt. Witkosky of the PCSO reported that patrols are going well and the township has been relatively quiet. He did inquire about the old Damon's property and what business is being conducted there. Mr. Abell stated that the place will be known as Arize, a party center that will not serve alcohol but appears to allow it brought in by private parties. He advised the sheriff's department to contact the building department to inquire about an occupancy permit has been issued.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record.

#### ROAD REPORT UPDATE

Submitted by road department employee Ben Mathie and read into the minutes by Ann Hanna. It is attached to the official record.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Following discussion about a pending increase from the Portage County Solid Waste District in recycling fees, it was determined that the township would benefit significantly from an increase in the township's fee as well. The additional money would be used to offset rising costs of leaf pickup and allow the township the option of an extra pickup round as needed when leaves fall late. Keith Benjamin made a motion to increase the township's resident curbside collection contribution to \$88.00 per year, which will provide a projected revenue of just over \$30,000 annually; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2019-03 – a resolution supporting the Cuyahoga River Water Trail as a trail – was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- The township was notified of an upcoming Kent City BZA regarding the installation of a six foot high fence at the property across the street and to the north of township hall. The board has no issue with a granted use permit for said fence and will not send a representative to attend the hearing.
- Resolution 2019-04 – reappointing Shawn Martin as a regular member of the township BZA – was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2019-05 – reappointing Douglas Hiestand as an alternate to the township Zoning Commission – was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

- Authorization to sell the old and unused laser transit unit was granted by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Authorization to place snow ban signs for parking was granted by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. The signs will replicate those used by the city and be placed where leaf pickup signs are placed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Property owners of 6240 First Avenue, the Eplings, have been contacted by and have met with city and township fire officials regarding a very high volume of non emergent 911 calls. Officials are trying to work with the owners and the residents there to decrease the call volume which is costing the township a great deal of money and putting a strain on city resources as well.
- The board unanimously approved a request by the Unitarian Universalist Church to use township hall twice in the month of February for meetings.
- Scott Swan stated that he received quite a few calls from Myrna area residents during the heavy snow melt and rain event in the last weeks about water problems. He saw evidence of water having run down the street and debris carried by the flow but stated that he saw that evidence throughout the township. Keith Benjamin stated that the county engineer has revisited the plans drawn up several years ago that might alleviate some of the flooding but reiterated that there are thirty-one residents that would have cooperate for the big picture solution to be implanted. The trustees will look at what can be done in the area come spring.

FINANCES

- The township Seagrave fire truck is in need of more extensive repair work than previously authorized. The radiator will need to be re-cored at an additional cost of \$2200 (over the \$4,000 already authorized) and it will need new tires at a cost of about \$1900. Said repairs were approved by a motion made by Scott swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #24412 through 24452, including payment vouchers and totaling \$240,628.96, was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 7:43pm the regular session was suspended for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss legal matters with township counsel by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. At 8:25pm regular session was resumed by a motion made by Scott swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:26pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_