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SPEAKERS

James (24%), John (20%), Steve (16%), Nicholas (14%), Angela, (8%), Ralph (6%), Jim (5%), Mike (2%), Chip (2%), Deputy (1%), Robyn (1%), Jan, (<1%), Joyce, (<1%), Chief F (<1%), Chief P (<1%), Group (<1%)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:00

I will call a meeting for the Franklin township Board of Trustees open, February 10, at 6pm. At this time, I would like to call the stand and I will lead us in prayer. Our Heavenly Father, we thank You, Lord, we thank you for the day and the sunshine that you've given us, Lord, we just asked you to come and be in the midst of this meeting and give us trustees, the wisdom to make the decisions for the township that you want to have put in place. And Lord, we asked you to be with the department heads in the firefighters. And also, the officers are out tonight patrolling in the name of Jesus. Amen. Chief Arnold, will you lead us in the pledge?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:43

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the united states of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

James Leezer, Trustee 01:06

Nick, will you give us a Roll call?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:09

Yeah, absolutely. Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:11

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:11

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:12

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:12

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:12

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:13

Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:16

minutes, do you have an update. I know. I know the last meeting we had talked about and made a motion to extend you to February but so the public knows where we're at and where we're headed.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:28

Absolutely. So, with that said, we are still continuing to work. On the minutes we've been using a new transcriber service Nicole's been doing a great job getting them all transcribed for us. I know I've sent some of the meeting minutes off to the board for review. And they're currently in discussion with that. A little bit of a different format. But because we have fallen behind, we were trying to find other ways to help catch us up because we've had a lot of work on the fiscal side, unless, unless he wants to work 12 to 16-hour days, it's just hard to get everything typed out the way that you're used to seeing. So, but again, everything is transcribed word for word. The board is actively reviewing them. And I have some more than I'll be sending them early next week. And I believe that should actually get us through the last meeting that we just had. So, Nicole's got everything set up and transcribed to that point.

James Leezer, Trustee 02:18

Thank you with on notion of minutes, I would like to ask him if she has done this before. Now. If you're in the audience, or department head, please keep sidebar talk to a minimum because anything you say is picked up on the recording, whether you think you're whispering it comes through on the recording and it then becomes public record whether you want it to be public record or not. The recording is public record and anyone's anyone can hear that. And it also makes Robyn and Nicole's job difficult of typing them out and having to decide to who speaks. And along with saying that as we're recording. If you do have a question for department head, please raise your hand and wait to be identified and then simply state your name. So that that goes into the public record also, with that being said, it looks like we have some old business of paying some bills. Yeah, we got funny. None of us like to do that. But we have to unfortunately,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 03:20

so, got motion here for bills and payroll should be the very first stage after the attended therefore, you guys can follow along, be resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the board approves Accounts Payable from January 28, 2022-February 10, 2022 in the amount of \$88,845.09. Payroll paid on February 1, 2022 for \$8,970.74. And for payroll paid on February 4, 2022 for \$155,885.17. For an overall grand total of \$246,701.00. From check number 67449-67532 and electronic vouchers from 162-2022 through 239-2022

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:11

A question, can I see yours because some of my numbers if they ended up the same but I thought when I was following along some of them was not Yep, they were. Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:23

Okay.

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:24

Thank you.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:24

Yep.

James Leezer, Trustee 04:25

I will make a motion to pay the bills and payroll as written.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 04:32

I'll second

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:33

Roll call on this one, Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 04:35

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:35

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 04:36

yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:36

John

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:37

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:37

Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 04:40

All right. Chief Smith?

Chief Smith, Police 04:46

we don't have anything

James Leezer, Trustee 04:53

any trustees have any questions? No

Chief Smith, Police 04:57

Deputy Hamilton is here

James Leezer, Trustee 04:58

Yeah, Deputy Hamilton Do you have anything for us?

Deputy Chuck Hamilton, FCSO 05:01

Just really quick, I put some safe driving pamphlets out there for winter driving. Every quarter we do these pamphlets on different things from OPI, or whatever. So, I put some of those out there for everybody to have. And then we're starting back up our Citizens Academy in April and it'll run until June, and it's a lot less than, what we done before was a lot of PowerPoint, a lot of power points was out. There could be a lot more hands on the bureau's gonna even have a crime scene that people can work that go through the Citizens Academy.

James Leezer, Trustee 05:30

If, if you if I may, if you haven't gone through Franklin County's Citizens Academy. I personally would highly recommend you to take the time. It's like three hours a week, two to three hours a week, depending on the night. Yeah, depending on the night and it's very informative to see what our see what the deputies and along with our officers are going through on the streets. It gives you just enough to sometimes scare the daylights out of you. I think the one of the worst jobs would be a traffic stop.

Deputy Chuck Hamilton, FCSO 06:04

Sign up online. Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 06:07

Thank you so much. Chief Arnold.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 06:12

What's this? Just really quick, Bob, what this is, Chairman is we had presented chief Arnold's updated MOU at the last trustee meeting for some reason it got forgot. So, we're going to present it again. Just you have a chance to view it and approve it. If you have anything to add, please pledge all rights reserved for questions.

James Leezer, Trustee 06:40

From my understanding on the MOU that we we talked we did talk about I do remember that but we failed to move on. So

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:48

in this has been through legal Is that correct? Okay.

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:54

Yeah, we talked about Jimmy and Mine. Yeah. So, there's not a resolution on the books since my assistant chiefs back in November.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 07:08

Just for the record, there is no monetary changes, correct?

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:11

No, no. No changes to the contract

James Leezer, Trustee 07:15

All right. I will make a resolution that the Board of Trustees adopts the MOU for fire chief Arnold.

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:24

(as stated)

James Leezer, Trustee 07:27

As stated here, and accordance with the

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:32

(ORC)

James Leezer, Trustee 07:33

ORC this will be retroactive back to January 18, 22.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 07:41

Okay, then I would second

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 07:44

Okay, Roll call and resolution 2022 -022. Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 07:49

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 07:49

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 07:50

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 07:50

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:51

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 07:52

Thanks.

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:52

(you need to sign that and pass it around)

James Leezer, Trustee 07:56

Anyone have any questions for Chief Arnold? Okay, thank you, chief.

Chief Arnold, Fire 08:05

Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 08:08

Go ahead.

John Fleshman, Trustee 08:09

No, I just, I thought I thought you were handing me

James Leezer, Trustee 08:11

No, I'm slow.

