

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, August 25, 2020  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Lisé Russell was excused from the meeting due to a conflict. Minutes from the previous meeting and public hearing were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ken Heller – 2143 Wunderlich Ave. – expressed his concern about a recreational vehicle parked at 6511 Park Ave. which has had someone living in it for some time. Zoning inspector, Joe Ciccozzi will look into the matter.
- Marilyn Knights – 6498 Westshore – expressed concern about the large collection of junk that continues to pile up at the property on Westshore that is at the foot of Stratton Drive. There are vehicles, small equipment, other junk materials. Mr. Ciccozzi responded that he has cited the owner, Mr. Hansen and given him a seven day notice to cleanup. Mr. Hansen assured Mr. Ciccozzi that he would speak to the tenant, Mr. Akers. The township has noticed some progress, in that the smelly garbage that had been increasing has been removed. Scott Swan thanked Mr. Ciccozzi for his diligence and professionalism.
- Todd Peetz – representing the Portage County Regional Planning Commission located at 449 S. Meridian in Ravenna – addressed the board and others in attendance about the commission’s commitment to and adherence to fair housing standards throughout the county. Mr. Peetz follows up with all entities within Portage County that receive CDBG money for local projects about the fair housing overview.

**ROAD REPORT**

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. In addition, expenses for the repair and service to the Terra Star and the line striping machine totaling \$4575.30 by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Langston will also get quotes/estimates from Davey Tree regarding the removal of trees that appear to be unsafe on township property on Court St. and from excavating contractors for exploratory excavation at the old spillway site at Brady Lake. Mr. Langston will also get firm stop work dates from our seasonal road department workers.

**ZONING REPORT**

Submitted in writing by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Resolution 2020-31 authorizing an assessment on a parcel located at 6568 Crescent Lane was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. Resolution 2020-32 authorizing an assessment on a parcel located at 6554 Crescent Lane was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. Both resolutions pertain to the recouping of expenses made by the township to maintain these properties. After discussion about the pending possibility that the same will occur at an Iraquois Ave. property and a Hillside Dr. property a motion was made by Scott Swan to authorize the vacating of any structure in need of razing in accordance with a judge’s order; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Hanna stated that as fall approaches it is time to set a meeting with Gary Berardinelli with ABC Landscaping about scheduling our leaf pickup times throughout the township. Jill Grimm, of 1509 Merrill Ave. stated that the Twin Lakes Association would be reminding residents that it is helpful to lawns if leaves can be mowed. For the record, Mr. Benjamin stated that all residents should be reminded that the dates for pickup in their neighborhoods denote that leaves should be on the curbs and ready for pickup BEFORE Monday morning at 8:00am of their scheduled week.
- The township digital conferencing and meeting upgrade is in process.

**FINANCES**

- Payment of bills, warrants #25052 through 25067, including payment vouchers, totaling \$106,309.95 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 7:50pm a motion adjourn the meeting was made Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_