

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Glenn Russell called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting held December 13, 2022 were approved with three corrections with a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO detective Nick DeSerio provided a printed report listing a breakdown of the 228 calls for service in Franklin Township in the month of December. Some of those calls for assistance were for accidents, alarms, assists to other agencies like the Kent Fire Department, downed trees in the road, criminal trespass and damage, domestic situations, welfare checks and traffic stops.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. In addition, there was discussion about a call Mr. Ciccozzi received about a sign application for a new business located in the Acme Plaza called Flash Vapes. The discussion centered around some of the products that will be available there that mimic controlled substances and whether or not they are regulated – specifically Kratom and Delta products.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Smith reported that in 2022 at total of 5,637 calls for assistance were answered by the City of Kent Fire Department. Of those, 831 were from Franklin Township, accounting for 14 ¾ % of the total calls.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record. Additionally, it was noted that the newest trucked purchased last year and outfitted by Zoresco and finally returned after numerous fixes and repairs is yet AGAIN, back at Zoresco due to malfunctions of hydraulic lines and fittings, tailgate hardware, brackets and other issues. After repairs are completed, the truck will be sent elsewhere to be fitted with a plow. There was discussion regarding pending resurfacing of Sixth Ave./Ohio St. It will be an extensive and expensive project. The trustees have given approval for the county engineer's office to begin the process of preparing and estimate and bid packet for the project, which will not take place until after the completion of Hudson Road this summer/fall – likely in 2024. Also, with a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta and a yes vote from all three trustees' authorization was given to proceed with a repair to the skid steer quoted at \$6,808.60.

OLD BUSINESS

The current copier at the office is outdated and showing signs of age. A quote received from ComDoc, a Xerox based company, was reviewed and the purchase of a new copier priced at \$4,488 was approved with a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. Mrs. Kapusta and Mr. Swan both voted yes. Mr. Russell abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

A list of resolutions was approved as follows:

- Resolution 2023-01 – reappointing Dave Hansford to a five-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals – motion Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-02 – reappointing Beth Geist to a five-year term on the Zoning Commission – motion Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-03 – authorizing the county prosecutor to pursue contempt charges for 5738 Caranor Drive – motion Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-04 – authorizing the county prosecutor to pursue contempt charges for 2272 Hissom Lane – motion Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2023-05 – authorizing an alternative formula as proposed by the Office of the Budget Commission for the distribution of Local Government Funds for a period of ten years – motion Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

Also discussed was a request made by Jeff Coffee, a council member of the Village of Sugar Bush Knolls, for monthly use of town hall for village council meetings. Mr. Swan added that he believes it would be in the best interest of residents in the township and in the village to also discuss a collaborative relationship where sharing services such as leaf pickup, snow plowing, etc. would be beneficial and a show of support. A new liquor permit request was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on behalf of Wild Papaya Thai Cuisine for D2, D3, and D6 permits allowing them to serve and sell wine, low content spirits, and the sale and consumption of high spirits as late as 2:30am on the premises. The trustees unanimously agreed that no hearing request would be needed.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #25981 through 26004, including payment vouchers and totaling \$148,209.32 was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Additionally, the trustees support pursuing possible Ohio Division of Natural Resources grants to assist with installation of pickleball courts and possible lacrosse backstops walls at Phillips Park and Chase Boardwalk replacement over the next few years. PCRPC will assist in the application of these grants. The 2023 NOPEC Community Event Grant of \$1500 is to be awarded by the board of trustees to support a free and open event that benefits the community in some way. In the past, the Kent Lions Club has received this grant to use toward the Sweet Corn Festival. Doing so again is a possibility being considered.

At 8:25pm a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____