John Fleshman, Trustee 08:14

Is Ralph sign it to

James Leezer, Trustee 08:15

Ralph hasn't signed it yet

John Fleshman, Trustee 08:16

Well, here we signed this one. And then are you sign that doesn't matter just has to be one zero one

James Leezer, Trustee 08:25

Okay, moving on down the line. Mr. Steven road department looks like we have the same issue with you that we went over your your MOU but we we we are

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 08:42

what, our what the issue is with the MOU that we got Is we, through Julie with our legal

James Leezer, Trustee 08:50

Yes,

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 08:51

I was recommended that since we've had a couple, I guess changes to the MOU. We've got multiple resolutions out there by what Julie was saying was just to combine everything into one and just have the one resolution so we would actually be read the one the resolution 2021-182 and just giving it a new resolution

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:11

just so the board is clear where there is a resolution to rescind two prior resolutions and then there's a new one accepting the correct MOU right behind it.

James Leezer, Trustee 09:22

Okay,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:22

okay, so there will be two resolutions to move on with this one.

James Leezer, Trustee 09:28

Okay,

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 09:29

legal just thought it would be a good idea to combine

Steve Mazer, Administrator 09:32

and we had updates from verbiage that was reviewed. And so that's one of the main reasons for the rescinding of the 182 and 013.

James Leezer, Trustee 09:44

You know, I for one will be so happy when we get the policies and procedures for these departments set up. So, we don't have to do these MOU's. But that being said, I will make a resolution to rescind resolution 2021-182 And also rescind resolution 2022-013 addressing the previous MOU for Jim Stevens.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 10:14

Steve, do you have the top bit?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 10:16

That's all of them

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 10:17

with all the signatures, you got them?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 10:18

The first two

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:22

Ralph you want to sign yours and send it this way?

James Leezer, Trustee 10:24

yep, signing mine

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:25

So again, this is resolution 22-026 to rescind the prior two resolutions. Leezer made, Ralph seconded. Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 10:34

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:35

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 10:35

yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:36

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:36

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:37

Thank you. Now the next resolution is for the corrected one with the right verbiage.

James Leezer, Trustee 10:42

Alright. Um, wanting to make sure. That rescinded that. Moving on to the resolution with the corrected verbiage. This is the one that you, that was just sent out.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 11:10

is this 027?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 11:12

027 is accepting the new one.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 11:15

Yes

James Leezer, Trustee 11:15

Okay. I will make a resolution to accept the as written the new MOU for road superintendent Jim Stevens.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:26

Second.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 11:26

This should settle everything.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:28

That's resolution of 2022-027 Roll call Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 11:32

Yeah,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 11:32

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:33

Yeah, John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 11:34

yeah

James Leezer, Trustee 11:34

thank you. Okay, if it doesn't, Jim. We're not doing this again until next year ha-ha.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 11:47

I got a couple other things we need to kind of talk about one thing that we spoke about a couple meetings about the roofing conditions that we've got on our building. Five Star roofing was a company that come in and 2011 and redid all the roofs on the flat roofs and Rubber Roofing and everything on buildings. That warranty has expired. And now we're starting to get major water leaks. I actually had another situation in a firehouse today where one of the firemen was sitting in the kitchen area, and felt a drip. And then next thing you know he has a ceiling tile landing on him.

James Leezer, Trustee 12:24

That's not good.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 12:25

No, we've got water leaks actually in this hallway. In this firehouse, we have water leaks on the other firehouse. so, I have a company coming in Monday morning at nine o'clock summit roofing who was actually referred to me because they're good with the Flat roofs and rubber roofs. So hopefully I can get something put together. But that's something that we're probably gonna have to move on. kind of quickly, whenever we do get our quotes and bids in, but it's in bad shape.

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:50

Have you checked with Trio? I know they do Roofing too

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 12:54

No, I can. I can reach out to them. I know this is um, I'll be more than happy to

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:59

it may it may or may not be something that they

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 13:02

Yeah. I can because,

James Leezer, Trustee 13:03

is this, Yeah, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 13:06

I'll get multiple quotes on it. Okay, just having we're having a hard time. I don't know if it's just because everybody's busy getting phone calls back. So, I spoke with somebody again today, and they're gonna send somebody out here one day. See what they have to say

James Leezer, Trustee 13:20

you answered my question.

John Fleshman, Trustee 13:21

Jim, if I may, with you know, because a lot of times it's when you find a leak, it's been leaking a lot longer. And I'm afraid of what is underneath when it's going to have to be replaced and stuff like that. That's kind of hidden.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 13:38

Refer back to 2009-2010. When the buildings were actually assessed, we had issues then when they went through the assessment, what they found was buildings themselves. The problem with rubber roofs and flat roofs, it could be leaking here, but was starting way over there. So, I do other kinds of roofing type from the old-style shingles, I don't really know a lot more about the rubber roofing

John Fleshman, Trustee 14:10

I just worried about how much damage is unseen.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 14:14

I know they've got a major issue going on with the firehouse up on Sullivant Ave. We're chasing our tail, we get up there we try to patch what we think is the problem. What we're seeing. We're getting roofing material and doing that the rubberized roofing but then starts leaking somewhere else. We're chasing our tail. I think its time now we have somebody else come in

James Leezer, Trustee 14:36

is it this firehouse and the other one or just this one?

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 14:39

This firehouse the other firehouse.

John Fleshman, Trustee 14:44

So, this building and Sullivant building.

James Leezer, Trustee 14:48

I would. Well Jim still up here, I would like to tell him thank you as a resident and as a trustee, your road crew is fantastic. I think I shared this with you. I'm grateful for the road department doing the plowing because not a lot of people know this. It would fall on trustees. Without without you guys and we thank you. I do. I'm sure the rest of the trustees. I don't want to be after 36 hours.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 15:24

That was a rough night. Long Night

James Leezer, Trustee 15:25

Yeah. Two days. Two whole days. Yeah. So

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 15:29

I appreciated you coming on ride with me. Four and a half, five hours. Kept me awake.

James Leezer, Trustee 15:35

I'll do it again.

John Fleshman, Trustee 15:37

So, Mr. Chairman, if I may. Yeah. Mr. Stevens, have we given you a motion to seek help? Did you need that motion? Or should we, for the roofs?

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 15:52

No, you guys need to make a motion to do well, you know what, I'm not really sure. I think maybe a couple meetings back,

John Fleshman, Trustee 15:58

I thought we did.

