

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm chairman Keith Benjamin called the meeting to order. Tim Benner was excused from the meeting. Minutes from the August 28, 2018 meeting were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tracey Montenari – 7632 Westlake Blvd – had questions regarding the dry hydrants that were installed. She asked that the Twin Lakes Association be notified when testing is to take place to insure they are properly working. Jake Biltz will find out and notify her.
- Ron Nichols – 151 South Blvd. – expressed concerns about the condition of properties located on Elma and South Blvd. the overgrowth of weeds and invasive bamboo as well as piled wood and miscellaneous junk are accumulating and he asks that Sam Abell take a look and see if anything can be done.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Additionally, trustees asked that Mr. Biltz seek two more quotes for the demolition of the remaining Garrett property on Crescent Lane. Upon receipt of the proposals, Mr. Biltz is charged with making the decision on which quote to accept and was given the go ahead to proceed by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. A proposal submitted by Mr. Biltz from Asphalt Services Construction LLC to repair Hudson Road, in the amount of \$27,012.00, was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. After the presentation of a quote from Gledhill Road Machinery Co., for a cost of \$6,175.00 per unit, the purchase of two tailgate mounted pre-wet systems for snow and ice removal assistance was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Biltz will check into warranty/guarantee information before making the purchase.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally, the assistant zoning inspector, Joe Ciccozzi, was at the meeting and trustees acknowledged the good work he has done thus far and thanked him for his service to the township. Mr. Mark Pagonis – 2825 Bensen Street – addressed Mr. Abell during the report regarding a violation letter he received about the use of a recreational vehicle on his Stewart Lake lot. He explained that no one lives in the RV but rather it is used occasionally for recreation on the weekends and holidays. Mr. Abell's interpretation of the zoning code is that one dwelling on a property allows for storage of one RV or motor home. As there is currently no dwelling on Mr. Pagonis's lot there should be no motor home/RV on the lot. After discussion trustees asked that Mr. Abell seek legal opinion for the prosecutor's office regarding clarification of the code.

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution 2018-28 is a resolution approving an Alternative Distribution Formula for the Local Government Funds for submission to the Portage County Budget Commission. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2018-27 is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of NOPEC grants for this year and next. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Trustees asked that a formal thank you note be written from the township to Tom Calcei and Jack Groselle, trustees from Suffield and Hiram Townships respectively, for their hard work on behalf of the county’s townships in the local government funding formula.
- Ms. Hanna received a phone call from a Hissom Lane resident in need of brush pickup.
- OTA scholarship availability should be placed on the township website for interested Ohio township seniors to access.
- Pending legal issues with Kent Storage LLC are near finalization of settlement and in the process with HomeTown Bank.

FINANCES

- Resolution 2018-29 – approval of a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for operating/personnel expenses was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2018-30 – approval of a supplemental appropriation to the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$15,000 was given by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Authorization for the payment of bills, warrants # 24223 through 24238, including payment vouchers, totaling \$79,305.45 was approved by a motion made by Scott swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:04pm the meeting adjourned by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____