

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. In accordance with state mandated public gathering limits of ten persons in a meeting Tim Benner, Richard Smith and Joe Ciccozzi were all excused from the meeting. In attendance were Scott Swan, Keith Benjamin, Anna Hanna, Lisé Russell, Ken Penix, and Brian Langston. Minutes from both the regular meeting and public hearing held March 10, 2020 were approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. All department heads submitted reports. Social distancing measures were adhered to and sanitizing products made available to all present.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Resolution 2020-15 authorizing the civil prosecution of [REDACTED], owner of the property located at [REDACTED] for a junk yard violation was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. This authorization will take effect within the ten day period mandatory waiting period after the above mentioned is issued a ten day letter from the prosecutor's office advising him/her of said violation.

#### FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner/Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. Additionally, the board discussed open burns within the township and will ask all township residents to refrain from open burning while this stay at home order is in place, thus aligning the request made by the Kent Fire Department's request for city residents. The township website will be updated to reflect our position that open burns should not take place as the smoke is a possible respiratory irritant to many and windows are open in many homes.

#### ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally Mr. Benjamin inquired about the status of playground mulch at the three township park playgrounds, the status of the grant being sought for a new chipper, and hiring a company to spray for weeds/poison ivy at the parks. In response Mr. Langston stated he will seek out and contact someone about spraying at the parks, get mulch onto the playground surfaces and that the new chipper grant application process is currently on hold due to the shutdown orders from the governor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization for the ordering of 1200 tons of salt through ODOT was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
2. Indefinite suspension of zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals public hearings was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
3. A 2020 per call rate of \$1,393.00 for the Kent Fire Department was authorized by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
4. Resolution 2020-14 authorizing the acceptance of statements of qualifications from professional engineering firms for a Brady Lake Overflow System was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

5. The next regular meeting, scheduled for April 28, 2020, was canceled for the purpose of limiting exposure to groups for all residents and officials and encourage people to stay home by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. The same procedures used in tonight's meeting will be in place for the May12, 2020 meeting. No more than ten people in attendance, sanitizing products will be made available and social distancing practices will be adhered to. Any resident with concerns, questions, or comments is encouraged to share such information with officials by means of the township website at <https://www.franklintownshipohio.org> or by contacting town hall between the hours of 1-4pm Monday through Friday at 330-673-2194 or by calling the maintenance garage at 330-673-6222.
6. Contracting JD Striping, Inc. to line stripe fifteen miles of township roads at a cost of \$14,873 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. The township road department will supplement the job by painting Brady Lake area roads and stop bars throughout the township.
7. Keith Benjamin broached the topic of installing solar panels at the township maintenance garage in an effort to save money and be more energy efficient. Grant opportunities are being looked into.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ann Hanna shared a list of residents who contacted her: Marilyn Sessions is water retention concerns in her yard and neighborhood, Jill Grimm asked about clarification of open burns in the township and a Brady Lake Road resident notified Ms. Hanna about a break in that took place in his neighborhood.

**FINANCES**

Fiscal Officer Lisé Russell informed the board that the 2021 Tax Budget is in the first stages of being made. She asked that the board and road superintendent spend the next few weeks formulating ideas for where they want to see the township finances focused for next year and two years after that. Payment of bills, warrants #24899 through 24959, including payment vouchers and totaling \$109,059.29 since the last meeting was authorized by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:05pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_