James Leezer, Trustee 15:59

I think you guys already

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 16:00

I already started making phone calls, so we had to of.

James Leezer, Trustee 16:01

Right? Yeah, we have. There's a motion back. I think it was in December.

John Fleshman, Trustee 16:04

I just want to make sure that we stay compliant.

James Leezer, Trustee 16:08

Yeah.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 16:11

The only other thing I have today, I received in an email from Cornell Robertson's office is our 2021 ODOT road mileage certificate. This is something I need to have signatures on so I can get back to Mr. Mullinax. In 2021, we had a total of 34.235 miles in the township

John Fleshman, Trustee 16:31

How many

James Leezer, Trustee 16:32

34.235, 34.2. So, I need to have signatures and there's a special spot for the chair and then the rest of the way down.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 16:50

And that's road miles, okay.

James Leezer, Trustee 17:04

Anyone have any questions for Mr. Stevens? Yes.

Mike Blevins, Resident 17:09

I wanted to ask you. You remember, the metal plate was set on Ransburg an ODOT you couldn't do anything about it because it was ODOT,

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 17:20

Down at the end of the road

Mike Blevins, Resident 17:20

So, I need to know where does ODOT end and township begin, I understand you're not on potholes yet, but we have a major problem there. And so, where how much footage? Do I start making phone calls to ODOT? Do I need to let you know, what do I need to do?

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 17:38

I'll go out and mark the right away for you, show you exactly what ODOT's, find out exactly what the right way is along Harrisburg pike.

Mike Blevins, Resident 17:44

The problem is people are cutting through T-Mobile and they're going to get somebody there. Because you don't realize that that person is coming. They don't want to go in the bottle. So, they're coming in through T Mobile and then you've got and it's just a mess. It's just a mess.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 18:00

We spoke with Mr. Timmons who used to work with us and went back to ODOT, explained that situation to him. Because that's actually his route during the winter and my route in the winter, and I hit those pot holes

Mike Blevins, Resident 18:12

just so everybody knows, this is not a complaint

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 18:15

No, No I'll go and I'll get with them and figure out exactly what their right away is.

Mike Blevins, Resident 18:19

I appreciate it. I really do.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 18:20

And then if it's in ODOT, I'll make sure you got a contact.

Mike Blevins, Resident 18:24

well, yeah, and I got that other one, been able to help. I don't know. Adam Miller Scott, I don't know if he still can help or not. He's given me a number that seemed to help a lot.

James Leezer, Trustee 18:40

Nothing else. Mr. Stevens. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Stevens.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 18:45

Are you're not doing this today.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 18:48

What is that? Oh, I'll take it. is that the resolutions for the? yeah sorry.

James Leezer, Trustee 19:01

While we're on the road department I can't say enough for these guys. 36-37 hours. Without well they they took a couple breaks in their trucks and slept. I believe, I believe that we owe them more than that. And I would like to make a motion for Jim to explore some cots getting some prices on some cots that we can set up in here. Or we can get get the guys warm. And then get a couple hours of sleep and you can rotate people in and out, I would like to make a motion for that

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 19:48

I appreciate that.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 19:51

Oh, yeah, absolutely.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 19:53

is that a second Ralph? Okay, Roll call in this motion, Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 19:57

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 19:58

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 19:58

Oh, yeah,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 19:59

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 19:59

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 20:00

thank you. Thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:02

Those would set up well, I guess if you're, down like where your office in the building.

James Leezer, Trustee 20:10

with the heat that's in that building we could set up in there. You know, I mean, granted it will never be used unless we have another, it seems like every year we're having one of these, last year, we were on 24 hours.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:22

We had talked about this some, the trustees had

James Leezer, Trustee 20:26

Well, the nice thing. Sorry Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:28

Sure. And when you saw it, it was a great idea, I appreciate that, and I'm sure the guys will too.

James Leezer, Trustee 20:32

The nice thing about the Cots are, the nice thing about the cots are is if we do have a natural natural disaster, or someone that needs emergency shelter, we can use them as as a township and let people use them here or in the building. So, let's let the guys know. We appreciate them. Thank you. And moving on to myself. I have said enough for the night. Mr. Fleshman?

John Fleshman, Trustee 20:37

Yes, in our first meeting of the year. We forgot to mention, we have to pass a resolution every year for the elected officials pay state when it's going to be okay. So, we need to make a resolution stating that our pay obviously is on the first of every month by the ORC We needed to state this at the beginning of every year. So, I'm sure we can do it now.

James Leezer, Trustee 21:27

You want to make that resolution?

John Fleshman, Trustee 21:29

I'd like to make a resolution number

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 21:32

be 2022 Dash 029

John Fleshman, Trustee 21:35

that the elected officials John Fleshman. Jim Leezer, Ralph Horn, and Nick Dunn pay would be 12 equal pays on the first of every month. If there's no further discussion, I would ask for a second.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 21:51

Second.

James Leezer, Trustee 21:54

Roll call please.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 21:54

Yeppers, you got it, Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 21:55

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 21:57

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 21:58

Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 21:58

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 21:59

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 21:59

Thank you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:00

And this would be a we would retro this back to as of January was it? Well, what was our meeting in January? 13, Okay,

James Leezer, Trustee 22:14

housekeeping stuff. Mr. Fleshman you have anything else for us?

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:18

I do not, does Mr. Horn?

James Leezer, Trustee 22:19

Yes. Mr. Horn, you have anything for us?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:21

No, nothing new really, I just want to say, let everybody kind of keep their attention on the audit. It's always on my mind, and I think we're gonna be coming up, Probably pretty soon. Have you talked, have you talked to the auditors lately, Chief?

Chief Smith, Police 22:48

Not in the last week or so.

James Leezer, Trustee 22:50

I had a meeting with them this week

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:52

Do ya, okay, didn't know that.

James Leezer, Trustee 22:53

We're not coming up fast. Yeah. It's not, it's an it's a slow steady process. Fiscal Department. Nick, do you have anything for Mr. Dunn I should say

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 23:07

I've got a few things before I get started here. I did send out to the board today an updated letter of arrangement from the state auditor it is in your group of things. Okay, the original fee estimate. And then the amendment number one that was made after excuse me after I was appointed. That told 55,000 You guys have signed off on last time. There is now an amended letter here, breaking down some additional fees. And the total cost is there as well. Again, this is not something that I have any control over. This is as they continue along here.

