

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Portage County Sheriff Department was contacted to announce the resuming of regularly attended township meeting tonight. No representative was present. Mr. Swan will be in contact with them to make sure extra patrols scheduled cover late night hours as well as daytime and evening hours.
- David Ludick – 6432 Westshore Drive – is concerned about the unsafe condition of a part of Merrill Road near Erie Street. The location is on a turn and causing drivers to veer into the oncoming lane to miss potholes and creating a traffic hazard. Mr. Langston will have the road crew take a look at the area and see what necessary repairs can be made at this time. These roads, and others, are slated for paving when funding and time allow.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, after further discussion it was determined that with the purchase of a new water cooler at the garage the system for attaining water jugs that is already in place is sufficient and will remain so. Also, a status update on the excavation of an area near the old spillway at Lake Brady was discussed. The intended contractor to perform the excavation is insured and it will take place after Mr. Langston pulls necessary maps verifying easement access. It was noted that Bowers Landscaping was contracted to mow properties in current violation of the zoning codes for grass height.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record.

1. **Resolution 2020-24** – authorizing a special assessment on the parcel located at 2253 Crescent Lane was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
2. **Resolution 2020-25** – authorizing a special assessment of the property located at 6568 Crescent Lane was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
3. **Resolution 2020-26** – establishing a zoning fees list was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Technology update – the consensus on the board is that the ability to live stream and meet virtually so that all interested parties are able to participate at the level they intend is a necessity. Mr. Hornyak's proposal is sufficient to meet the township's needs. Zoning Commission Chairwoman Mary Organ addressed the trustees with what occurred at the zoning hearing two weeks ago and stressed the need for either live streaming/virtual meeting capacity or moving hearings to an outside location that would accommodate more public attendees in a safer and distanced setting. The pavilion at Phillip[s] Park was suggested.
- Mr. Benjamin drew attention to the May fire and ems call list and noted that there were four calls to Whispering Pines and four calls to Kent Village Apartments – areas becoming frequent flyer call spots.

NEW BUSINESS

- A letter requesting consideration of a street light placement on Cherry Hollow Lane was received from Lidia Touraji. After discussion about what has been past practice in the township it was decided that the township only places street lights at intersections. Lighting at other locations should be provided by residents if they desire more light. Scott Swan made a motion to erect a NO OUTLET sign at Cherry Hollow Lane and Sixth Ave. to deter drivers from turning onto Cherry Hollow thus increasing traffic on the cul-de-sac; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ms. Hanna received a call from resident Tom Adolph regarding the lake level and expressed concern about not allowing the level to drop lower than it was in the 70’s.
- Mr. Ciccozzi asked the board if they had any direction or feeling about regulating docks on Lake Brady. The consensus was that the board is not interested in regulating docks and will continue to encourage property owners surrounding the lake to form an association.

FINANCES

- Resolution 2020-27 authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Local Corona Virus Relief Fund in the amount of \$53,663.58 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants # 25017 through 25033, including payment vouchers and totaling \$24,634.81 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes

Mr. Swan expressed the Board’s thanks to Mary Organ for taking temperatures for all entering the building tonight and to Ms. Hanna for taking notes in the absence of the fiscal officer. At 8:15pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____