

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairperson Kellie Kapusta called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous regular meeting were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan 2nd Glenn Russell. Mr. Russell – yes. Mr. Swan – yes. Mrs. Kapusta – yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO Detective Nick DeSerio reported statistics for calls answered in the month of January, including but not limited to calls for theft, premises checks, suspicious persons, assists to the rescue squads, alarm drops, juvenile complaints, traffic stops, and welfare checks. The total calls for assistance answered in Franklin Township for January were 277.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted by Dave Akerley and is on file at town hall as part of the official record. Additionally, when discussing the condition of township roads in need of patching and resurfacing, Mr. Russell noted that he is noticing the same thing in surrounding communities when driving, not just Franklin Township. It was also noted that the Judson Road bridge will remain closed until further notice due to repairs being more extensive than originally expected.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Joe Ciccozzi and is on file at the township office as part of the official record. Additionally, Mr. Ciccozzi informed the trustees that it has been discovered that there are cars parked on a vacant lot owned by Franklin Township off of Court Street. The trustees have asked Mr. Ciccozzi to investigate further.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is on file at town hall as part of the official record. Additionally, Mr. Smith has been informed that the newly ordered warning siren for Phillips Park is being shipped and is scheduled to arrive in Kent soon. B&C Communications will get it scheduled for installation when it arrives.

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution 2025-02 – authorizing Franklin Township to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Kent for design and project costs associated with the Hudson Road repaving project located in Franklin Township and the City of Kent was approved by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. Mr. Russell – yes. Mr. Swan – yes. Mrs. Kapusta – yes.
- Mr. Ciccozzi reported that he approached Zoning Commission member Greg Huck and invited him to be the Portage County Regional Planning Commission alternate for Franklin Township (whose job will be to attend monthly PCRPC meetings in the event Mr. Ciccozzi is unable to attend). Mr. Huck has accepted and was approved as the alternate by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. Mr. Russell – yes. Mr. Swan – yes. Mrs. Kapusta – yes.
- Mr. Swan reported a follow up on a previously discussed topic of possible blinking lights at the intersection of Ferguson Road and Ravenna Road. He has received communication from Mike Collins at the county engineer's office who has put in a work order for traffic/accident studies to be reviewed and the office will notify Mr. Swan when a determination is made.

NEW BUSINESS

Two land parcels adjacent to the Franklin Township maintenance garage that were deeded to the Portage County Commissioners back in the 1970's (to be used as part of the Brady Lake Water Treatment Plant project) are to be deeded back to Franklin Township ownership as per an agreement dated the same. Lisé Russell will contact the commissioner's office to facilitate that transaction.

FINANCES

- A report was submitted by Lisé Russell and is on file at town hall as part of the official record.
- Resolution 2025-03 authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from the JEDD Fund to the Fire Fund for the purpose of paying for contracted fire and ems services was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Glenn Russell. Mr. Russell – yes. Mr. Swan – yes. Mrs. Kapusta – yes.
- Payment of bills – warrants #26511 through 26523, including payment vouchers and totaling \$144,162.70 since the last meeting was approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2nd Scott Swan. Mr. Russell – yes. Mr. Swan – yes. Mrs. Kapusta – yes.

At 7:34pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Glenn Russell; 2nd Scott Swan. Mr. Russell – yes. Mr. Swan – yes. Mrs. Kapusta – yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairperson _____