

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Vice Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Trustee Ann Hanna was excused. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Curtis Rhoads – 1303 Windy Hill Drive – addressed the trustees with a proposal to plant a tree in remembrance of a township resident who lived on Basswood. A group of friends want to plant a tree at the park and mark it with a plaque or marker of some kind. The board approves the gesture and thinks it is a good idea. Mr. Rhoads will be in contact with Brian Langston to meet at the site to determine a good place to plant it and will notify the township when the planting will take place.
2. Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. – reported to the road superintendent that there is a drain at Lakeview/Leonard that the lid blows off of during hard rains and the pipe needs unplugged; a drain along Washington is breaking up the asphalt and needs repaired.
3. Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. – thanks to Keith Benjamin, Joe Ciccozzi, and former zoning inspector Sam Abell for their diligence in pursuing the Amos property into an acceptable resolution.
4. Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill Ave – appreciative of Brian Langston’s response to a water issue at 6314 Westlake that turned out to be a county issue. Also, she stated that the Twin Lakes Association conducted an online survey of its residents about any concerns they have or priorities and the results showed that many answers fell under the jurisdiction of the township and it will be suggested that those residents contact the township or attend meetings to discuss concerns.
5. Jeff Kegg - 7561 Westlake – following up on the status of an agreement being reached between the Parkside Events catering center and the township for use of an empty township owned parcel across the street from the center for over flow parking if needed. The agreement is being drawn up by Brett Bencze.

#### ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record.

#### FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Ciccozzi was asked to contact Davey Tree about the mess construction vehicles are making on Hudson Road as they enter and exit.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Chimney repair – two quotes were received for repair of the leaning/crumbling chimney on town hall; Young Construction and Currow Construction LLC. Each submitted a price to rebuild and to demo then rebuild. After consideration a motion to hire Young Construction to demo and rebuild the chimney at a cost of \$11,450 was made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.
2. A new phone system installation at the township was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
3. Continued talks regarding a new contract with the City of Kent fire department and establishing regulations for the lake in Brady Lake were tabled until all three trustees are present to discuss.
4. The township has been notified that it will be reimbursed a sum of \$102,620.16 in fees for leaf pickup for 2020.

#### NEW BUSINESS

It was decided that a replacement sign located at Walnut/Diagonal will be made and installed by the road department.

FINANCES

1. Resolution 2021-03 amending 2012 legislation (Resolution 2012-32) to reflect the following change – the township will contact all commercial property owners when fire/ems runs to their properties reach seven in a calendar year to notify them that calls are increasing and any calls in excess of ten in a calendar year will be the financial responsibility of the commercial property owner. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.
2. Payment of bills, warrants #25302 through 25323 including payment vouchers and totaling \$120,067.07 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

At 8:16pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

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

Chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_