

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, May 14, 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 Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Raymond Beck – residing at 11372 Lisbon Street in Paris, Ohio – addressed the trustees asking for support for vacating a paper road adjacent to property he owns on ST RT 59 heading east toward Ravenna. The trustees explained that his first step should be to have the area surveyed. Then take survey and maps to the county commissioners and ask to have the road vacated. The township has no objections to this request and will provide a letter to the Portage County Commissioners stating they have no objection and will provide Mr. Beck with a copy.
- PCSO – Lt. Scott Witkoski – reported briefly that all has gone well in the township since the last meeting. There were no notable incidences around May Day this year, the department is beefing up patrols as students get ready to take finals and move out over the next two weeks and he noted that there has been an increase in four-wheeler complaints with the break in weather.
- Dave Beck – 1540 Overlook Road – addressed the board looking for options for larger and more noticeable signage on ST RT 43 for the Fairways at Twin Lakes Golf Course. Sam Abell of the zoning department will assist Mr. Beck is setting up a Board of Zoning Appeals hearing to request what type of signage he desires.
- RT Mansfield – 6540 S. Pleasant – asked if the township would be willing to pay for water samples he is willing to take from Brady Lake. The trustees thanked him for his continued attention to the lake water and assured him the township would pay for the testing. Mr. Mansfield also expressed concern about a maple tree with a substantial amount of dead wood that needs pruned. It is between his property and the lake. Road crew employees in attendance, Adam Boron and Lee Smith, stated they would take a look at the tree the next day and either take care of it themselves or contract the work out.
- Sharon Irwin – 7419 Myrna – asked for a status update on work to alleviate flooding and drainage issues. Mr. Benjamin explained that materials needed have been purchased and the work will be done as soon as time allows. The crew has been very busy chipping and mowing in the township but it is high on their to-do list. Ms. Irwin also expressed a traffic concern of speeding along Sylvan Drive and asked if a stop sign could be placed at the intersection of Sylvan and Myrna which might slow cars down. Mr. Benjamin stated that the township will ask to have that area surveyed.
- Ryan Rowe – 1841 Ashton Lane – spoke as a representative of Campus Point asking for temporary tear drop signs advertising for leasing. Trustees approved a 30 day time period and stated that if he wanted the signs for a more extended period he would need to return to the board and make another request. Mr. Rowe will be in contact with the zoning department to make sure sight line guidelines are met.
- Marilyn Sessions – 7347 Westview Drive – addressed trustees with concerns of water runoff flooding on her street and the collection of it in her yard. She is looking for direction and suggestions on what can be done to help with the issue. Ann Hanna explained that Mr. Berlier from the county water resources department, after looking at flooding issues in the general vicinity of this area, had stated that the water table level in the county has been extremely high and water has been unable to recede in many places because of it. The trustees are hesitant to do any digging or put catch basins in places they don't currently exist until the water table reaches a more normal level and accurate information can be gathered.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. Additionally he noted that the addition of a fire hydrant at the intersection of Ravenna Road and ST RT 43 at Scott Molders, Inc. will be a wonderful asset to the area and a good source of water access in the event of a fire anywhere near that end of the township.

ZONING REPORTS (2 of them)

Submitted were submitted by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi as written and are attached to the official record.

ROAD REPORT

Read into record by Keith Benjamin as a list of completed and pending tasks, including but not limited to, chipping, mowing, cracksealing, general cleanup and maintenance of property and equipment, and other various responsibilities. He stated that there is a need for the township to consider the purchase of a mini excavator as one is frequently rented for use when the bigger backhoe is not appropriate for the work being done. The crew will get quotes and investigate a purchase vs. leasing situation. Road crew employees present reported that chipping is taking an inordinate amount of time thus far. Too many residents are placing brush material in unorganized piles and some are placing large branches and tree trimmings that are not permitted as part of the service the township provides. Perhaps a reiteration of chipping/brush policy needs placed on the website and shared in as many ways as is possible with residents.

OLD BUSINESS

It was decided by the board that Kiko should be contacted and arrangements be made to auction all of the unused and nonessential items currently being stored in a building on the maintenance garage site.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2019-13 is a resolution authorizing the township to participate in the NOPEC grant program for 2019. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- The hiring of Michael Jones as a seasonal employee effective May 8, 2019 at an hourly pay rate of \$11.00 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

FINANCES

- The township fire replacement levy was approved by a majority vote on May 7, 2019.
- Payment of bills, warrants#24549 through 24572, including payment vouchers since the last meeting, and totaling \$42,349.60 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:27pm regular session was suspended by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin for the purpose of discussing personnel. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:02opm regular session was resumed by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Then at 9:03pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

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

Chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_

