

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
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 Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Fiscal Officer Lisé Russell was excused from the meeting due to another commitment and Road Superintendent Dave Akerley due to illness.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard Street – received a call from Brady Lake area resident Chuck Hall notifying him that some residents have gotten together with a shared interest of reviving Captain Brady Day. They are in the early stages of discussing possible fundraising options and when it might happen. Scott Swan encouraged Mr. Lehman to advise the group to form a committee and when plans are solidified, they should attend a meeting and present their plans to the board. This could prove to be an opportunity to develop a Lake Brady Association for the lake as well.
- Scott Swan shared that he has received numerous comments from residents about the quality of our road crew's work during snow and ice events so far this season.

ROAD REPORT – No report this meeting due to Mr. Akerley's excused absence this week.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is on file at township hall as part of the official record. Additionally, Resolution 2024-34 declaring 6426 Lakeview a nuisance and providing for an abatement was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. All three trustees voted yes.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is on file at the township hall as part of the official record. Additionally, the warning siren to be located at Phillips Park is being built and will be installed when completed. Status update on the installation of AED's at Phillips Park and at Brady Lake Park, where sport type activities take place and the Ohio legislature is now requiring them, is ongoing. Electricity needs to be installed and cases that will serve to protect the units are being investigated.

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution 2024-33 – rescinding previous resolution 2024-32 appointing Scott Swan to the Kent/Franklin JEDD board as the Franklin Township representative for the term commencing 1/1/2025 and ending 12/31/28 and selecting Lisé Russell to instead serve, as Mr. Swan's term limits have expired, was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Authorization for Jenny August to apply for a grant through the Office of Budget and Management for the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Grant to be used on behalf of the Portage Board of DD at Brady Lake Park was granted by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes. This is not a matching funds grant and there will be no cost to the township.
- Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners membership is up for renewal at an annual cost of \$1500. After discussion, the trustees decided to invite a member of the group to attend a January meeting to further explain what membership services will be available to Franklin Township upon joining.

FINANCES

- Resolution 2024-35 approving Appropriations for the 2025 year was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2024-36 authorizing the transfer of \$113,125.00 from the JEDD Fund to the Fire Fund for the payment of fire and ems service charges was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #26460 through 26479, including payment vouchers and totaling \$425,736.23 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

At 7:41pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____