

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, June 27, 2023  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Glenn Russell called the meeting to order. Trustee Scott Swan was excused from the meeting due to travel abroad. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard Blvd. – expressed continuing concerns and frustration about illegal parking along the lake and traffic speeding through the area. He requested that the board readdress the issue of installing guardrails or pylons of some type to prevent motorists from parking there. And he would like trustees to also reconsider a 3-Way stop sign being erected at Leonard and Lakeview. Mr. Lehman then expressed thanks for the road crew's efficiency and professionalism in getting storm cleanup done throughout the township.
- PCSO – Detective Nick DeSerio – provided a long list of calls for service answered in Franklin Township during the month of May – 397 total. These calls include, but are not limited to, calls for welfare checks, assaults, suspicious vehicles or persons, thefts, suicide alerts, assists to other agencies, including fire and law enforcement. And traffic stops. Detective DeSerio also stated that as a follow up from a previous meeting discussion regarding flock safety (traffic cameras) he would share the contact information of a trustee as a point person with the department. Mr. Swan will be the township contact person to gather receive that information.

#### ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record. Additionally, a quote in the amount of \$2,850.00 for emergency tree removal in three areas of the township was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kellie Kapusta. Both trustees voted yes. Mr. Akerley also provided a spreadsheet prioritizing road resurfacing needs for the township for 2024. An extensive discussion was then held about roads that need paved and possible grant applications to help with some. A CDBG grant could provide a large sum of money to pave roads in Brady Lake if a required survey can be completed by a percentage of residents. Mrs. Kapusta had been working closely with Todd Peetz and with other entity representatives to find these grants. Mr. Russell expressed gratitude on behalf of the township for their work in compiling all of the information necessary to secure this information for grant applications.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, after receiving a complaint from a resident in Germaine Reserve about another resident parking her car in the cul-de-sac, instead of her empty driveway, Mr. Ciccozzi asked if the trustees would consider allowing NO PARKING signs of some kind in the development. In years past, a similar situation arose over an RV being parked in a cul-de-sac in another development and trustees did initially approve signs but never had them installed, alternatively referring the matter to the development's HOA to resolve the matter. Mrs. Kapusta and Mr. Russell both agreed that the HOA is the better body to resolve the matter but remain concerned that a car parked in the cul-de-sac could have a negative impact on the turning radius of a fire truck should one be called there for an emergency.

#### FIRE UPDATE

Richard Smith reported that all alarm systems newly installed at township hall have been tested and are a go. He also reported that the business tenant at the Burnt Pickle submitted plans for an addition for bathrooms required to change their occupancy use designation, however, the township zoning inspector has not received any such request for a permit.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Hudson Road Phase IV update – information was just received late today with an updated estimate from the county engineer's office on Phase IV. The new estimate for the total project is \$674,653.60. OPWC will contribute up to \$220,000 toward the project and the balance would be local share. This puts the township's portion at just over \$454,000. After discussion, a motion to authorize a rebid of the project based on the

engineer's estimate, with the stipulation that the trustees are not required to accept a bid they feel is not in the township's best interest, was made by Glenn Russell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kellie Kapusta. Both trustees voted yes. Advertisement for the rebid will be July 7 and July 14, with bid opening to be scheduled for July 25, 2023.

- Mr. Russell and Mrs. Kapusta both reviewed the draft agreement with The Pines drawn up by our administrator and the prosecutor's office and are happy with it and approve moving forward with signatures.
- After discussion at the last meeting about the orange scooters and cycles owned by SPIN being dropped off in areas of the township, more information was shared. Jenny August was able to obtain 12 drop off locations in Franklin Township that were authorized by the Kent State University Student Wellness Center, with whom the Spin contract is signed. The trustees will ask Jenny August to contact Spin again to determine the geographical borders of the usage area and will ask her to contact those businesses in the township listed as drop offs to see if they are even aware that they are signed up and if they are against having the apparatus picked up and dropped off there.
- Resolution 2023-27 – a resolution to proceed for the November ballot 2.0 mil road levy renewal with updated language as required by the Ohio Revised Code was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kellie Kapusta. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-28 declaring 6554 Crescent Lane a nuisance and providing for abatement was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-29 – declaring 5867 Thorndale a nuisance and providing for abatement was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-30 – declaring 1495 North Blvd. a nuisance and providing for abatement was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Richard Smith asked the trustees if they would like to make any changes to our fireworks regulations as set previously and as follows with the City of Kent regulations and they both stated that they do not wish to make any changes this year.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Kapusta stated that she had been contacted by resident Jason Thigpen regarding people erecting tents adjacent to his property north of the railroad tracks at the old Kent State Golf Course. There have been open burns reported, trash thrown all about and people taking up residence in these tents. He, along with Kent State have been trying to get people to exit as soon as they are seen back there. Also, Ted Freeman contacted Mrs. Kapusta about vacating the ghost road Washington Street. He will be referred to the county which is the first step in the process. Also, Dollar Lake resident Lynn Duffy was given permission to close Elm Road for a neighborhood block party from 4-8pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The fire department and sheriff's department will be notified.

#### FINANCES

- An invoice in the amount of \$1,481.00 will be sent to the resident who authorized the damage done to a township road previously. The invoice is in the amount of costs incurred by Franklin Township to have it repaired.
- Payment of bills, warrants #260902 through 260921, including payment vouchers and totaling \$71,635.28 was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.

At 8:38pm a motion to adjourn was made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_