

Franklin Township Trustees
Thursday, May 30, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Minutes from the meetings held May 14, 2019 and May 21, 2019 were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Major Larry Limbert – PCSO at 8240 Infirmary Road – addressed all in attendance about the incident occurring at 1935 East Main Street two weekends ago, at the Arize event facility. In summary, many calls came into the department that there were multiple shots fired at the establishment. Two patrol cars were on the scene within minutes to find 250-300 people in the parking lot, entering their cars and beginning to scatter. At least twenty spent shell casings were recovered as was at least one live round. Upon further investigation bullets were recovered from as far away as the TOKO Japanese Food restaurant. The ammunition recovered reveal at least four different calibers so multiple weapons were fired. There are no reported injuries. Three 17 year old males have been apprehended, with weapons confiscated. Tests are pending. The case is still under investigation and information is very slow coming forth. One hired security guard was present on site when law enforcement arrived. The department was thanked for the professionalism and work in the township during this incident.
- Lt. Witkoski – PCSO at 8240 Infirmary Road – reported the following patrol activity in the township this month: 4 accidents, 13 alarm drops, 7 squad assists, 10 disorderly conducts, 4 thefts, 9 premises checks, 6 suspicious persons, 14 suspicious vehicles, 12 welfare checks, and 72 traffic stops.
- Tom Clapper – 5699 Powdermill Road – addressed the board asking that trustees take a very proactive approach with developers interested in the KSU owned property formerly the golf course. Mr. Clapper wants the township to engage in community forums and discussion about what they would like to see the property utilized for and feels strongly that now is the time to address the issue. He remarked that senior housing might be the most needed type of development and mentioned sidewalks, bike paths and lighting level discussions in the very early stages of these discussions. The trustees will draft a letter to the university presidents, both outgoing and incoming, and other university officials involved to ask that Kent State work in conjunction with the township on the future development of property that is in the township.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Ann Hanna asked Mr. Abell and Mr. Ciccozzi to take a look at a high grass situation at 2355 Brady Lake Road.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted to the board by Keith Benjamin with the help of the road department crew and is attached to the official record. A list of jobs completed and in progress presented includes mowing, salt fill up, park cleanup and trash pickup, road sign work, equipment quotes and pricing information gathering, shop cleanup, and work on a safety list. Additionally, Lisé Russell asked that areas of concern expressed by residents be looked at – specifically the Kaschak property at the corner of Gemberling and Hudson Road and the slope of the property that inhibits mowing and the triangle located at the Y on Stewart and Gemberling. Mr. Benjamin and Ben Mathie of the road crew stated the areas would be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Resolution 2019-14** authorizing an agreement with the Portage County Solid Waste District for the collection of recyclable materials in Franklin Township was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- **Resolution 2019-16** approving the collective bargaining tentative agreement with the Freight Workers, Dockworkers, and Helpers Local Union #24 (pending their ratification of said agreement) was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- The next scheduled regular meeting will be canceled due to a lack of quorum present. Cancellation of the meeting was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- **Resolution 2019-15** declaring 7153 Hudson Road a nuisance and provide for abatement (referencing removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris) was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Interviews for a new road superintendent have concluded and a candidate selected. By a motion made by Keith Benjamin and a 2nd by Ann Hanna, an offer will be made to Brian Langston. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Hanna reported that the Portage County Land Bank Reutilization department has issued their latest report and will be made available at the township office for anyone wanting to read a copy.

FINANCES

Fiscal Officer Lisé Russell reported that a budget hearing will be held prior to the June 25, 2019 meeting for adoption of the 2020 Tax Budget. Then bills were presented for payment, warrants #24549 through 24583 and totaling \$105,163.83 since our last meeting. Approval of payment was authorized by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:03pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____