



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF KENT ■ 320 S. DEPEYSTER STREET ■ KENT, OHIO 44240 ■ 330-678-8007

## ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

May 5, 2021 7:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. WELCOME/ROLL CALL (*Mayor Fiala*)
2. JOINT APPOINTMENT TO STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A FRANKLIN TWP. TRUSTEE FOR THE TERM OF 1/1/2022- 12/31/2024.
3. AUTHORIZATION OF DRAFT No.'s
4. LEGISLATION
  - 4.1 **Draft No. 2021-042:** 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 2020 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .70 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .70 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Unauthorized)
  - 4.2 **Draft No. 2021-043** A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_, A MEMBER OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Unauthorized)
  - 4.3 **Draft No. 2021-044-:** A JOINT RESOLUTION GRANTING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RAISES TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Unauthorized)
5. ADJOURNMENT

*Posted: April 28, 2021*

Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

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# CITY OF KENT, OHIO

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CITY COUNCIL

We rely heavily upon citizen participation through Boards, Commissions and Committees to effectively assist City Council and the Administration staff in planning a better community.

Below is an application form that would give us a little background information. Please fill this out if you think you could devote sufficient time to serve on one of our Boards. You may use additional pages, if necessary. If you have a resume, you may attach it to the application. Please return to: Clerk of Council at [councilclerk@kent-ohio.org](mailto:councilclerk@kent-ohio.org) or mail to the address at the bottom of this application.

NAME: LEO A LUX PHONE: 330-673-0247 (HOME)

ADDRESS: 859 STONEWATER DR KENT 330-352-9433 (CELL)

EMAIL: la.luxjr@yahoo.com

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

OCCUPATION: RETIRED

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: GENERAL ELECTRIC CO

POLITICAL PARTY: DEMOCRAT

(OPTIONAL EXCEPT WHEN APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW WHERE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY LAW)

EXPERIENCE RELATED TO THIS APPOINTMENT: I AM TRUSTEE FOR STANDING

ROCK CEMETERY

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THIS APPOINTMENT? SO I CAN DO SOMETHING FOR

MY COMMUNITY

ANYTHING YOU CARE TO ADD, SUCH AS EXPERIENCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY:

GRADUATE OF KENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY 2016 - WORKED ON CAMPAIGN

I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR: FOR NEW POLICE STATION

1<sup>st</sup> CHOICE: TRUSTEE - STANDING ROCK 2<sup>nd</sup> CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: Leo A Lux DATE: APRIL 12 2021

\*\*\* The City of Kent reserves the right to perform background checks.

STANDING ROCK CEMETERY  
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5/5/2021

Kent City Council

Franklin Township Trustees

Re: Millage increase to .70 mills

\*We have not raised our rates since 2013. Our prices are competitive in the current market.

\*Interments have stayed steady; however, we have more cremation burials which bring in less income than full burials.

\*Pioneer & Green cemeteries are maintained by SRC with no income generated.

\*Cemetery infrastructure:

Roads are in need of more repair than spot fixes

Water line issues need to be addressed, patching is only a temporary fix

\*Trees are aging, they require extensive trimming, removal, stump grinding, replacement & the safety of employees and visitors are a concern.

\*Vehicle/Equipment replacement Our vehicles and equipment are impeccably maintained however at some point replacement is the only option.

\*Our wages are at the average median or lower than in our business (Labor Statistics) In the last 2 years we have had difficulty finding and keeping seasonal labor because of the low wages. We would like to be able offer competitive wages for our seasonal employees as well as our full-time employees.

Standing Rock Cemetery Trustees have implemented as many cost saving measures as possible and we feel it is imperative to the continued success of the cemetery to increase support for cemetery operating & maintenance.

