

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Minutes from our previous meeting were approved by a motion from Mark Beckwith; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. – spoke on two topics specifically. First, he shared concerns about the salt spreaders used on township trucks. Salt is often spread three feet into residents' yards, thus creating a waste of salt and a negative impact on the environment. After discussion it was determined that calibration will be monitored and Jake Biltz will explore the possibility of shields or flaps that can better control the throw of salt as they plow.
- Mr. Nichols asked that trustees pursue some kind of resolution of the violations that continue at the Zamos property on North Blvd. Excuses are given at meeting after meeting, resulting in no change in the condition of the structure on the property

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Additionally the purchases of a new truck and a paint striping machine were discussed. Mr. Biltz will complete a cost comparison on savings on continuing to rent a machine annually or buying one outright. Cost to insure a machine is pending. Also, there are two dump trucks being looked at by Mr. Biltz. A little more information is needed about plow sizes and warranty options. By the next meeting Mr. Biltz will have all information needed to present to trustees for a vote to purchase. Mr. Benjamin asked Mr. Biltz about repairs that have needed to be made to the boardwalk handrails at Chase Park. Mr. Biltz said he would see they are completed.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Mr. Abell presented trustees with the procedure to be put in place to monitor township properties being improperly advertised as and used for short term rental or leasing, such as Airbnb, vrbo, etc. The procedure was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Mark Beckwith. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Beckwith asked Sam Abell to pursue the current junkyard/junk car situation on Caranor.

- **Resolution 2017-28** is a resolution initiating the process to ask for magistrate approval for county inspection of the structure located at 1495 North Blvd. and make a determination of habitability. Motion Keith Benjamin, 2nd Scott Swan. All Board members voted yes.
- **Resolution 2017-29** is a resolution initiating the process to ask for magistrate approval for county inspection of the structure located at 1481 North Blvd. and make a determination of habitability/ Motion Keith Benjamin, 2nd Scott Swan. All Board members voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kent Storage LLC update – omnibus hearing is scheduled and Mr. Abell will be called as a witness.
- Burnett Road litigation update – a meeting is scheduled with legal counsel for August 9th at 5:30pm at town hall.
- Hudson Road Phase III update – good progress and it could be complete as early as two weeks from now

NEW BUSINESS

- The township website has been updated to include a direct link to the Portage County Recycling District’s website so that residents can access their pickup schedules.
- An update was given on the meeting held earlier in the day with Portage County Commissioners, township representatives, Brady Lake Village representatives and residents in attendance. A unanimous vote by the commissioners effectively dissolved the Village and Township of Brady Lake and reattached the geographical boundaries of the area formerly known as Brady Lake Village to Franklin Township. Ownership of Lake Brady was not decided at the meeting. Options being discussed are the formation of an owners association and approaching the Portage Park District for possible acceptance of the lake. A final audit of Brady Lake Village’s financial status conducted by the Auditor of State’s Office can now begin and voting precinct lines can be drawn by the county board of elections.
- Trustees gave approval to allow AFLAC and Ohio’s Deferred Compensation representatives to schedule open enrollment sessions at the road garage.
- Trustees asked that Ken Penix be instructed to draft a letter to Senator Ecklund regarding a request for financial support in road reconstruction and paving of roads newly acquired by the township and located in the former Brady Lake Village area.

CORRESPONDENCE

Keith Benjamin updated all in attendance on discussions being held at meetings of the SR261 Corridor committee. In summary, grant money is being sought, intentions are to make SR261 a two lane road, traffic signal placement is being thought out, how to tie in to existing bike paths and what zoning would work best for land that will be adjacent to the area no longer taken up for extra lanes of traffic.

FINANCES

Bills were presented for payment; warrants # 22367 through # 22377, including payment vouchers, totaling \$17,739.26. Payment of bills was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Mark Beckwith. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:16pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Mark Beckwith. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____