

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:07pm, following a special hearing, Chairman Keith Benjamin called the meeting to order. Minutes from the March 13th meeting were approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO Sgt. Scott Ulsenheimer reported on events over the last 30 days. He has been out the last month and was welcomed back. There have been just a few arrests, several shoplifting incidences, a fight at the bowling alley, dogs-at-large, suspicious person investigations and a few noise complaints at the student housing apartment complexes. Scott Swan thanked the sergeant for a continued presence throughout the township and for scheduling the extra patrols provided by township appropriations.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally, interviews for the assistant zoning position commence this week on Wednesday; pursuit for continued violations at the Evans property that will follow the same timeline as the township followed for the Garrett property was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan and all three trustees voted yes; Resolution 2018—8, establishing zoning fees for Brady Lake that align with the rest of the township, was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan and all three trustees voted yes.

Mr. Duane Garrett – owner of property located at 6554 Crescent Lane – addressed the board about his property. This has been a long standing junkyard violation accumulating a large sum in fines for non-compliance. The township previously demolished the structure on the property after due process. Mr. Garrett's property, unless cleaned up and the junk removed by the end of May 1st, will be within the township's jurisdiction to have the junk removed and its costs recouped by whatever means necessary. Mr. Garrett asked the board for an extension of time to have the location cleared. He stated that he was not made aware of the hearing giving the township the right to clear the property. He also stated he is suffering from financial and physical hardship. After allowing Mr. Garrett the opportunity to speak the trustees unanimously supported the timeline given by the courts. Mr. Garrett has until the end of May 1st to clear the property. On or near May 2nd, 2018, Franklin Township will, by any means necessary, have the junk removed, sell as much as possible to recoup all expenses, and if there is any money leftover will give that excess to Mr. Garrett.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Additionally:

- The one month rental of a mini excavator (at a cost of approximately \$2300) was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Discussion was had about retaining the current uniform company used for crew uniforms versus an annual clothing allowance. The road crew supports the change. It was decided that an allowance of \$564.00 for each road crew employee would be sufficient for a one year period. When the contract with Unifirst expires, in May, the one year period will begin. This change was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

- Mr. Biltz submitted a road repair list that prioritizes work needing done on roads within the township. The materials cost is estimated at \$59,000. With labor the estimate reaches nearly \$120,000.
- Part time road crew employee, Colton Abell, will be leaving to pursue other interests. It is time to advertise for a full time employee. Jake Biltz will work with Ken Penix putting something together to begin the process.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. It contains a list of inspections, plan reviews, trainings and fire safety activities completed for March.

NEW BUSINESS

- After discussion of finances and consideration of township road repair and paving needs a motion was made by Scott Swan to release the OPWC funds allocated to the township for Phase IV of Hudson Road, while retaining the option to reapply at a later date; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2018-06 is a resolution updating the township Pavilion Reservation Policy to include the Brady Lake Ballpark pavilion. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A Public Records Training opportunity in June will be attended by Lisé Russell and Keith Benjamin. Trustee Ann Hanna might attend as well.
- ODOT notified the township of St. Rt. 59 resurfacing work this spring.
- Ohio Valley has completed the transfer of the gas well lease from Brady Lake Village to the township. Jake Biltz is investigating how to get the gas line run from the village hall to the garage.
- Adam Boron has been named the new Teamsters steward for the township road crew.
- The village hall sustained roof damage due to wind. Jake Biltz will have it repaired.

FINANCES

- Resolution 2018-07, approving a supplemental appropriation to the Fire Fund in the amount of \$3700 for payment of annual dues and dry hydrant materials purchases, passed by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Bills presented for payment, warrants # 22673 through 22720, including payment vouchers, totaling \$62,452.33 were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:37pm by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____