

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Glenn Russell stated for the record that City of Kent Fire Department Chief Bill Myers addressed an audience at the Kent Lions Club luncheon last week and that all in attendance were very appreciative of his presentation on the Mill fire that took place in the city several weeks ago.
- Larry Jenkins and Mike Collins – representatives from the Portage County Engineer’s office addressed the board regarding the ongoing Hudson Road resurfacing project. Phase IV is expected to be prepared and ready to put out for bid by the end of February. They were seeking authorization from the trustees to move forward with an engineering proposal/estimate to place a single width bike lane along the east side of Hudson Road where Phase III was completed in 2020. At the time this phase was done, the decision was made not to spend the extra money necessary to widen the road to accommodate full four-foot bike lanes. Because Phases IV and V will be engineered to include full bike lanes, it is their recommendation that in order to better connect the road that a bike lane be put down as an addition to Phase III as a local share only project, not an OPWC sharing grant funded project. Resolution 2023-06 authorizing EDG (the design group used to design such a project) to proceed with a design proposal for the addition of a bike lane along Phase III was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes. In order to get better pricing for the township the design proposal would be included when Phase IV is bid out.

ROAD REPORT

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

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, the trustees thanked Mr. Ciccozzi for his attendance at two different zoning meetings in one evening last week, a zoning commission hearing here at town hall and the quarterly zoning inspector meeting at PCRPC.

FIRE UPDATE

Richard Smith reported that plan reviews, new plan submissions, and inspections for various township businesses have taken place over the last two weeks. He also reported that, upon invitation by the township, Vector Security visited township hall for the purpose of gathering information needed to provide a quote for possible fire protection coverage and monitoring. They also visited the maintenance garage. After inspecting the existing alarm setup at township hall it was determined that the system currently in place is not a system they would be willing to monitor – it would need upgraded at a significant cost to the township. But they are interested in monitoring the garage. A quote will follow soon. Chief Myers and Paramedicine Provider, and registered nurse, Sarah Slanina, gave a presentation about the community paramedicine program underway in the City of Kent and serving Franklin Township residents. This is a program that targets residents in need of medical support in situations that are non-life threatening. The services provided put residents in touch with support services with the intent to improve their quality of life. Medication compliance, support services referrals, home environment assessments, and follow up care are among the duties performed by Ms. Slanina. The trustees and all in attendance were very supportive of this program and look forward to its expansion.

OLD BUSINEES

- Hudson Road Phases IV and V – discussed earlier in the meeting during public comment.
- Powdermill Roundabout lights – recently there was a motor vehicle accident at the roundabout that damaged the meter and streetlights. A company has been hired to make the necessary repairs. The police report from the incident has been acquired and our insurance company will pursue restitution for the cost of the repairs.
- Collaborative working relationship with the Village of Sugar Bush Knolls update – a few discussions have taken place with representatives of the village regarding their request to use township hall for their council meetings and the possibility of sharing services such as snow plowing, etc. the village is discussing this at their next council meeting. Mr. Ciccozzi reported to the board that he has been approached by the village with a request to act as their village zoning inspector. Discussions are still taking place.
- The awarding of the 2023 NOPEC Community Event Grant in the amount of \$1500 will be awarded to the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion about security at the Maintenance garage, Glenn Russell and Dave Akerley recommended to the trustees that security cameras would be beneficial. The trustees agreed and quotes will be sought.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #26005 through 26009, including payment vouchers and totaling \$95,816.52 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:09pm a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____

