

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday February 25, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:02pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Road Superintendent Brian Langston was excused from the meeting. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO – Deputy Detective Robert James reported that ongoing criminal activities issues have been resolved at a location on Iraquois. Several arrests were made and the house has been emptied and is closed up. There has been progress made at other locations on both Iraquois and Westshore as well. He then listed 222 incidences of calls for assistance answered in the township over the last 24 days.
- Faye Nicholson of the Philadelphia Regional Census Center addressed all present of the need for a strong census response this spring from all Ohio residents! She also stated that in Portage County alone 400 workers are still needed for the census taking this year. Information will be made available on our website for anyone interested in applying.
- Colleen Cornici – 757 Johnson Road – addressed the board seeking improvements along Johnson Road and Hudson Road allowing safe and accessible walkways for residents' children to and from the middle school. She also provided a suggestion for possible funding of any improvements through a program called Safe Routes to Schools. Ms. Cornici also expressed concerns about resurfacing needs along Hudson Road and the possibility of multi-use pathways on Hudson and Johnson Roads for use by joggers and cyclists. Mr. Benjamin explained the ongoing project of Hudson Road resurfacing and that Phase IV is scheduled to be done next year. Mr. Swan also thanked her for sharing her ideas and stated the board will keep the idea of safe pathways in mind during the planning process.
- Tim Ujvari – 1661 Sapphire Drive, Hudson, OH – spoke in support of what Ms. Cornici stated and shared his knowledge of how funding support can be sought for projects such as these.
- Gordon MacDowell – 7378 Sylvan Drive – First expressed gratitude for jobs well done by the township in salt/snow removal thus far and leaf pickup this year. He did share concerns he has about a culvert located at 7352 and 7358 Sylvan that is not sufficient to provide adequate storm water drainage. The trustees responded that they are aware of the issue. Mr. Swan briefly reiterated previous study results that suggested improvements be implemented but that some residents were resistant to share the cost of those improvements. The problem starts uphill and runs down.
- Lesa Lillibridge – 1957 W. Swan Lake Circle – stated that she does not support a street parking ban in the Lake Royale development where she resides.
- Dena Ferner – 1979 E. Swan Lake Circle – provided a status update about a petition some of the residents are passing seeking support that the neighborhood does not want a parking ban. She will keep the board informed as progress is made.

ZONING

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. A list of all pending legal matters regarding zoning is also attached.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted in writing by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Langston will contact Mickey Marozzi at the county engineer’s office about bridge weight limits being exceeded on Diagonal Road.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Ken Penix has been gathering cost information on a Spring Cleanup event talked about at previous meetings. More information is needed and will be talked about at a later time.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-09 is a resolution allowing for the civil prosecution for a junkyard violation on Crescent Ave (owner Strickland) and was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24890 through 24908, including payment vouchers and totaling \$23,742.99 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

At the conclusion of the meeting Scott Swan spoke on behalf of the board and expressed the sincere gratitude of Franklin Township to Sam Abell as he retires from the position of Zoning Inspector. Mr. Abell’s professionalism, expertise, good natured approach and dedication have served residents of Franklin Township well for more than twenty years! At 8:18pm a motion to adjourn was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____