



City of Kent
Special Joint Meeting with Franklin
Township Trustees
319 S. Water Street, Kent, Ohio 44240
May 7, 2025

MINUTES

At 6:45pm, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Special Joint Meeting with Franklin Township Trustees to order.

Present: Mr. Jeff Clapper; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Chris Hook; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; Mr. Robin Turner; Ms. Kellie Kapusta; Mr. Glenn Russell; Mr. Scott Swan

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Mr. Nick Cecil, IT Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Bridget Susel; Community Development Director; Ms. Dominique Bollenbacher, Community Outreach Coordinator; Ms. Melanie Baker; Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Mr. Jamie Samels, Fire Chief; Ms. Kathy Coleman, Clerk of Council

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO SRC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion to appoint Jeff Clapper to the Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees was made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by voice vote 11-0-0.

DRAFT 2025-033 A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFF CLAPPER, A CITY OF KENT COUNCIL MEMBER, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend three readings of Draft 2025-033 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by roll call vote 11-0-0.

Motion to adopt Draft 2025-033 was made by Ms. Shaffer Bish, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by roll call vote 11-0-0.

Joint resolution 2025-033 passed.

TAX RATE SET AT .60 MILS FOR STANDING ROCK CEMETERY

DRAFT 2025-034 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.34 DETERMINING THAT THE RATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED UPON ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF SAID MUNICIPALITY AND SAID TOWNSHIP FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2025 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .60 MILS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .60 MILS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend three readings of Draft 2025-034 was made by Mr. Sidoti, seconded by Ms. Rosenberg, and carried by roll call vote, 11-0-0.

Motion to adopt Draft 2025-034 was made by Mr. Clapper, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by roll call vote, 11-0-0.

Joint resolution 2025-034 passed.

COST OF LIVING INCREASES/HOURLY WAGE RATES

DRAFT 2025-035 A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

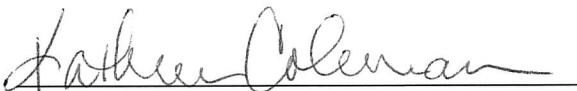
Motion to suspend three readings of Draft 2025-035 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. Sidoti, and carried by roll call vote, 11-0-0.

Motion to adopt Draft 2025-035 was made by Ms. Rosenberg, seconded by Mr. DeLeone, and carried by roll call vote, 11-0-1.

Joint resolution 2025-035 passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.



Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council



Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council