John Fleshman, Trustee 23:47

So, this is not, this is the total but we've already had the other total,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 23:52

right. Yep. So, it's the original fee estimate is one Mary was here. Okay, amendment number one started after I was appointed. And now the revised fee estimate takes into effect the additional amount of the 41,000 that's there. And this is for this is for the auditors to continue their work based on what is found here. Now if the board wants to take some time and read this and pass it at another meeting, that's fine, but I was asked to present this to you as soon as possible and I just got this today.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 24:24

I think everybody take a look at that and everyone can see why. Every time I see those guys when I walk in here, I mean, I just know its money out the door and now my understanding is including the \$55,000, We've already paid them that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 24:43

Yes, and the board needs to understand that too. Okay. We have been paying them. Okay, this is what they estimate. Once everything is done. This is what the township will have paid.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 24:54

Okay. Because has this accrued, this \$96

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 24:58

is as of today. Well, that's Not at that's not what we've paid as of today. Okay. That is the, that is the well, right around there, yes. This is the revised estimate, by the time they're done and I do not have a timeline.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:13

Okay.

John Fleshman, Trustee 25:17

That's just updated didn't have to be voted on.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 25:22

You guys don't want to pass this today. That's fine. If you guys do pass it, then I'll sign it and return.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:28

Well, I'm gonna have to pass it sometimes

James Leezer, Trustee 25:30

we have. I mean, I say we pass it today. I'll make that. Does that need to be a resolution?

John Fleshman, Trustee 25:36

yes

James Leezer, Trustee 25:37

I'll make a resolution to pay and accept the amendment number two engagement letter from the state auditor. Office dated February 10.

John Fleshman, Trustee 25:48

This is the updated version.

James Leezer, Trustee 25:50

Yes. This is updated current version of 96,309. with us paying roughly 55 Already,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 26:00

somewhere in that, if I that's what I understand. Okay, that'll be resolution 2022-030. Was there a second? Was that I'm sorry, Ralph. What was up?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:18

Yeah,

James Leezer, Trustee 26:19

that a second?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:20

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 26:20

Okay. All right. Roll call in this, Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 26:24

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 26:24

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:25

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 26:25

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 26:26

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 26:26

Thank you. Okay, and then moving on to

James Leezer, Trustee 26:32

Yeah, yeah, I think it's Nicks, I'll sign it, Yeah, I'll take care of it. I'll make sure that's sent out tonight before I leave. Next thing I have is supplemental appropriations. This is for number three. An update on this for you. Pretty much this one is for the fire department had gotten a couple of small grants, one for training, and one for a couple new radios. Is that right? Okay. The next thing on there is for American rescue plan, we are starting to dive into this. And this will also include for yourself, we're going to go in appropriate just 5000 For now, this will take care of anything from our legal side as they're reading things of what we can do. And also, when they're talking with Jeff about what different things that we can work on there. Okay. And then for the police side, this is a yearly training, if I'm correct on that, Chief Smith, you guys have a yearly training?

Chief Smith, Police 27:27

Yes.

James Leezer, Trustee 27:27

And you guys have gotten a check in for him or half of that. Okay. So, we created a special fund for this to the tune of about \$5,000 or \$5,091. And that is for just their yearly training that the Ohio Attorney General's office. It's not, it's required, and they'll cover 50% of it. So, I put together a list of all the officer's hourly rates and what they make, sent that to them, and they sent us back 50% of what the overall training cost will be good. I will make a resolution to as written

Ralph Horn, Trustee 28:05

Second

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:07

Okay, and this will be for supplemental appropriation. Number three, the Roll call on this one, Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 28:13

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:13

Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 28:14

yeah.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:14

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 28:15

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:16

Thank you. And then the last thing that I have is for resolution approving obligations authorized by the township administrator. This dates back from January 18 2022 to February 7 20.2. I believe this was

missed in the last meeting. So, the total amount of purchase orders that the township administrator has obligated totals \$144,670.59 There is an exhibit on the back of this

James Leezer, Trustee 28:46

I will I will make a resolution as written here.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 29:01

Yeah. That's the that's the total for for this. Yeah. Administrative usage

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 29:12

Yes. This is what Steve has authorized. Okay. Okay. So, roll call and this will be resolution 2022-028 Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 29:20

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 29:21

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 29:22

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 29:22

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:23

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 29:23

Thank you. And that's all I have. I do ask that the, let me write this in here really quick that the board signs the supplemental appropriation just so that we are staying within budgetary compliance, we can get this sent off right away to the county so we can get an amended certificate back and with us here as soon as possible. And with that said, that's all that I have to report. Oh, I'm sorry. I do have one more thing. I did have a discussion today with revolution group regarding our survey and there is a transcription here, if the board would like to take a copy of it home, I can make one if you want. Those of you who remember, some of you in the public may remember as well, we had a hard drive crash on our own server in the room. There's a lot about data things in there. Yeah. So, Jeff and I and Robyn will have to discuss budgetary part of it. But right now, the initial estimate for new server environment, this would potentially also include getting our emails migrated to a .GOV. That would also help the police department some of the things that they're required to have a.gov email address for but just in general right now, the estimate is about \$20,000, for new server environments. And again, this would also help keep us secure from ransomware, viruses and other issues. But again, we need to look at what's out there for appropriations. I'll talk with Jeff and Robyn more on this next week. And hopefully, by the next meeting, we'll have a little bit better of a plan in place. But I wanted the board to be made aware that

this is going to need to be taken care of. And that does not say have to all be done at once. But the new server itself, if the board elects to go, there's a couple of different routes we can go. We can go cloud based. And Nicole is taking some more notes on some of that stuff, too. But her and I had a nice conversation today with them. Steve and, Chief Arnold, we're downtown. So, we took care of that today just to kind of get some initial conversations going. So, are there any questions from the board? At least initially?

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:30

So, what's the, is it cheaper if we go cloud based versus an actual server?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 31:34

In theory, Yes, it would be but again, this is totally up to what the board would like to do

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:39

and would have more protection? Or would we by being on site be better on protection,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 31:44

there's protection on either way. But if you if there's there's a couple different options, and basically, we're looking between 10 and \$20,000, not to exceed 20,000. But again, for the appropriation and budgetary side, I need to speak with Robyn and Jeff and see where what we need to do to to shake things out and make things budgetary, you know, in good standing before I present any kind of resolutions or any other ideas to the board. Yep.

James Leezer, Trustee 32:08

Let's you and I and Steve group up on that, too.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:11

Okay. We can do that.

Mike Blevins, Resident 32:14

We can do that.

James Leezer, Trustee 32:15

Thank you, Mr. Dunn. Administrator, Mr. Mazer?

Mike Blevins, Resident 32:20

Jim, am I able to ask you a question

James Leezer, Trustee 32:23

Oh, yeah, yeah.

Mike Blevins, Resident 32:25

So, the last time two weeks ago, you weren't allowed to speak, but we didn't know if it was legal. But what we did hear you say was for the police levy, that it I'm not sure I got the right, Right. But

homestead or something like that, that Jeff had told you? That that would go away. And I was surprised to see that. There's nothing on the agenda about that today. So, I'd like to know if you could bring us up to date on the under You understand my question?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:54

Yes, I do. So, the what was talked about last meeting, was the homestead rollback nursing, there's there's two different things, okay. When when citizens in the township go past a certain age, they're eligible for rollbacks on their overall property tax. Okay. What the state has been doing is on some of these loads that from what I understand, they've been giving us some of that back. Now, the residents are not going in talking with Jeff, and I'm gonna also confirm this with the county before I give a 100% Final answer. But my understanding is that the homestead rollback for the residents that are past a certain age, and they're eligible for those decent amounts of credits, that's not going away. What the state gives us back is going away. If if this new levy passing, and it's not it's not it's not a huge amount. But you know, obviously, every little bit helps. But, again, before I give the 100%, final on that I need to get a final clarification from the county. Okay. So, but I am working on that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 33:52

And then, sir, to explain what we did find out about as far as your position and being able to be on Zoom, because I don't want to be presumptions that I we can't do

James Leezer, Trustee 34:04

you, I can do that. I reached out to the Ohio trustee Association, and also our attorneys that Nick can be on Zoom and call in. Nick does not have to be here. He only has to be here One meeting per quarter. So yeah, we can have him like we were perfectly in order to have him on the phone answering answering questions for us.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:32

I think that's the same that applies to trustees as well.

James Leezer, Trustee 34:36

No, we have to be here.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:39

What they say the declarative or if you're allowed.

James Leezer, Trustee 34:47

You can only miss three meetings in a row.

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:51

Yes. Then you become absence to your chair. Yeah, yeah. And it was better to be saved cautious to go on the cautious side because And of course is that I've taken and sat through. We definitely as trustees can't do that. So, I wanted to make sure and then I also wanted to make sure everyone knew since they are here, what we actually found out that it is okay. Nick is under a different set of rules than what the trustees are.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 35:24

Okay, and I'll say that is all I have, the board have any more questions for me? Anybody in the audience have any questions for me? Okay, well, that's all I have.

James Leezer, Trustee 35:37

Mr. Mazer your up

Steve Mazer, Administrator 35:39

Thank you, Mr. chairman. The first thing I like, I'd like to talk to the board making a motion to talk about a new business venture that we have at 727 Harrisburg pike. Presently, it's a service and repair shop. The new owner, who's been in a building about six months, we'd like to renovate the building, refurbish it upgraded, and not only maintain it as a service and repair shop, but also auto sales. His only hurdles going to be if he can get the zoning to have the auto sales as part of his business. But he's looking to redo the building and do some landscaping and just clean the property up. But again, I just wanted to make the board aware that we have somebody interested in that property, but there's still a major hurdle that the owners can have to overcome with zoning and permitting.

James Leezer, Trustee 36:40

So, you need a motion to?

John Fleshman, Trustee 36:43

I'd like to do a discussion on this.

James Leezer, Trustee 36:45

Okay. Let's, if we look at if we look in the area, and that we're inundated with seems like every corner is many cars you can stack on for having these Buy Here Pay Here lots. We have the one beside ding, the old Ding Ho's, that never in compliance or like usually utilizing the edge of the road to put some. And there also even overflow putting it in the pep boys parking lot. With no tags, no nothing. Nothing against this gentleman's character or anything of that nature for wanting to open something up. But what I would ask the board is, how many more cars lots are we going to have? are a bit, pay by Here Pay Here Is there going to need going up and down through there? What better use for this property could there be because once we set this in motion, it's set forever? Because then yes, he may have good intentions, but what happens if he sells it and goes to someone else? So, we have to look at the longevity, the long future of what the townships going to be and what is the best land use for this area? What's it being used for now?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 38:03

Well,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 38:03

it's it's just auto repair,

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:07

So, they want to take the parking lot to park cars for sale.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 38:11

and continue the auto repair business

Ralph Horn, Trustee 38:13

when the guidelines on that said on that rules, zoning board, and I think is due to come up next month for hearing downtown.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 38:25

This particular company, Ralph? this particular company

Ralph Horn, Trustee 38:29

I think so. The zoning board they cancelled, of course the weather was terrible. So, they cancel February's meeting downtown which I'm glad they did. So I think that's one of the items is supposed to be on next month's meeting down there. But what basically Jim, you got the Southwest area commission, the zoning and everything vote was why we do have a zoning I guess what you call it is a guide that worked on that area commission and for 12 years I actually so what've they got is anything new that comes into the Southwest area. There is goes over the southwest area guidelines, that's a pamphlet, has gone through and been approved by all the boards trustee, county commissioners and everything. So there is a I don't even know if we have a copy of the Southwest area guidelines lines here or not Jim, did you ever see one of them here? We used to have a couple of years.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 39:57

I haven't seen it ever been updated.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:00

Okay, I'll see if I can get us uh, because it been 10-12 years since the southwest area commission that went into effect.

James Leezer, Trustee 40:12

So, at this time, I would like to Table Table any motion or any activity on the 727

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:17

due to the outcome of southwestern city, southwestern board votes on

Steve Mazer, Administrator 40:26

the southwest area commissions

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:29

do based upon the outcome of the verdict form, because there's really nothing that we can speak on until we see what they say.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 40:37

I understand

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:40

just helped me okay

James Leezer, Trustee 40:44

All right. COVID Policy.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 40:51

The first resolution is resolution 2022-023, it's rescinding resolution, the previous resolution of 2021-219. It was it was a policy temporary policy put in place by the board to continue to benefit for our part time and temporary employees. And then what we did is we have updated the policy and it will eventually become what could have actually become part of the handbook, which will extend the the COVID policy basically indefinitely at this time. The new policy is new resolution is 2022-024. But first as I said, we need to resend resolution 2021 -219. And again, the board approves to rescind the following resolution exhibit a pertain to COVID Leave. Excuse me policy, a new resolution is being introduced. For the board's approval.