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April 8, 2021

Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council  
City of Kent  
320 S. Depeyster Street  
Main Fire Station  
Kent, OH 44240

Dear Amy:

The joint meeting of Kent City Council and Franklin Township Trustees should be scheduled for May 5, 2021. The agenda follows:

1. To set the tax rate for support of the Cemetery at .70 mills.
2. Appoint an At-Large Trustee to complete the term 1/1/2022-12/31/2024
3. Approve the following cost of living increases-hourly wage rates effective June 1, 2021

Class III

Roger Donell: Increase from \$24.00/hr to \$26/hr effective 6/1/2021

Roger Donell, Jr.: Increase from \$17.65/hr to \$19.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Class II

Robert Katzenmeyer: Increase from \$12.35/hr to \$15.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Class I

Steve Atkinson: Increase from \$11.50/hr to \$15.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Jean Chrest (Clerk-treasurer): Increase from \$18.40/hr to \$20.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Admin Assistant Increase from \$10.00/hr to \$15.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Temporary: Returning—

Increase from \$9.50/hr to \$11.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Increase New Hires from \$8.70/hr to \$9.00/hr effective 1/1/2021

Increase \$9.00/hr to \$11.00/hr effective 6/1/2021

Sincerely,

Jean Chrest, SRC Clerk

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 042

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 2021 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS FIXED IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO .70 MILLS FOR THE CITY OF KENT AND .70 MILLS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 759.34, the rate of taxes to be levied for cemetery purposes for the tax year 2021 shall be and hereby is fixed in an amount equal to .70 mills for the City of Kent, and .70 mills for Franklin Township.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council shall send a certified copy of this Joint Resolution to the Auditor of Portage County that the necessary levy be made and collected according to law.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Joint Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Motion to adopt this Joint Resolution made by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Amrhein	_____	Mr. Sidoti	_____
Mr. DeLeone	_____	Mr. Turner	_____
Mr. Ferrara	_____	Ms. Wallach	_____
Mr. Kuhar	_____	Ms. Hanna	_____
Ms. Rosenberg	_____	Mr. Benjamin	_____
Ms. Shaffer	_____	Mr. Swan	_____

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 043

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_, A MEMBER OF KENT CITY COUNCIL, TO THE STANDING ROCK CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 759.36, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That \_\_\_\_\_, a member of Kent City Council, is appointed to the Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. That the appointment provided for in Section 1 above is made in accordance with the authority contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 759.36.

SECTION 3. That any ordinance or resolution in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Joint Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Motion to adopt this Joint Resolution made by: \_\_\_\_\_
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Amrhein \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Sidoti \_\_\_\_\_
Mr. DeLeone \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Turner \_\_\_\_\_
Mr. Ferrara \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Wallach \_\_\_\_\_
Mr. Kuhar \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Hanna \_\_\_\_\_
Ms. Rosenberg \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_
Ms. Shaffer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Swan \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DRAFT JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 044**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio and the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Ohio, meeting jointly, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the salary and hourly pay rates of the Standing Rock Cemetery is as set forth below:

**HOURLY RATES - EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022**

<b>CLASS III</b>	<b>\$26.00/HR</b>
<b>REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS III</b>	<b>\$19.00/HR</b>
<b>REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS II</b>	<b>\$15.00/HR</b>
<b>REGULAR FULL-TIME CLASS I</b>	<b>\$15.00/HR</b>
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	<b>\$20.00/HR</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>	<b>\$15.00/HR</b>
<b>TEMPORARY (Returning)</b>	<b>\$11.00/HR</b>
<b>NEW HIRES (Effective 1/1/2021)</b>	<b>\$11.00/HR</b>

**SECTION 2.** That any resolution or part thereof in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Joint Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 4.** That this Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

Motion to adopt this Joint Resolution made by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Roll call vote as follows:*

Mr. Amrhein \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLeone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ferrara \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kuhar \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Rosenberg \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Shaffer \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Sidoti \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Turner \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Wallach \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Hanna \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Swan \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Wiklens  
Clerk of Council



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(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL