

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Major Larry Limbert of the PCSO reported on activity in the township in the last few weeks. In total, the sheriff's department was involved in 179 incident responses within the township, 48 of them traffic stops. Additionally, he noted that the department has been investigating a couple of residences in the Brady Lake area for drug activity and the investigations are ongoing. At the completion of his report, Scott Swan stated that the township is appreciative of the sheriff department's presence and visibility in the township, allaying concerns shared by some residents upon the dissolution of the former village that the lack of a police department might negatively impact their neighborhoods.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, repair expenses for the chipper of \$3729.15 and for the purple ranger pickup truck for \$580.39 were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd by Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes authorizing the repairs. Keith Benjamin added that two of the road department employees are still in the process of attaining certification for vegetation and pesticide spraying; grant money is being sought to purchase a new chipper and mower; and a seasonal employee possibly returning in the spring is being encouraged to attain a Class A commercial driver's license.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Some questions have arisen in regard to a digital convenience store business in the township opening with the intent to deliver carryout alcohol and other consumer products within the township into the overnight hours. This is tied to a class C1 permit request from GB License LLC at 2108 ST RT 59. Sam Abell will follow up tonight's discussion with questions to Brett Bencze on the legality of such deliveries of alcohol. Also, due to the increased amount of time it is taking townships to receive feedback for lower priority requests such as ten day letter requests from the prosecutor's office, Mr. Abell asked trustees to approve a letter be drafted by Ken Penix and sent to the county commissioners supporting the hiring of clerical staff with the intent to facilitate faster turnaround times for these types of requests. Mr. Swan and Mr. Benjamin agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion to offer the position of Franklin Township Zoning Inspector to Joe Ciccozzi, effective upon the retirement of Sam Abell, was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes. Mr. Ciccozzi's beginning annual salary will be set at \$10,800.
- A motion was made by Scott Swan to offer the position of deputy fire prevention officer to Richard Smith; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes. Terms of his employment are to be determined.
- The township is awaiting notification from the Division of Liquor Control for a hearing requested on the liquor permit transfer request made by Two Kent Guys LLC at 7508 ST RT 43. The hearing is anticipated for mid March to mid April.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution 2020-03** – authorizing the civil prosecution of R. and J. Ferguson for a junkyard violation located at 2272 Hissom Lane was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- **Resolution 2020-04** – ordering the removal of a single family dwelling located at 6407 Hillside Drive was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- A new class C1 liquor permit request at 2108 ST RT 59 has been received by the township. A hearing will be requested after a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.
- **Resolution 2020-05** - resolving to partner with PARTA in submitting an application for the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) Connecting Communities Planning Grant to study traffic safety and a streets analysis of State Route 59 east of Horning Road in the township was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- Roughriders Reads, sponsored by Kent City Schools, has requested the use of the Brady Lake Park pavilion on June 30, 2020 and have requested the fee for the use be waived. By a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin, the request was approved. Both trustees voted yes.
- Keith Benjamin made a motion to designate the 2020 NOPEC Community Partnership Grant to the Kent Lion’s Club in support of the Lion’s Club Sweet Corn Festival held at Beckwith’s Orchard this summer; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- Keith Benjamin motioned to apply NOPEC Energy Grant money to make needed lighting updates inside and outside at the maintenance garage; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24833 through #24873, including payment vouchers and totaling \$23,292.98 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

At 7:41pm Scott Swan motioned to adjourn the meeting; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____