

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, November 27, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- John Frankhauser – 6463 Park Avenue – had questions for the board about the sale of former village properties, specifically if the ball park would be sold. The trustees all responded that the intent is to keep the ball field in the township but sell the remaining three areas discussed at the last meeting – village hall and parking area as one chunk; the old fire/police/hall buildings and parcels on Merrill as one chunk; and the lots lining Brady Lake Road as one chunk. Rob Szuch has been contacted to complete the surveying. Dave Bissler has been contacted to list for sale when they are all ready to go.
- Adam Boron – a township road crew employee asked about maintenance of the ball field and playground equipment responsibilities. Scott Swan replied that the park would be treated just as Phillips and Chase Parks are treated – we will mow and weed eat and , maintain equipment and grounds but anyone wanting to utilize the fields for team sports would take on the responsibility for painting and marking them.
- Marilyn Knights – 6498 Westshore Drive – asked for clarification of the Merrill Road old fire building and two smaller outbuildings being sold as one grouping and Keith Benjamin responded yes. She also expressed a concern about junk piling up at the Hansen property on Westshore. Mr. Abell will look into the matter.

#### **ZONING REPORT**

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally noted regarding the Akron Children’s Hospital facility build plans along ST RT 59 near the putt putt golf place, when the matter is brought before the BZA for approval Sam Abell will make sure BZA is aware of the concern about possible increases in emergency calls and added expense it would put on the township.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Ann Hanna read aloud a list of tasks and work completed for last week and the list being worked on this week. The crew has been busy planning for snow/ice events, parks trash, deliveries of road salt, catch basin lid repairs, pipe/culvert/riser repairs, and equipment maintenance. The trustees expressed their gratitude and appreciation for a job well done by our crew stepping up and getting work done as the township searches for a new road superintendent. Adam Boron asked about the possibility of hiring Colton Abell, last year’s seasonal worker, to again assist when possible with snow plowing. The board will consider it. The purchase of a new truck was also discussed. Gledhill Machinery will be contacted to see if there is a comparable truck to our previous Internationals and available now to be fit with specifications that match our needs. We would like to get a truck here and on the road as soon as possible. Mr. Swan stated that if one is not currently available to us for use soon that we consider holding off and weigh our options.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A motion was made by Keith Benjamin to approve moving forward with the roof repair to village hall by the lowest bidder of contractors available; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. The cost will be reimbursed by OTARMA due to wind damage.

- A motion was made by Scott Swan to approve the installation of a new air conditioning unit at town hall - to be done by whichever company has to lowest bid (there should be at least two bids); 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. The project will be reimbursed by a NOPEC Grant.
- **Resolution 2018-39** is a resolution authorizing a special assessment to be placed on the property located at 6568 Crescent Lane in the amount of \$8408.45, an amount equal to costs incurred by the township to demolish the structure. The resolution passed by a motion made Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- Tim Benner has requested approval to attend the 2019 Ohio Fire Code and Safety Symposium in Columbus in February. Motion to approve the request was made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- The second December meeting will fall on December 25<sup>th</sup> this year. A motion to cancel that meeting was made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Scott Swan stated that he received four calls from residents concerned about leaf pickup. The leaves dropped late in many areas this year and leaves are still piled at the end of streets. The township already moved the pickup schedule back one week for that reason but leaves continued to fall late. Mr. Benjamin stated that residents are responsible for having their leaves ready for pickup the evening before the first scheduled day of their area pickup week so they are not missed. This has been a problem in the past. Mr. Swan stated that some residents did have leaves out on time but have had them fall subsequently after pick up. Lee Smith and Adam Boron of the road department stated that leaves in the road do impede the process of snow and ice removal – piles freeze and become snow covered. The plows will be forced to push them back into yards when they are plowing snow. Keith Benjamin will call the owner of ABC Landscaping who we contract to pickup leaves and discuss options. When this problem occurred last year, and years before, the township incurred a great deal of extra cost picking up late leaves. Scott Swan asked that the information for ABC Landscaping be placed on the township website and any solution that results from Mr. Benjamin’s phone call to ABC Landscaping as well.

**FINANCES**

- **Resolution 2018-40** is a resolution to proceed with the placement of a 3.42 mil fire and emergency protection levy on the May 2019 ballot as a replacement to our existing levy and it was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #24313 through 24337, including payment vouchers, and totaling \$91,188.56 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 7:56pm 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_