

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, December 10, 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; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill Ave. – inquired about a status update on the pending liquor permit transfer request at the Tavern at Twin Lakes location. There is no update at this time, the township is awaiting notification from the Division of Liquor Control about the scheduling of the requested hearing. Ms. Grimm did inform the board for the record that the Tavern at Twin Lakes property is not part of the Twin Lakes Association. Also, when asked by Scott Swan if she had been contacted by any residents of Brady Lake seeking assistance or information about the formation of a lake association for that area she stated that Mr. Proske and the McMullens have contacted her and information has been shared. There has been no recent contact.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. had the following comments:
 1. Thanks to the Portage County Sheriff's Office for their patrols and presence in their area as well as throughout the township. It gives residents peace of mind knowing they are being supported.
 2. He asked for the second time that the township garage voice answering system be changed to reflect the change in supervision that took place last July.
 3. The county sewer and water department recently conducted a pipe flushing event in the area of his home. During that time, built up air pressure released in Mr. Nichols' bathroom and caused a mess in sprayed water and quite the fright for Mrs. Nichols. When he contacted the department to explain what happened he pointed out that a head's up to area residents in the future would be helpful.
 4. Continuing concerns about 1545 North Blvd. and 1571 South Blvd. for violations and a potential fire hazard situation due to a buildup of unraked leaves at the corner of Elma and South Blvd. Tim Benner offered to contact the owner to see if they would be willing to take care of the situation.

FIRE REPORT

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

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Abell announced publically that he intends to retire at the end of February 2020. He expressed his gratitude for being able to serve the township in his capacity as the Zoning Inspector for these last 23 years. Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Swan, and Ms. Hanna all expressed their deep appreciation for his service to the township and his non-confrontational approach to conflict resolution throughout the township. Also, the topic of possible annexation of the Oak Knolls west property by the City of Kent was discussed. There have been rumblings at local events and quotes from a recent article that suggest the city will attempt to annex the former golf course property. Of course, the township would resist any attempt.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Langston reported that he is in the process of seeking grant money for the purchase of a new chipper for the township.

OLD BUSINESS

- The additional round of leaf pickup authorized two weeks ago cost \$6,410.00. A motion to approve the expense was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Schoolview Street parking issue update – Mr. Langston will contact the sheriff’s department to tow the trucks/vehicles in question that are parked illegally in the road. He will also notify the property owner that the call has been made as courtesy.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2020 Fire Inventory Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 9:30am. Mr. Swan will not be in attendance.
- The Eagle Scout Service Project proposed by Bryce Hall at the last meeting was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Mr. Ciccozzi will attend the Portage County Regional Planning meeting tomorrow and follow up with Todd Peetz regarding a status update on the spillway issue in Brady Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Scott Swan shared a thank you received by the township from DECA at the high school for support of their fundraiser held to provide clean drinking water in Africa.
- Ann Hanna shared a plaque received from NOPEC for the participation of the township in their grant programs.
- Lisé Russell shared a notice received from the Court of Common Pleas referencing a case involving DMK Property Management LLC. Ms. Russell will follow up with Mr. Cromes.

FINANCES

- An end of year report submitted as written by Ms. Russell is attached to the official record.
- Resolution 2019-36 authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$500,000 to the Fire Fund was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2019-37 accepting the 2020 Appropriations was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #24746 through 24827, including payment vouchers and totaling \$145,046.84 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:13pm a motion adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____