

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Glenn Russell called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO Detective Nick DeSerio provided statistics on calls for service within Franklin Township in January; a total of 204 calls were answered, varying from welfare checks, assists to other agencies, suspicious persons and vehicles, 911 calls, assaults, traffic stops, premises checks and others. Additionally, Glenn Russell expressed his gratitude to Det. DeSerio for taking him on a ride-along the week preceding.
- Keith Benjamin – 6206 Sixth Ave. – expressed gratitude for the upcoming schedule resurfacing of Sixth Ave.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. Additionally, he noted that tenants at the Burnt Pickle have expressed that they will seek assembly designation and are willing to make all necessary modifications to the structure to comply with those guidelines.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to official record. Additionally, the growing burn pile near Ravenna Road was discussed. Det. DeSerio noted that a call to Portage County Solid Waste might be in order due to public dumping guidelines. Mr. Ciccozzi will follow up and issue citations where necessary.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is attached to the official record. Additionally, RESOLUTION 2023-12, a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to allow the Portage County Engineer's office to enter into a Road User Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) with American Transmissions Systems, Inc. for work being done using Powdermill Road as a haul route in Franklin Township, passed by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Detect Alarms and Vector Security have provided quotes for the installation of security cameras at the garage and at town hall as well as monitoring services. Mr. Akerley is still waiting Gilmore Security to provide the same.
- RESOLUTION 2023-11 –authorizing Hudson Road Phase III final design engineering proposal and prepayment to the PC Engineer's office was approved by a motion make by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. This provides for the widening of the completed portion of the road to add a bike lane on one side and will be a 100% local share project.

NEW BUSINESS

- RESOLUTION 2023-07 - a resolution authorizing the township administrator to file for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant to provide funding for pickleball courts (and the possibility of a lacrosse wall) at Phillips Park
- RESOLUTION 2023-08 – authorizing all action necessary to accept NOPEC’s 2023 Energized Community \$1500 grant which will be awarded to the Portage County Developmental Disabilities Board was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.
- RESOLUTION 2023-09 - authorizing all action necessary to accept NOPEC’s 2023 Energized Community grants for energy related projects and improvements in the township was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Swan received a call from John McNeil, co-tenant at the Burnt Pickle, regarding concerns he has about some problems between the owner of the property and his co-tenants. Mr. Swan stated that he informed Mr. McNeil that if he puts his concerns in writing that collectively the trustees would be happy to hear his concerns. He also recommended that issues between the owner and lessees be worked out between themselves.
- Mrs. Kapusta received an email from a Pines resident questioning leaf pickup assessments. Upon investigating, Ms. August was able to determine through ABC Landscaping records, that leaves from the Pines area have been picked up. Some clarification is needed in determining whether or not there is an easement getting back to the Pines and who owns the road as well.
- Jill Grimm expressed gratitude from TLA to Richard Smith and Dave Akerley for their prompt response to resident issues involving water issues on Woodway and open burns.

FINANCES

- RESOLUTION 2023-10 – a resolution of necessity for placing a 2.0 renewal road levy on the November ballot was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #26010 through 26019, including payment vouchers and totaling \$118,725.54 was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- A JEDD financial update was given by Lisé Russell showing trends over the last five years. Revenue has fallen approximately 17% since 2019 and can be attributed to the decrease in income tax collected at Schneller, the closure of North Coast Medical Academy, and closure of some other smaller businesses.

At 7:55pm a motion to suspend regular session and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation of a public employee (ORC section 121.22) was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes. At 8:25pm a motion was made to resume regular session by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes. At 8:26pm a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____