

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, November 13, 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; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rob Szuch – 5646 Horning Road – is a land surveyor. He was hired by the township to survey the acquired parcels/properties located within the former village area and now within the township, specifically the empty parcels located along the stretch of Brady Lake Road in front of the park, the old fire station and smaller outbuildings located on Merrill, and the lot on which sits village hall and its surrounding parking area. He recommended the following: **a)** the village hall and adjacent parcels that are currently used for parking there not be broken up and sectioned off individually but rather be sold as a larger sized lot with pins at the four outside corners as the perimeter **b)** the small parcels along Brady Lake Road be combined and marked at the outside corners and sold as one large parcel **c)** the parcels on which sit the old fire station and smaller outbuildings on Merrill Road be combined and sold as one lot. He believes this to be the best use of the land and it would leave any breaking up of parcels to a potential buyer. After discussion the trustees agreed to accept his recommendation and authorized him to proceed by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Trudy Capel – 1675 East Main Street – representing the UPS Store sought permission to display a Holiday Season Sale sign for a temporary period not to exceed thirty days. Trustees agreed to grant her request.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd – offered kudos and thanks to the township road crew for their treatment of icy roads over the past weekend.
- Keith Benjamin – thanked the residents of Franklin Township for the passage of the replacement road levy the prior week.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Ann Hanna asked that Mr. Abell check in on the property located at the intersection of Ravenna/Diagonal Roads due to a buildup of junk and possible septic system failure and Scott Swan publicly thanked Mr. Abell and his assistant Joe Ciccozzi for their non-confrontational and professional way of dealing with residents in such a complaint driven department.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Additionally, he reported that the Garrett structure on Crescent Lane has been demolished and the backfill is done. During the cleanup process 40+ propane tanks were discovered in the basement of the structure (many of them full) and rubber tires as well. Also, pre-wet systems for dispensing Aquasalina are being installed on two township trucks to aid in snow/ice removal. Where the township will get the liquid is still being worked out.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Benner stated that he has had trouble getting cooperation from management at the Pebblebrook housing complexes.

There have been numerous false alarm emergency calls due to faulty alarms and candle/incense burning. Scott Swan asked if a letter from the trustees informing them that they will be charged for alarm drops in excess of three per year would help and Mr. Benner agreed it would.

OLD BUSINESS

- All dry hydrants have been tested and are functioning at or above expectation level. Scott Swan reiterated that the Twin Lakes Association needs contacted prior to any installation or testing of these or new hydrants as they are on common properties under the jurisdiction of the association.
- Trustees approved the extension of seasonal employee Brian Harder’s employment to December 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

- Portage County Solid Waste District has announced it will consider a price increase in 2019. Trustees briefly discussed whether the \$.75 per month increase should be passed along to the residents to continue helping the township defray leaf pick up costs. No final decision made.
- After complaints about the alignment of Rhodes Road and Ashton Lane (a privately owned entrance/exit road to Campus Pointe) the trustees decided that the owner of Ashton Lane should repaint the lines in a way that more clearly designates turn lanes and direction at that intersection. Mr. Benjamin stated that information gathered by ODOT about the accidents that happen there should be shared with the owner.
- Resolution 2018-37 appointing Mekal Banyasz to the Zoning Commission was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2018-38 is a resolution of need for a 3.42 mil fire levy(exceeding the ten-mil limitation) as a replacement on the May 2019 ballot and was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24291 through #24391, including payment vouchers and totaling \$50,007.15, was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:06pm the regular meeting was suspended for executive session to discuss personnel by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:30pm the regular meeting was resumed by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Scott Swan made a motion to advertise immediately for the position of a new township road superintendent both in the Record Courier and on the township website; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:07pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____