

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Sw2an called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Patti and Bill Montfort – 6500 S. Pleasant Avenue(mailing address of PO Box 11295 Brady Lake, OH 44211) – addressed the board about an issue that has arisen since the discovery that they have personal property – a fence and a shed – on township property. Mrs. Montfort’s family has owned the property she resides in since 1967. She states that her parents had permission to erect the fence and shed on the property which was, at the time, owned by Brady Lake Village. They maintained the property all this time. A large willow tree on the property has some branches in need of trimming. The Montforts are asking if it is possible to leave the situation the way it is and assume responsibility for the tree maintenance with the understanding that the township retains the right to sell or utilize said property if and when the time arises. The trustees will have the matter looked into legally and await an opinion from Brett Bencze before any decisions are made.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. – interested in a decision about extending leaf pickup and will await discussion later in the meeting. Also, he has noticed quite a few street lights out in the area. He will gladly gather the pole numbers and relay the information to Brian Langston. Ms. Hanna asked Mr. Langston to check the photo cells in question.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, the following purchases/expenses were approved as recorded:

1. Replacement of heat in the offices and break room at the maintenance garage gas 95% furnace and air for \$4,002.29. Motion to approve Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
2. Repair the trailer used to haul equipment at an approximate cost of \$1,000-\$1,500. Motion to approve made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
3. The purchase of a new motrim (New Holland) at a cost of \$106,867.88. Motion to approve made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record.

OLD BUSINESS

- Leaf pickup extension - All three trustees have observed leaves still in need of pickup. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Swan to extend leaf pickup to one more round throughout the township upon the completion of regularly scheduled pickup until such time as ABC Landscaping reaches an additional expense ceiling of \$5,000 and that residents shall have their leaves to the curb for pickup by Sunday, November 29, 2020 and that this information be communicated to Gary Berardinelli of ABC Landscaping and residents; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

- **Resolution 2020-42** creating a \$5,000 Supplemental appropriation to the Hudson Road Fund for the purpose of payment of a pre-engineering bill for the addition of bike lanes to Phase III and Phase IV was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- New contract discussion with the City of Kent Fire Department will continue at a meeting scheduled for Wed, December 9, 2020 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be either face to face or digital in some capacity.
- The second December meeting is scheduled to be held during the week of Christmas. A motion to cancel that meeting was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Emails were received from the following residents requesting additional leaf pickup – Shawn Powell, David Williams, Julie Saccogna and several others. Ken Penix will communicate to each the decision to extend made by the board tonight.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #25156 through #25168 including payment vouchers, and totaling \$79,333.65 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:25pm A motion to suspend regular session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation and personnel was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:11pm a motion to resume regular session was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. Keith Benjamin made a motion to allocate bonuses for selected hired employees in the following manner: Ken Penix - \$1500, Joe Ciccozzi - \$1,000, Brian Langston - \$1,000, Jenny August - \$1,000, and Richard Smith - \$500; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 9:13pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____