James Leezer, Trustee 42:07

I will make a resolution to rescind resolution two one sorry 2021-219 as written. Sorry.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:18

Okay, Roll call 2022-023.

James Leezer, Trustee 42:21

Jim. Yeah,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:23

Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 42:23

yeah,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:23

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 42:24

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:24

thank you.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 42:27

And then again, Chairman resolution 2022-024 is revised COVID-19. temporary relief policy replacing resolution number 2021-219. Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the board approves reinstates revisions that previously expired COVID-19 temporary leave policy, which is resolution 2021-209 for full time and part time staff. And it's accompanied by exhibited

James Leezer, Trustee 43:04

I'll make a resolution to accept the revised temporary policy replacing a COVID policy replacing the 2021-219, There's too many twos in that.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:24

I think I second that, ha

James Leezer, Trustee 43:27

that this is our new policy now for COVID. Yeah, okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:31

I Roll call 2022-024, Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 43:36

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:36

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:37

Yeah,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:37

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 43:38

Yes.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:38

Thank you. Is that the five days like?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:41

Yes, the majority is following the CDC guidelines, which we all know change regularly.

James Leezer, Trustee 43:51

Just so what I would like to make a statement, we It looks like we just we passing these resolutions without reading them. They have been all emailed to us. For the sake of time. We've read them earlier,

but just want to be upfront with you and let you know that we are reading on this not blindly throwing stuff by it and

Ralph Horn, Trustee 44:10

Well, that COVID thing. Basically, it's just downsized,

James Leezer, Trustee 44:15

I'm over it.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 44:18

that started off with 14 days, and then they cut down their little bits down to five and that was a reason for the change on that basically.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 44:30

The next thing I have chairman is actually the resolution but there's some wording Jim and I talked to him Stevens and I talked it's regarding the purchase of a mini excavator and a trailer. And apparently, there's already been a resolution authorizing Jim to pursue options to purchase the excavator and the trailer. So, the resolution actually needs revised, and Maybe nick or Robyn,

John Fleshman, Trustee 45:03

Rescind it and new one?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 45:06

I don't have the only thing I have here is just resolution, to review options. I don't recall,

John Fleshman, Trustee 45:11

thought we made a motion that he would be able to seek to get it. There was never a resolution for the backhoe and etc.

James Leezer, Trustee 45:19

It was a motion

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 45:19

It was a motion during the

James Leezer, Trustee 45:21

December. Yes.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 45:23

I mean,

John Fleshman, Trustee 45:23

so, what we would do is if we're accepting or we are looking to purchase that, then we would go to a resolution right now.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 45:34

Right. And that's where this resolution would be corrected. As I worded it, it was to review options regarding the purchase of one new mini excavator and one new trailer. Okay, we have to go into contract.

James Leezer, Trustee 45:50

Yeah, this will need to be

Steve Mazer, Administrator 45:51

approved to enter your contract,

John Fleshman, Trustee 45:53

correct?

James Leezer, Trustee 45:53

Yes.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 45:54

So, the wording on this resolution would have to be updated?

James Leezer, Trustee 45:56

Yes. Correct

Ralph Horn, Trustee 45:57

pricing, too. I think

James Leezer, Trustee 45:59

we've we've had we've gotten the pricing in house now for a couple months now. We've taken it through Fiscal.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 46:12

This was budgeted.

James Leezer, Trustee 46:14

Yeah, just so that. I remember. It was in the budget meeting that you guys talked about it because I sat through that

John Fleshman, Trustee 46:19

so, we still can pass this based upon the wording of it. So, if you were to Yeah, standard viewers to read it. And if the chairman then says so moved, then we would go to a vote. Yeah. Okay.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 46:32

Okay, so this is to not go into contract. This is just to review options. I just want to make sure that you understood that. Sure. Well, it's resolution 2022-021 approve road superintendent to review options for the purchase of mini excavator with trailer for the road department, be resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Frank to county Ohio that the board approves to authorize road superintendent to review options regarding the purchase of one new mini excavator in the amount of 70,444.52. And one new trailer in the amount of \$12,100. Upon the completion of this review, all options will be presented to the board.

James Leezer, Trustee 46:34

But we've already reviewed the options,

John Fleshman, Trustee 47:18

This is the contract

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 47:26

Okay, because what Steve read was to review options. I'm just trying to get it clear. So, you need to re-read that

John Fleshman, Trustee 47:33

Enter into contract so if we, change, so if we scratch it out, read it again, just put it into it to engage to enter into a contract right versus to review,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 47:44

right. So, it would be resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the board approves to authorize a road superintendent to enter into a purchasing contract of one new mini excavator in the amount of \$70,444.52. and one new trailer in the amount of \$12,100. Upon completion of this review, all options will be presented to the board. Which should really, we don't even need that last statement.

James Leezer, Trustee 48:25

I don't think, no. I will move on that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 48:32

Alright, let's see resolution 2022-021 Roll call on this one. Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 48:36

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 48:37

Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 48:37

yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 48:38

And John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 48:38

Yes. And Ralph, if you want to send, sign that and send it this way. You got yours.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 48:47

The resolution needs to be re-written yeah yeah, my fault. That's right.

James Leezer, Trustee 48:51

Do you have anything else for us?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 48:54

Yes. A motion to discuss the trash and recycling Consortium. I know. Board members requested that. I look into that I had a meeting this morning with the attorney representing SWACO regarding the consortium. And it seems that the township was a member of the consortium as late as 2019. But since that time, the township has not. So, the consortium is relegated to having one contract with one company. And you're probably all aware that one company is local waste. I know a lot; a lot of the folks have seen their monthly rates increase. Being that the township is not in a consortium. I have a letter from residents that they're their recycling alone went up about \$8.50. What I was told was the township has an option to rejoin the consortium. And again, to repeat myself, their contractors local waste, but to remember number of stipulations that the township would have to fulfill before we would be considered to enter back into the consortium. And I have my notes here, one would be, and this is kind of alarming to me. When I spoke to the attorney. When the township was last in the consortium, there were 2,800 households. 700 households were either delinquent or just refuse to pay the bills. So, one of the stipulations that we may I say, We, in general as a township, and the trustees will have to consider the township trustees will have to guarantee that if we have delinquent households, the township will make local waste whole. And it will then become the responsibility of the township to collect on those outstanding bills. The second thing is that local waste will stop, will start dropping delinquent accounts. So, if you're in arrears, 90 days, local wastes will just drop your neighbor's service. And of course, everyone has to join the consortium and, and use local waste. Does, those are the stipulations that I'm hearing from SWACO for the township to enter

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:11

What's the price did they say?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 52:13

it's \$19.99 a month, and they bill, the customer quarterly

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:19

60 bucks a quarter? Do they also have the senior system discount?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 52:24

they do have the senior citizens discount, and that is 10% of the bill. So, it's \$1 something. Yeah.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:33

That's exactly the same stipulations they had the last time

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:38

So, are they wishing to hold the township accountable for delinquents?

