

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, October 13, 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 Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Marilyn Knights – 6498 Westshore Drive – shared concerns about renewed activity at the location across the street from her home, late night disturbances resulting in calling the sheriff's office for assistance and loose dogs in her yard. Also, grates on the west side of the road are full of gravel and dirt and in need of cleaning out.
- Carol Dorscher – 6508 Westshore Drive – addressed the same concerns raised above by Ms. Knights. Properties owned by Mr. Hansen are in need of serious attention – trash, junk piling up, disturbances, etc. Joe Ciccozzi responded that Mr. Hansen has been cited repeatedly for such violations. The township is doing what it is legally authorized to do.
- Matt McMullen – 2090 Brady Lake Road – reiterated the concerns addressed by the above residents, specifically Mr. Akers, the tenant living in the Hansen property above.
- John Dorscher – 6508 Westshore – questioned the validity of a safety/health concern for neighbors with the buildup of trash. Discussion followed about the Zoning Resolution requirement for what constitutes a trash violation.
- Corey Rhinehart – 2090 Brady Lake Road – expressed the same concerns about the Hansen properties – trash and junk piling up, drug activity, rats on the property, etc. All of the above residents are concerned that they are not receiving enough supportive response from the Portage County Sheriff Department and are asking that the township enforce as much as possible the zoning violations that are compiling. All three trustees assured these residents that they are aware of the situation, the process is frustratingly slow, the township is following its due course as provided by the Ohio Revised Code, and Mr. Swan will personally contact the sheriff's department to convey their concerns. Mr. Benjamin suggested that anyone with concerns about the enforcement of laws regarding drug activity should contact the sheriff candidates on the ballot and ask for their stand on the issue and what plans they have to alleviate the situation. Mr. Swan thanked Joe Ciccozzi for his continued diligence.
- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill – Thanks to the township road crew for the dirt and grass seeding done at Knoll Circle; the woodchips taken to the trails up through the area; and questioned whether or not the township was aware of the sale of Myers property located at the northern most parcel along ST RT 43 to Ryan Homes. The township is not aware of any such sale.
- Mr. McMullen also added that he is interested in any updates on the spillway. It is to be addressed later in the meeting.

#### **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 report. Additionally, Resolution 2020-37 seeking approval for civil prosecution against Eric and Belinda Hansen at 6468 Westshore Drive for a junkyard violation was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

**ROAD REPORT**

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, all expenses requested by Mr. Langston on his current report were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. Trustees also approved moving forward with excavation and repair of the old spillway at Lake Brady with a quote of just of \$66,000 for the expense.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Leaf pickup signs are made and posted.
- Moving forward with Support Fire, with a quote of \$27,890, for the technology upgrade facilitating digital meeting capability was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Liquor permit transfer requests at the Overlook Grille and Tavern at Twin Lakes were received and no hearing is requested for either.
- 2021 membership to the Tinker’s Creek Watershed Partnership was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. The cost is \$1,000.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Ms. Hanna was contacted by Jill and Kevin Amosh of Shaker Heights inquiring about any possible Eagle Scout projects that need done in the township. She will respond with the suggestion of paving the grassy area that stands between the paved walkway and the pavilion at Phillips Park.
- A thank you letter was received from Coleman Professional Services for the \$1,00 donation made by the township to repair a sidewalk in front the their building used by many residents/pedestrians.

**FINANCES**

- Resolution 2020-38 accepting the Amounts and Rates as certified by the Budget Commission was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #25098 through 25120 and totaling \$119,580.39 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:40pm regular session was suspended to enter executive session in order to discuss personnel and compensation by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:55 a motion to reenter regular session was made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. Scott Swan made a motion to hire Michael Jones, a current seasonal part time employee, as a full time road crew employee effective 11/2/20 at a starting rate of \$15.41 per hour as specified in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 10-02pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Office \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_