

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, October 10, 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 Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. Mr. Russell and Mrs. Kapusta both voted yes. Mr. Swan abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO Detective Nick DeSerio reported on statistics for Franklin Township calls during the month of September. A total of 310 calls for service were answered in the township including, but not limited to, calls for assisting the rescue squad and other agencies, suspicious persons and circumstances, premise checks, domestic situations, thefts, welfare checks, traffic stops (56 of them), and property damage. He also reported that there are two additional patrol cars scheduled to be in Franklin Township during Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 3-5pm. Deputies will be patrolling for traffic violations as well as handing out candy and stopping for photo opportunities. The trustees expressed their gratitude for the support being shown by the sheriff's department and Detective DeSerio's presence in our township.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Akerley proposed contracting out for line striping to be done on newly chip and sealed Hudson, Judson, and Seasons Roads. A quote was presented from Ronyak Paving to do it at a cost of \$12,580.00. A motion to approve the work was made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Next, further discussion was held about a proposed ditching project at 5912 Powdermill Road. In Mr. Akerley's opinion the integrity of the road could be compromised if the ditching project is not done. The total estimated cost provided for this job by Rob's Landscaping and Excavating is \$14,350.00 and the work was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Akerley did reiterate that brush chipping is done for the season and that due to a major repair being done on the motrim, that service is also done for the season. Information will be posted on the website.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. For clarification, further discussion was held regarding difficulty Mr. Ciccozzi is having with the HOA at Germaine Reserve over fences being installed without permits being pulled from the zoning department. He is working to iron out these miscommunications on behalf of the HOA and contractors and residents to avoid other fences and to rectify costs incurred by township residents. There was also discussion regarding complaints received by several residents about a low flying, privately owned helicopter circling the Twin Lakes area and landing on the owner's Diagonal Road property. Mr. Ciccozzi is working with state and federal agencies getting clarification on what guidelines need to be met. In the meantime, this resident will be cited because the landing of a helicopter is not a permitted use according to the Franklin Township Zoning Resolution.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. A new dining business in the township, Oh My Yum, is scheduled for a soft opening this Friday, October 13th with a grand opening scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

- Regarding the official designation by resolution of portions of Lakeview Dr. as a No Parking area, enforceable by the PCSO and the OSP, information was provided to trustees of a traffic study conducted by the county engineer's office. The information will be reviewed by the board over the next two weeks with the intent to make a decision at the next meeting, thus tabling the proposed resolution.

- Resolution 2023-44 – authorizing the Franklin Township Chairman of the Board of Trustees to apply for OPWC funding for Round 38 for a reconstruction project at Sixth and Ohio Avenues. Discussion was held regarding expenses and whether or not to forgo OPWC support and do the project on our own. The approximately \$223,000 it would cost for the township to take on the project solo is very close to the cost of our share should the project be a 50/50 split with OPWC. Additionally, the township would have a two-year window to complete, 2024 or 2025. Resolution 2023-44 authorizing the OPWC application was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Leaf pickup for the season is nearing. The schedule for zone pickups has been made and verification that our usual rotation has been adhered to will be done. All leaf pickup information is available on our website at www.franklintownshipohio.org. The road department will be placing mobile signs with pickup information as well.
- Scott Swan provided an update on the Exploratory JEDD Committee and proposed the committee be formalized with the following members approved – Scott Swan, Lisé Russell, Jenny August, Keith Benjamin, Randy Nye and possibly one other resident member. A motion was made to adopt said committee with members listed by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.
- Mr. Swan spoke of a letter received from Ohio State Treasurer Robert Sprague regarding the Ohio Pooled Collateral System, which is an online portal allowing public entities to view pledged collateral toward their public deposits. First National Bank, used by Franklin Township, utilizes OPCS. The state requests verification from the Board of Trustees and the fiscal officer confirming the accuracy of these deposits. Fiscal Officer, Lisé Russell will provide such verification.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #26171 through 26176, including payment vouchers and totaling \$29,427.22 was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:22pm a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____