

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:05pm Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the regular meeting order, following a public hearing. Minutes from the previous public hearing on November 6, 2019 and regular meeting held October 22, 2019 were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Road Superintendent Brian Langston was excused from the meeting due to a 4:30am start to the day with snow and ice removal responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Keller – 2841 Wunderlich – asked about the placement of a dry hydrant in Lake Brady off of Pleasant Ave. and possible insurance premium impact due to a change in the ISO rating he would receive. It was suggested he contact his insurance carrier and see if it would impact his rates. Mr. Keller also inquired about the cost of a dry hydrant. Tim Benner replied that he thought the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. A list of completed and ongoing tasks and activities is detailed in the report.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston, and read into the record by Ann Hanna, and is attached to the official record. Mr. Benjamin added that the crew has been chipping, collecting paving quotes, and working to get the company that installed the Aquasalina systems on the trucks last year to come and repair them. Ms. Hanna stated that she has spoken to Mr. Langston about securing a guarantee from Lindy Paving that the paving price quoted for Erie and Merrill would be honored next spring in the event weather does not permit paving to be completed this year.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Mr. Ciccozzi reported that he has spoken to Mr. Langston about contacting a Schoolview resident regarding vehicles obstructing the road and the interference those vehicles will have with township snowplows. If the vehicles cannot be removed as obstructions from the roadway they will need to be towed. Mr. Benjamin asked for a status update on the Park Ave property owned by Mr. Swigart that was near demolition for structural violations earlier in the year. Mr. Abell reported that repairs made to this point have satisfied the county building department. Also, the Crescent Lane Garrett property where the township had an unsafe structure demolished last year remains unattended and is not being mowed. The board asked that Mr. Abell pursue having the township administrator contact the Portage County Land Bank about getting the property turned over to the township as a green space.

OLD BUSINESS

- Leaf pickup is in progress. The snow could impact pickup times but ABC Landscaping will continue picking up as close to what is scheduled as possible, weather permitting.
- Mr. Swan reported that he was in contact with a person at the Division of Liquor Control regarding a C1 C2 permit request for the Dollar Tree on ST RT 59. The issuance of these permits will be within the quota allowed in the township. The board does not request a hearing on the matter and the liquor control board will be notified as such.
- A new Arby's is opening in the township near Raising Canes. They will come to the Board of Zoning Appeals to request a variance because the sign they want to put up is outside the size allowed by code. Mr. Benjamin stated that he would like to see the BZA hold steadfast to size limitations currently provided for in the zoning resolution.

- Mr. Benjamin stated for the record that he also favors an internal solution be found by the Lake Royale Homeowners association to a parking issue currently being disputed in the neighborhood. He feels it is best resolved by the homeowners themselves but also wants a deadline of some kind for the HOA to resolve the matter and expects status updates to be made to the board. Mr. Benjamin made the following motion – The board of trustees will be notified by March 1, 2020 of a solution attained by the Lake Royale Homeowners Association resolving the issue; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. Resident in attendance, Greg Ferner – 1979 E. Swan Lake Circle – addressed the board concerned about what will transpire in the event a solution is not found internally and asked specifically what kind of resolution the board is looking for. Ms. Hanna responded that the board’s expectation is that the neighborhood association amend their deed restrictions or come to an agreement of some kind about the parking of recreational vehicles in driveways/private property.

NEW BUSINESS

- AT&T has made its annual bid for a new cell tower lease agreement, reducing the amount of revenue received by the township over a ten year period. The trustees unanimously agree that the lease is fine the way it is currently written.
- **Resolution 2019-33** - authorizing an amendment to the Kent Franklin JEDD contract was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. The amendment addresses surcharges of the City Water Rates.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Invitation to participate in the Portage County Hazard Mitigation Plan sent by the engineer’s office. There will be two meetings held – one in February and one in April.
- Ms. Hanna received a request from resident Eagle Scout candidate Brice Hall about addressing the board at the next meeting about his intended service project. He is interested in erecting a Little Free Library in the township.
- Mr. Swan received a letter from resident Helen Redmond – 2093 Merrill Road – regarding water/drainage concerns contributing to flooding in her basement. Mr. Swan passed the information along to Mr. Langston. He will contact Ms. Redmond and see what, if anything can be done to help alleviate the situation.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants # 24434 through 24776, including payment vouchers and totaling \$102,706.45 since the last meeting, was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

At 7:59pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____