

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order Fiscal Officer Lisé Russell was excused from the meeting due to illness. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Trustee Scott Swan shared with all present the results of his conversation with Sheriff Doak regarding illicit activity in the Brady Lake area of Westshore Drive after numerous resident complaints about junk, late night disturbances, drug activity, etc. Sheriff Doak wanted to assure the township that more is being done about these situations than can be seen by residents. He asked that Mr. Swan feel free to share his direct number, 330-297-3682, and he will be happy to personally speak to anyone who has concerns and he reminded Mr. Swan that a new administration would be starting January 1, 2021.
- Ms. Wollum – 1349 Parmalee – addressed the board with desire for her church to serve the community in other ways and expressed an interest in establishing a Little Pantry filled with non-perishable items on township property. Ms. Hanna asked why the church would not consider utilizing their own property and she responded that they don't actually have a location. Mr. Swan expressed his opinion that it is a good idea but suggested she contact another place of worship to use their location in partnership.
- Beth Geist – 5724 Powdermill – presents herself as a candidate for the Zoning Commission for Franklin Township. After a brief discussion Ms. Geist's appointment to the Zoning Commission was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Walter Schleper – 4829 Newcomer Road – remains concerned about the developer at the Germaine Reserve sidestepping protocols as they clear land and ready for construction. The county health department was on site. Everyone is concerned about water runoff. The EPA has been called but no response yet. Joe Ciccozzi read an email from the developer aloud that denies the burying of debris or waste. Mr. Swan suggested that Mr. Schleper and other concerned residents of the area share their concerns directly with the developer and that they be in regular contact with Joe Bodnar and other county representatives to make sure protocols are followed and permits are pulled.
- Matt Wagner and Cindy Lukens – 4573 Newcomer – shared their concerns the same as above as relayed by Mr. Schleper and thanked the trustees for looking into the matter. Ms. Hanna asked that Brian Langston call the developer and ask that the road be kept cleaned off and clear; Mr. Swan will do the same.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. The trustees asked Mr. Langston to update a road crew to do list for bad weather days as the cold approaches, asked for an update on the chipper grant, and approved a \$2500 cold patch expense by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, approval was given to proceed with a zoning related software program and tech support that accompanies it at an initial cost of \$10,000 and \$6,000 annually after that by a motion made Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Ciccozzi will make sure that the funds are available in a follow up discussion with the fiscal officer.

FINANCE REPORT

Submitted as written by Lisé Russell and is attached to the official record.

OLD BUSINESS

- A hearing was requested for a liquor permit request at 2108 State Route 59 All three trustees agree and want a hearing.
- Resolution 2020-40 – approving an expense of \$4987.00 for preliminary engineering to add bike lanes to Hudson Road Phase III and preliminary engineering for Hudson Road Phase IV was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Approval was granted to purchase a new laptop as a part of our digital meeting capability upgrade for Richard Smith to use as the fire prevention officer that is compatible with those used by the City of Kent by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:25pm a motion to suspend regular session was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes to suspend and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. At 10:19 pm a motion to re enter regular session was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. A motion to clarify the position of road superintendent held by Brian Langston as an exempt employee, with clearly defined expectations, and issue him 3 weeks of vacation annually through the 16th year of his employment on his hire anniversary July 8th each year and issue him an increase in salary of \$1,000 effective 11/2/20 was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. Ms. Hanna voted yes, Mr. Swan voted yes, Mr. Benjamin voted no. The motion carried.

At 10:25pm a motion to adjourn was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

DATE _____ FISCAL OFFICER _____

CHAIRMAN _____