James Leezer, Trustee 52:43

Yes.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:43

But I've talked to a woman ,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 52:46

John, answer your question. So, I don't forget this. They did. They did use Jackson Township as an example, that Jackson Township does make local waist whole. And then Jackson Township puts a lien on the customer's property until the township is ready.

John Fleshman, Trustee 53:05

So, here's where we're at with this. I've been through this trash thing for nine years. And since the beginning, and one of the issues that we have with the trash, the majority of the people that are delinquent is the apartments or homes being rented. And what ends up happening, someone doesn't pay, the landlord doesn't want to pay the bill and add it to the rent. If we were to do this, I would want to make it that the tenant cannot pay so that we're not chasing after people and spending our resources and taking taxpayers dollars to pay someone else's trash and then taking tax dollars money to chase after them. So, we would have to you know how we'd have to check with Julie, how can we make them obligated as a person that is renting a home or an apartment set apartment, that they would be financially responsible that the actual rented cannot contract with local waste? Local waste would not contract or local waste would not take payment from a renter Because what ends up happening and we've seen this from time to, I know that was confusing. But generally, what happened before, let's say you guys move into a place and you get to meet your neighbors and you call local waste, okay, I want to start getting trashed. Okay, you owe \$682. And we'll start picking up your trash and you're like, I haven't even got my trash picked up yet. Well, the people before you didn't pay the bill. So now, if you want trash service, you're gonna pay that \$600 If you don't pay the \$600 your trash isn't being picked up. So, we ran into a lot of that last year. And even if you sold your home and the new people coming in, we've had this happen. Oh, you owe X amount of money, we won't pick up your trash until you were made whole. And the house could have been sitting there empty for sale for a year and a half. Guess what? The meter is still running. Even if they didn't pick up the trash. That's how the bill gets up. Because if they even drive by and there's no trash, you still pay, it's still going on. Because it's a contract. So, every piece of property is going to pay the \$19 a month, irregardless of there or not. There were some exceptions. If you went on vacation, you could ask for a temporary hold some people we have people that go to Florida for the summer, or excuse me for the winter. So, they would get a three month approve that they would freeze it and then come back in and continue on. So that's just a quick summary without talking trash.

James Leezer, Trustee 55:54

No pun intended.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 55:56

Exactly the same as it was.

James Leezer, Trustee 55:59

I for one do not want to be responsible. As a Trustee,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 56:09

Chasing those things Yeah,

James Leezer, Trustee 56:11

to spend our money as as they spend our money and the citizens money to to pay for someone else's trash. I mean, that's

Ralph Horn, Trustee 56:23

I think everybody here remembers what we went through and it's no different.

John Fleshman, Trustee 56:28

So Mr. Chairman, if I see one last thing, and then we also have questions from the audience. So, what I would like to do is ask for a motion to allow our administrator to have a letter tight from the township that states that we are not under contract currently by any trash hauler that you are allowed to pick who you want.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 56:53

Exactly.

John Fleshman, Trustee 56:53

However, I personally use alfa, from what I'm getting calls this week. They are a lot of trash haulers that people are trying to go to now. And they're saying you're under contract. So, we have a letter that a resident can have or pick up or email that they could show the hauler that no, that's not the case. So, if I would be able to have a second that we would have a motion to allow our administrator to set the record straight. That would be great.

James Leezer, Trustee 57:24

I will second that motion.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 57:25

yeah, we we have the spring newsletter coming out. Right? Pretty quick. Yeah, but let's make sure we made sure we get that in there and that'll save us as a bunch of money,

James Leezer, Trustee 57:35

Yes, I know. We have a motion on the floor on the floor. We need a second. We need to we got we got got a second. I second the motion

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 57:43

John made, and Jim seconded the motion. Okay. gonna vote on this, Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 57:47

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 57:47

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 57:48

Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 57:48

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 57:49

Yes. And then, Mr. Chairman, it seems and then we'll get to your question. It's It's ironic, to say the least, and maybe I'll to politically put it, in my opinion, so that we're not sued. It's ironic that the prices have went up, and you're going to pay for recycling. It behooves us to not talk about getting into consorsium because they Township is starting to see other trash haulers coming in. So, if I was a business, then I can change my prices, which you guys put the pressure on us, can we get into a consortium, so that one hauler potentially could have that business? Now, that's just how I look at the Monopoly board. When I'm looking at scoring. I understand why things are being happening. I don't know how many people set out to recycling bins this past Friday. If you had it, local waste took them, you don't have them anymore. They picked them up and kept them. So, they emptied your trash kept your recycling bin because you know, because you're gonna have you paid \$9 to get that bin back. And then we have

58:58

Yes, ma'am.

Angela, Resident 58:59

Okay, so we have rentals. So just thinking our water bill for our houses and everything, our rentals and everything, even though it's still on our name, the majority, but if someone rents, they put it in their name, but it's still we still get a copy of their bill and everything, right? So why isn't this why can't we do something like that? So, you guys don't have to legally do, you know what I mean? And you guys can come back and say your tenant did not do it. We're putting a lien on your property it has nothing to do with the

John Fleshman, Trustee 59:31

exactly what happens. You're exactly right. That's exactly how we did it before. However, you and I'm glad that you've got real property. And I understand people don't want to take on the extra burden of paying for someone else's trash. But if you add the

Angela, Resident 59:49

Yeah, but I'm not paying for someone else's trash that another person's

John Fleshman, Trustee 59:52

I understand

Angela, Resident 59:53

I mean not trash but right service bill so they That's me, and then we get a lien. I

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:00:01

understand. So, what I'm trying to explain is with this, the way that it should work. And as a board member, I'd want to see it work. If it was to do that anyone that is running property would be the person that contracts because we are contracting for each property, not the person living it. The person living in it has no say on who the trash. So, every piece of property, if you own it, or someone else owns it, even if you're letting your mom and dad stay there, regardless, if it's rent free, or you're charging, the person on title should be the person that pays the trash bill for that particular property. You can always add it to their rent or etc. That way, you know that it's been paid, we're not going to chase our tails and trying to get a certified letter and start are attorneys involved in putting liens on your property?

