

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday May 22, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:03pm Chairman Keith Benjamin called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sgt. Scott Ulsenheimer – PCSO – reported on the following activities in the township over the last few weeks: retail thefts at WalMart, parking complaints, twenty-six traffic stops with thirteen citations issued and two arrests made from outstanding warrants, one stolen vehicle, and two minor assault calls at student housing complexes.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard Street – thanked the township road crew and the board for their efforts in cleaning up the Garrett property located on Crescent Lane and the Brady Lake area in general. He also asked for updates on zoning concerns on Cox Ave. and Park Ave. On Cox Ave. Sam Abell is working with the owner to come into compliance and expects a timeline for compliance soon. He will keep on it. The property on Park Ave. will be addressed later in the meeting. He asked if a decision had been made on his purchase of the boat formerly owned by the village. The board informed him no decision has been made.
- Jake Frankhauser – 6463 Park Ave. – asked about any specific rules on abandoned houses in the township. Sam Abell responded that the township has no authority over homes abandoned but does if the structure is derelict, has been declared dangerous, unsafe or not habitable by the county health or building department. The house in question is located on Lakeview. According to Mr. Lehman the house has been empty nearly twenty years. Mr. Frankhauser will call Sam Abell with the address. He also asked on the status of having parcels in the former village surveyed. Mr. Benjamin replied that we are waiting to hear back from the surveyor on a start time.
- Gary Robbins – 442 Judson Rd – addressed trustees with concerns about an ill-functioning culvert ditch under his driveway. Water collects and stands for extended periods of time. He has been concerned about it for some time. Jake Biltz knew right where he was speaking about and explained that the area in question is on the work list for this summer. Mr. Biltz will meet Mr. Robbins at his property tomorrow morning to discuss.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally:

- Cleanup at the Garrett property took place over the weekend. The township road crew did a nice job.
- Concerns from Keith Benjamin about the second Garrett house on Crescent Lane were brought up – junk removed from this first property before the township began work would start showing up on the second lot. Mr. Abell will contact Chris Meduri from the prosecutor's office for an update on that second noncompliant property. Mr. Benjamin would also like expenses incurred by the township totaled for the structure demolition and cleanup of the lot.
- Contact has been made with one of the owners of the property located at Hudson/Judson (the former Tenney property). She has been receptive to working with Mr. Abell to try and bring the location into compliance. The grass was mowed this week. She asked for ninety days to clear the equipment and all commercial materials from the place. She was told that is too long and has until the end of June. Currently \$28,000 in fines has accumulated.

- Mr Brian Harder – 7082 ST RT 43 spoke about the fugitive dust issue occurring in his area coming from Osborne Inc. The dust is constant; it covers every surface of the homes and properties nearby; he is concerned for his respiratory health; there is activity at times in the middle of the night. There are noise and light pollution concerns as well. Area resident, Lisé Russell – 7077 Diagonal Road – expressed the same concerns. Both presented pictures of the dust to the board and Mr. Abell. Scott Swan suggested the township initiate contact with the business owners and state concerns to see if they are willing to work on the matter. Keith Benjamin also would like Ken Penix to write a letter to the EPA sharing the concern of area residents and copy Osborne Inc and Hugo Sand and Gravel as well. Sam Abell will pursue the matter.

**ROAD REPORT**

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. No additional notes needed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 2018-13** is a resolution regarding the fencing in of the property located at 6527 Park Ave, due to an open and unsafe structure. The resolution was to set May 26, 2018 as the day the township could contract with and appropriate contractor or fence company to install the fence if the property owner, Paul Swigart, did not do so. Based on information received today from the prosecutor’s office a motion was made to change the date deadline to Monday, June 4, 2018. If the owner does not install an acceptable fence by June 4<sup>th</sup> the township will contract the job out. Resolution as amended passed by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Scott Swan attended the most recent Portage County Township Association meeting and reported that every Portage County township was represented. He was fortunate to be seated near a First Energy representative and asked for her assistance in investigating why the township has had so many blackouts recently. No correlating reason has been discovered but First Energy will also send their forestry department to the township to begin investigating lines resting on trees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- After discussion it was decided that the road crew will mow the Brady Lake ball field. The township will allow its use to those who request to do so and they will sign a standard waiver of liability for the township. They will also be responsible for marking/providing their own bases.

**FINANCES**

Bills were presented for payment – warrants # 24006 through #24063, including payment vouchers, totaling \$39,969.03. Authorization to pay bills was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

AT 7:58pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_

] Chairman \_\_\_\_\_