

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Lisé Russell and Joe Ciccozzi were excused from the meeting. Minutes from the previous regular meeting were approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill Ave. – relayed the following information on behalf of the Twin Lakes Association and area residents:
 1. The association appreciates the notification of dry hydrant testing done and information that testing shows operation is fine. TLA will begin plowing the private lagoon area this year to make sure access to the dry hydrant located there is provided if needed.
 2. Area residents were appreciative of the job done this year for leaf pickup but expressed confusion over sign verbiage. Many calls were received by residents who thought their leaves would be picked up on Sunday - as stated on posted signs – and thought their homes were skipped. Trustees responded that this occurred in other areas of the township as well and are confident that moving forward residents will become accustomed to realizing that the signs reflect the Sunday of the week pickup begins in that zone. It was good that residents were so ready and had their leaves out to the curb by Sunday. When asked by Dave Akerley if she had any suggestions on how to clarify there really weren't any because the intent was clear but being new signage might have caused the confusion.
- Eric Leichliter – 6772 Hudson Road – asked for more information and a status update on Phase V of Hudson Road. This phase will impact his property. Specifically, he is looking for information of how much road widening will be done, utility pole placement, shoulder/bike lane measurements, etc. The trustees did not have this information on hand to give him. His contact information was taken down and Mr. Swan stated that he would contact the engineer's office to get information and see that Mr. Leichliter receives it. It will also be put on the website. The township should also consider notifying area affected residents by letter.
- Chief Bill Myers of the Kent Fire Department informed the trustees that dry hydrant testing is in progress and that thus far all is functioning and well.

ZONING REPORT

Written and submitted by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. Inspections continue; Pebblebrook Estates has taken care of their sprinkler/alarm issues; Meadowview Plaza has one remaining sprinkler issue to address and a new company has been hired to oversee the operations; a meeting took place with the county building department, representatives of the fire department, and representatives (the architect) of the Burnt Pickle to discuss what changes or modifications would need done to the establishment to change its designation from mercantile to assembly for occupancy. The architect noted all information received from the participants and indicated he would relay all the information received. Also, preliminary plans for the new development going in at the former location of the Kent State golf course and drawings sent from the fire department to the building department. The first submission did not provide for an adequate turning radius for the ladder truck in a few locations.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record. Of note, the chipper has been returned after repair and is running like new. Also, the motrim broke down and the repair is an estimated \$7,000. A design flaw that makes it impossible for our crew to grease the main bearing is being looked into by the repair vendor to see if they can install a grease relieve valve which will extend the use and life of the motrim. There was also discussion about a new hot water tank for the shop – one large enough to accommodate equipment washing and rinsing. Mr. Akerley will seek quotes on a larger model. A new generator, larger than the one currently used, is also being considered. These purchases will be made with NOPEC grant money. Also, the old pump house located on the parcel adjacent to the garage and previously leased by the county parks department will provide storage for some of the township’s smaller equipment. Utilities are in the process of being switched over to Franklin Township’s name.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion will resume regarding the establishment of a JEDD on State Route 43 heading north. Mr. Swan will reconnect with area resident Randy Nye on the research into types of JEDDs and what would be in the best interest of the township for that area. Resident Keith Benjamin – 6206 Sixth Ave – volunteered to participate in any way needed in this process, as he is experienced in this area. The trustees noted his offer and thanked him for his willingness to help.

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion to paint the interior of town hall was briefly discussed. No decision was made. More information will be shared at a later date.

FINANCES

- Resolution 2022-35 – a resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #25930 through 25940, including payment vouchers and totaling \$56,378.84 was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:42pm a motion to adjourn was made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____