

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Trustee Keith Benjamin and Road Superintendent Brian Langston were excused from the meeting. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Ann Hann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No representative from the Portage County Sheriff's Office was in attendance. Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill Avenue – addressed the trustees to share information about the contractor, JETDOCK Systems, Inc., chosen by the Twin Lakes Association for the installation of new docks. The township is considering having a long fishing dock installed at Brady Lake. Mr. Swan and Ms. Hanna thanked Ms. Grimm for the information. Additionally, Joe Ciccozzi informed the board that Events at Parkside owner, Ron Wiggins, has expressed an interest in an arrangement of some kind with the trustees that would allow the event center to use the township owned parcel across the street from them for overflow parking if needed.

#### Road Report

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

#### ZONING REPORT

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

#### FIRE REPORT

Richard Smith discussed with the board his intent to begin meet and greets with township businesses and hand deliver letters announcing that inspections will resume, rather than mail out letters as discussed previously. A meet and greet approach seems more open and effective. He will also begin updating a business listing/owner database for the township.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A five-year contract with ABC Landscaping for leaf pickup has been signed, with extensions for 2026 and 2027 prices fixed. Also, a potential Eagle Scout project extending wheelchair access to the Phillips Park pavilion from its current paved walkway will likely be presented in late February or early March. Finally, Scott Swan stated for the record that talks with the Kent Fire Department should remain active to settle on terms for a new contract.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Scott Swan shared information he came across about a Snow Plowing for Seniors program he read about in Twinsburg. He will further investigate how the program is funded, who participates and other information to see if it is something Franklin Township could consider implementing.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Hanna received notification from NOPEC that the township has been awarded a grant for energy improvements in the township in the amount of \$14,702.00,

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #25220 through 25264, including payment vouchers and totaling \$58,628.62 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

At 7:56pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

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

Chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_

