

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday January 9, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Upon opening of the meeting newly elected Trustee Ann Hanna was sworn in by Fiscal Officer, Lisé Russell. Next, Trustee Keith Benjamin was sworn in to his next term by the Fiscal Officer. Keith Benjamin was then made Chairman of the Board for 2018 by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. The resignation of Ann Hanna as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals was accepted after a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Swan both voted yes, Ms. Hanna abstained. Keith Benjamin called for a motion to approve minutes from the final 2017 regular meeting. The minutes were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. Mr. Swan and Mr. Benjamin both voted yes, while Ms. Hanna abstained. Minutes were approved. Trustees set meeting times for the 2018 year to be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, unless canceled prior and publically posted. Regular meeting time will always be at 7:00pm.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- PCSO Sgt. Scott Ulsenheimer reported on activities in the township area over the last 3 weeks. Traffic citations are slightly up with citations issued for (and 2 arrests for) DUI; shoplifting is on the rise at WalMart and Gabriel Brothers; apartment complexes in the township have been quiet, with only a few noise complaints/disturbances.
- Kim Schuler – 399 Suzanne Dr in Kent – spoke as a representative for AA and a member of the regular Saturday morning meeting held at the former Brady Lake Village Hall. Based on materials found in the police offices at the hall last week during an inventory a decision to close the buildings to the public was made and all village buildings were padlocked. Ms. Schuler will contact Jake Biltz and arrange for a time to meet there and gather all of their belongings. She was given permission to post a notice on the door that the meetings will no longer be held there. She also asked if it would be possible to hold the meetings here in town hall and trustees agreed to discuss and consider the possibility.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd – wished everyone a Happy New Year. He extended sincere thanks and congratulations to the board, Sam Abell and Jake Biltz, along with the road crew, for doing such a good job through the entire dissolution process of Brady Lake Village. He added kudos to the road crew for excellent salt/snowplowing work during snow events thus far and a general job well done to all officials and staff of the township. Keith Benjamin followed with a statement to the residents of Franklin Township, including former village residents, that we will move forward, not get mired in the past. No one should settle for merely being caretakers but that the board will continue to be proactive in seeking solutions to problems, implementing vision and will continue to move forward.

#### **ZONING REPORT**

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally, trustees asked that Mr. Penix send a letter of thanks to Mr. Ray Beck for the improvements made at the new maintenance building on St Rt 43. Also, trustees would like to be in receipt of the zoning assistant job description recently completed by Sam Abell and Ken Penix. They would like to vote on its approval at the next meeting. There is a zoning issue involving two neighboring properties on Merrill Road. Trustees have asked that Chris Meduri become involved to hopefully facilitate a resolution of some kind. The properties involved are owned by Mr. John McMullen and Mr. John Wyatt. Mr. John Wyatt was in attendance and spoke to the trustees regarding the situation and provided pictures for clarification.

#### **ROAD REPORT**

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Additionally, an HVAC upgrade was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Wright Heating will do the work at a quoted price that should not exceed \$3,441.88. Also, Jake Biltz will erect parking signs in the town hall parking lot stating that the lot is to be used for township parking only.

## **FIRE REPORT**

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. Additionally, next week Mr. Benner will meet with Chris Meduri and others regarding the structure located at 6240 First Avenue and the issue of compliance with fire and building code enforcement. Also, Scott Swan asked that Mr. Benner open discussion with coworkers at the Kent Fire Department about a committee to discuss the skyrocketing costs of fire and EMS services. It appears to be a statewide problem.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Keith Benjamin and Zoning Commission member Mary Organ attended a Kent City Council meeting regarding the council ruling on a Hallmark Corp. apartment complex proposed on Horning Road. Council voted no on the proposal. Hallmark appealed the decision and it was overturned by Judge Becky Doherty. Kent Council has decided to appeal the ruling of Judge Doherty.
- Discussion of the acceptance of a parcel of land adjacent to Phillips Park and being offered as a donation has been tabled until sometime in the spring when soil testing can be done.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- An additional salt commitment through ODOT of 500 tons was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Jake Biltz will see if ODOT will allow us to increase our orders by that much.
- An ABC Landscaping invoice for \$5,156.00 was approved for payment by a motion made by Keith Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. The invoice was for an additional week of leaf pickup. It was decided that next year a firm end date needs set and that subsequent calls from residents for more leaves to pickup be directed to Gary Bernadelli at ABC for a price quote to pick them up.
- Trustees decided to forego participation in CUE cooperative purchasing this year.
- Ken Penix will be asked to update the website to reflect the offer of smoke detectors for low income and senior residents in the township – Mr. Benner will be responsible for the install. The detectors are made available through a grant awarded to the City of Kent. Also, the PC Health District has made grant money available for low to moderate income residents who need assistance with household sewage systems. Mr. Penix will update the website to reflect that information and the availability of brochures on the program here at township hall.
- Resolution 2018-01 is a resolution appointing David Hansford as a regular member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2018-02 is a resolution appointing James Henry as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

## **FINANCES**

- A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> for an audit exit conference for Brady Lake Village. At that meeting, Village Clerk Ethel Nemeth will issue a check to the township for the balance of funds left in the village accounts and any all outstanding invoices. Village officials, township officials, representatives from the Auditor of State office and Local Government Services will be in attendance.
- Payment of bills, warrants # 22562 through 22610, including payment vouchers, totaling \$106,596.86 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Trustees will have an executive session next meeting to discuss employee compensation. At 8:41pm 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 \_\_\_\_\_