

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Larry Jenkins and Mike Collins – representatives of the Portage County Engineer’s Office at 5000 Newton Falls Road, Ravenna, OH – were in attendance to discuss several topics related to the county engineer’s office. First, the remaining two phases of Hudson Road are on schedule to be completed in 2023, Phase IV going out for bid in February 2023 (work to be completed end June) then Phase V which will finish the entire reconstruction project will immediately follow. Phase V costs to the township are estimated to be \$237,000. Next, concerns shared by residents regarding speeding and parking along Lakeview in Brady Lake are being addressed. The county office is conducting an analysis of the Leonard/Lakeview intersection to determine if signage would help, possibly a 3-way stop, or other remedies would be in order. A resolution will need passed by the township to officially designate the posted speed limit as 25mph as well. Mr. Swan shared a concern brought to his attention by a resident that the train track intersection on Lake Rockwell at the Portage Bike and Hike Trail has presented hazards as motorists speed across the recently paved and repaired road and crossing. Mr. Jenkins explained that the engineer’s office is monitoring that area specifically and that two signs have been posted with the possibility of further action taken if needed. Mr. Collins provided the township with a copy of the Resolution adopted by the county commissioners upon the dissolution of Brady Lake Village and its absorption into Franklin Township listing all roads formerly in the jurisdiction of the village and now in Franklin Township. This list gives linear footage of each road and whether or not the road is dedicated or private. This will help our road department make determinations about what roads we are responsible for plowing and maintaining. He also discussed what guidelines might be followed should the trustees decide to issued a snow ban on street parking.
- PCSO Detective Nick DeSerio – 8240 Infirmary Road, Ravenna, OH – provided the board with statistics for September calls within Franklin Township that included, but are not limited to thefts, assaults, other agency assists, alarm intrusions, traffic violations and citations, accidents, welfare checks, and other various disputes that total 208 calls for assistance in September. He also stated that there would be extra patrols placed throughout the township during Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 30th from 3-5pm.
- City of Kent Fire Chief Bill Myers reported that in the month of August thirteen fire responses were answered and 53 EMS responses were answered within Franklin Township. He also relayed the nonemergency contact information for the department should our residents need to contact the paramedicine personnel now employed by the city.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Ciccozzi reported that at last evening’s BZA hearing, 2 variances were granted at the request of Peter Paino on behalf of the Beck family, current owners of the former Overlook Country Club, details of which are found in the hearing minutes. More discussion ensued regarding noise complaint concerns and hours of operations concerns already happening at the facility. The trustees will review all previous conditions placed on the property moving forward.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. There was discussion between Mr. Smith and Mr. Ciccozzi about whether or not an occupancy certificate should be issued by the building department to the Vietnamese restaurant Hué Banh Mi & Pho Café due to the lack of verification of completion of fire safety equipment. Mr. Smith will follow up.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record.

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution 2022-34 – authorizing Hudson Road Phase V final engineering and design proposal and prepayment costs to the PC Engineer’s Office was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2022-35 – authorizing the Franklin Township trustees to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Kent for design and project costs associated with Hudson Road Phase V was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE this meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Swan stated that he had received communication from a concerned resident about the crossing hazard at the Portage Bike and Hike Trail on Lake Rockwell Road, which was discussed previously during public comment with Mike Collins.

FINANCES

- Resolution 2022-36 – authorizing the transfer of \$22,308.00 from the JEDD Fund to the Hudson Road Fund for payment of engineering and design costs for Phase IV was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes,
- Payment of bills, warrants #25900 through 25910, including payment vouchers and totaling \$110,290.36 was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:07pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____

