

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. The minutes from our previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sgt. Scott Ulsenheimer - PCSO - summarized sheriff's patrols and activities in the township over the last few weeks as follows: noise complaints are down, incidents at Campus Pointe are up, including an incident of a firearm being fired; thefts are up both in retail and in neighborhood car break-ins; 1 bike theft and 22 traffic citations.
- Larry Farrar – 1848 SR 59 – representing Spectrum located at this address - asked trustees for permission to put up a tent from 11/15/17 through 12/16/17 for the purpose of increased customer volume during the digital conversion upgrade. Approval was given by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leaward St – notified Jake Biltz that there are streetlights out at Lakeview /Merrill, at 6242 Lakeview and also that a resident ran over the pile of cold patch on Washington that is being used by the road crew to repair roads. He also asked for verification that residents are indeed allowed to relocate the sign that is currently used at the former village hall to the Brady Lake Methodist Church. He was assured that is fine. Mr. Lehman also thanked the township road crew for their road repair work on former village roads and thanked Mark Beckwith for his years of service to the township.
- Lara Bigler – 1948 Basswood – stated her satisfaction with the road crew and the service they have always provided to the residents of Franklin Township. She also had a few questions regarding the recent merge of Brady Lake into the township and was given clarification that indeed former village residents did participate in this recent election and voted in support of the township road levy. She also asked about the status of the road bond levy previously approved by former village residents. That road levy became null and void upon the dissolution of the village.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. Additionally Mr. Benner reiterated that our open burn policy requires him to report open burns to the state Fire Marshall's office after one warning; Campus Pointe experienced a mulch fire in October due to careless cigarette smoking and the fire spread to the siding and OSB board of the building adjacent to the smoking area. Luckily fire alarms went off and damage was kept at a minimum. At this time, Mr. Benjamin asked Hal Lehman what was done with Brady Lake Village fire trucks. Mr. Lehman responded that the equipment was sold to the Portage Lakes Career Center and is being used for fire training.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally Mr. Abell was asked for a status update on violations at the property located at the corner of Hudson and Judson Roads (the old Tenney property). He stated that the owner is accumulating fines at a rate of \$100 per day until such time as a judgment is filed and he comes into compliance. He will check with Chris Meduri at the prosecutor's office for a more specific timeline.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. He also stated that the trucks are prepared for snow/ice removal.

OLD BUSINESS

- More discussion about a cell phone stipend for the road crew members to use their personal cell phones in lieu of carrying a township issued phone as well. Teamster Union representative Dave Richards will be made aware of the proposal and pending his response and other factors to be considered a decision will be made later.
- A meeting is tentatively scheduled on November 29th to include officials and other representatives to further discuss a status update of the merge of Brady Lake into the township. In the meantime, per legal opinion from the prosecutor’s office, the township will not pay any debt incurred by the village until such time as we are legally bound to do so.
- Mr. Abell will ask for a status update on the Garrett property and Zamos property violations that are waiting resolution. Also, a decision in the Kent Storage LLC litigation is due some time in December.

NEW BUSINESS

There has been a request from a representative of the Village of Lakemore that the township donate the police vehicles we now have since the Brady Lake merge. The board unanimously agreed that the vehicles will become available to the highest bidder when the time is appropriate to sell/auction them off.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Benjamin reported that he attended another meeting of the SR261 Corridor Committee and Mr. Swan reported that he attended a Portage County Regional Planning Commission meeting. PCRPC will update their website to place a visible focus on the importance of recreation in new development in the area.

FINANCES

Bills were presented for payment in the form of warrants numbered 22472 through 22498, including payment vouchers, totaling \$162,393.01. A motion to pay bills was made by Mark Beckwith; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:20pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____

