

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Dave Akerley was excused from the meeting. Mr. Swan then announced the passing of former township trustees Gary Falstead, who served Franklin Township for numerous years in some capacity. A moment of silence was held in remembrance for Mr. Falstead. Minutes from the previous meeting were then approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. – shared concerns about the lack of yellow dividing lines on Merrill Ave. He states that on more than one occurrence, motorists are driving left of what would be center and causing near accidents, particularly near the old fire station by Garfield. Historically, Merrill Ave. did have a painted yellow line dividing the lanes. Mr. Swan thanked him for sharing his concerns and assured him the road superintendent will look into the matter and make a determination of the need for yellow dividing lines.
- John and Andrea Clark – 7600 Diagonal Road – responded to zoning discussion regarding the installation of a shared driveway at the location of a new residential build on Diagonal. They are working with the county building department.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record. The repair of the chipper was more than originally expected and came to \$12,312.18. Additionally, a quote of \$16,500 for Perrin Asphalt to provide the labor for paving Kimberly Drive was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes. The township will supply needed materials. Also, with the addition of two way radio communication now being used by the road department, the contract in place for township provided cell phones for each road crew member will be cancelled. As the superintendent, Mr. Akerley will retain the use of his.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Swan stated for the record that the trustees very much appreciate his time and attention to the goings on at the Burnt Pickle. Mr. Ciccozzi and Richard Smith have spent a great deal of time working with the city fire department, county building department and the county sheriff's department in anticipation of an event that was advertised and would likely have resulted in an overcrowding/capacity violation. The Board appreciates their attention to this matter. Kent Fire Chief Bill Myers spoke of the city's gratitude to Mr. Smith's attention to detail as well.

FIRE UPDATE

Richard Smith reported that for the fourth consecutive week, the Northcoast Medical building remains on what is designated as Firewatch – meaning during overnight hours the location is monitored due to nonfunctioning fire alarms. The Gilbert Group – property owners of the multi-tenant retail space have engaged The Silco Company to manage the situation and resolve communication issues among all entities involved.

Mr. Smith also reports that The Human Bean is tentatively scheduled for opening on either Friday, September 30th or Monday October 3rd. He asked Mr. Ciccozzi to follow up with the location of their dumpster and the required enclosure.

OLD BUSINESS

- Following discussion of enacting possible parking bans during snow events, it was decided that Mr. Akerley should compile a list of roads that would be impacted by having cars parked on the street that prevent snow plows from safely removing snow and ice. More thought will be put into what verbiage will be used for signs to post notifying residents of said parking ban and other ways to communicate this to residents impacted.
- Dates of October 12, 2022 and October 26, 2022 have been selected as meeting dates for Employee Handbook workshops. The meetings will begin at 5:30pm and advertised to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Hudson Road Phase IV is scheduled to take place in the spring of 2023 and Phase V, completing the project, will take place in the fall of 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

The township was contacted by Lynn Vogel at Portage County Soil and Water who wants to make improvements at Chase Park, removing invasive plant species, planting new shrubbery and trees and cleaning the park up. She will be teaming up with Roosevelt High School students and will make sure all guidelines are met with local agencies and all bonding/insuring of workers is secured. The board unanimously supports the project.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants#25885 through 25899, including payment vouchers and totaling \$117,160.75 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

When asked if there was anything to add before adjourning, resident Keith Benjamin, 6206 Sixth Ave., expressed his appreciation for the work being done by the trustees and the road department, especially the decision to authorize expensive chipper repair because of the quality of the equipment and the life expectancy we will now get out of it.

At 7:42pm a motion to adjourn was made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____