

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:12pm, following a public hearing, Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Trustee Scott Swan was excused. Minutes from the March 12, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting were both approved by a motion made Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lt. Scott Witkoski of the Portage County Sheriff office submitted a report read aloud by Ann Hanna as to activity in the township since our last meeting.
- Steve Smith – 1506 North Blvd. – is a municipal court judge candidate. He spoke briefly to all in attendance about his background and asked for support on the ballot this May 7th.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 Sough Blvd. – gave kudos to the township road crew for a tremendous job well done on snow/ice removal this past snow season. He also passed along gratitude conveyed by the Twin Lakes Association for the installation of neighborhood watch signs in the Twin Lakes area.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted by Keith Benjamin as a list on completed and ongoing tasks, including but not limited to, chipping, parks cleanup, cracksealing preparation, damaged fence repairs at the Brady Lake ball field, sign installation and storm/flooding checks. There will be a representative from an inspection company coming to the garage for an inspection to make sure the maintenance garage is a safe environment and all is as it should be to meet what would be considered OSHAA standards. Mr. Benjamin will provide a projected cost to crackseal all roads in the township and parks in the next few days. Sealmaster will provide the rental of machinery for the township road crew to use for cracksealing.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record.

OLD BUSINESS

Closing is scheduled for tomorrow, March 27, 2019, for the transfer of former village properties/assets to Home Town Bank in order to satisfy a village debt not taken care of prior to its dissolution.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ann Hanna received a call from township resident Gail Johnson regarding leaves not picked up late on her property. Ms. Hanna explained that the township is taking measures to avoid this next season.
- Ms. Hanna was contacted by the Record Courier about collaboration between the township, the City of Kent, and the Twin Lakes Association on the purchase and installation of dry hydrants in the Twin Lakes area.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24496 through 24508, including payment vouchers, totaling \$29,060.09 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:28pm Ann Hanna moved to suspend regular session and move into executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes. At 8:20pm Keith Benjamin moved to resume the regular meeting; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.

Mr. Benjamin made a motion to advertise for a seasonal employee to be paid at a hourly rate of \$11.00 and to work up to forty hours per week with a start date as soon as possible; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.

At 8:25pm Ann Hanna made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____