James Leezer, Trustee 1:00:57

Well, we can't do that without being home rule.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:01:05

what, putting liens on property?

James Leezer, Trustee 1:01:15

Yes, Mike, I never want local waste back again, if you made this mandatory, I would not have local waste. I understand. Mike,

Mike Blevins, Resident 1:01:26

it's that simple. I fight with those guys, every Friday, and I don't even have their service. They're the most foul-mouthed people, you can come to my house and I'll play the tapes.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:01:37

I understand

Mike Blevins, Resident 1:01:38

They go around the turnaround the wrong way they do everything. And their ability to aggravate me. And I would never, I will never pay them a dime for him.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:01:48

He's had a lot of issues where they even blocked this like, like on their street is the same width as my street. They'll block it. And then same with Robyn. And they come at you head on and then they're like it's for our safety. And we've talked with the chief about it. They cut through people's private properties and through their parking lot. So, they don't have to turn around. And they've been asked not to do it. And it's they feel that they can do what they want.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:02:14

I just think it's a bad thing to mandate because I have to do business with somebody. I mean, I tried to do whatever the township wants me to do, but I can't do business with those people.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:02:23

Well, if you can get a better all-around deal. It makes sense, Mike

James Leezer, Trustee 1:02:28

I have a hauler, I have the same hauler John has and these people go out of their way to take care of me. I mean, I believe it's set my trash out, they come get my trash. Take it out, dump it bring my cans back

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:02:43

And they're happy to do it

James Leezer, Trustee 1:02:44

Yes. Getting back to what we will explore this getting back to what Angela, it is Angela. Right? Okay. I want to make sure. Ask Steve, can you see if for some reason we do go into a consortium, if they can bill, the owner of the property and the tenant? If that's an option? That's that's what you stated, Right?

Angela, Resident 1:03:09

No

James Leezer, Trustee 1:03:09

Okay. You get a copy of the bill.

Angela, Resident 1:03:13

Yes. the owner gets a copy of it, which you guys won't even have to deal with the renter. It's the homeowner mostly that you guys would have to deal with, and then stick it to his ass, and then he can deal with his own.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:03:30

Cuz that's what was happening before. We did the very same thing before. But as Mike said, what's next? We are you're going to have everyone's gonna have to use WOW cable versus whoever.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:03:41

Hang on. Steve had,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:03:43

I just need clarification on what Angela was saying. So, the owner would get a copy of the bill. Yeah. And then the tenant would get the actual bill.

Angela, Resident 1:03:52

Yeah, it doesn't have anything to do with you guys. Until someone doesn't pay then. You don't have to deal with the renters. You just go after the damn home owners and put a damn lien on the house

James Leezer, Trustee 1:04:04

At this, to be honest, perfectly honest with everybody. I, our fiscal department don't have time, our administrators,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:04:12

You know we really don't.

Joyce, Resident 1:04:12

That's the whole thing. Attacking responsible people. once more in our country

James Leezer, Trustee 1:04:14

as a trustee I don't have time. it's homeowner to be responsible, no ones being responsible Please identify yourself publicly. Thank you. Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 1:04:33

I have one thing as a resident, yeah, really quick. If we go into a consortium, are we going to have the option if it's if it is with local waste? Do we have the option to opt out?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:04:42

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 1:04:43

. Do you do and then also, do you have an option? No. They for those that want to stay with local waste. I understand the payment is 1999. Does that include free recycling or not?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:04:54

Your recycling is it's lumped all together.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 1:04:56

So, if we go into consortium then the recycling becomes free again.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:05:00

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 1:05:01

if it happened to be local waste,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:05:03

yes. And in actuality, and I think it's a minimal amount of money. But those in the consortium would get, the township would get refunds back from RUMPKE. Because the recycling fees have gone down. So, the fee that you're paying, is covering more than the cost of the trash recycling. So RUMKE would actually kick back to the township refunds off their recycling fee, which was a little confusing to me that it wouldn't affect your your monthly charge that your monthly charge would come down.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:05:48

Yes, Robyn,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 1:05:49

Robin Watkins, Steve, wanted to ask when you had that discussion today, because I was in the consortium before. And you know, they gave me this wonderful price, 1499, or whatever it was. So, when you got your bill, it said, 1499, then there was a tax, then there was a gasoline tax, then there was a service fee. So, you really weren't paying 1499? So, if they're saying 1999, is that all-inclusive?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:06:18

That's what I was told. But it's funny you asked that because I I want to verify if there's not a \$3 either month or quarterly charge to process your bill, And now

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:06:34

I won't throw it away I'll shred it.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:06:38

Just

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:06:39

Yes, sir.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:06:40

Just just find out some information. But don't waste a lot of time.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:06:46

How many? How many? And then I'll go ahead. How many folks here today use local waste? Okay,

Joyce, Resident 1:06:53

24 years here total

Angela, Resident 1:06:55

Have you guys logged into your recycling, did you , are you guys paying extra? I paid, I called and I said hey, I wanted to pay the extra to get my recycling. And they said it was eight, eight something a month. Extra, not three every month. And then when I got the bill because I went on there and email

and they email me the bill. And it was 14 something so it wasn't 8 something, so you're telling me that's a that's a high ass tax that I was I paying, it didn't give me a breakdown, so I think your wrong and they're going to charge us extra for the recycling.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:07:33

So also, in the contract. Steve, if I may, they do what is called a fuel surcharge based upon where we're at like a year ago, we were at Red at \$2 a gallon. One of the things that happened, it was a one-way street. When they did the fuel charge. It never went back down when it went down. So, then the next time they did a fuel charge, it keeps going up. It's like It's like rungs on a ladder. And so, they didn't there was a loophole in the contract. It didn't say that how long you could have that surcharge based upon these numbers of what fuel would be. So, as you said, that's how it gets to \$14 a month. I'm done, sir. And you're

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:08:15

you're \$14 a month this and you just have one container.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:08:19

That's for just recycling.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:08:22

And then I'm hearing \$9.80 And then I'm hearing \$11. So

Angela, Resident 1:08:27

the girl on the phone when I called Two days ago, I said hey, I said we're mostly recycling anyway, we hardly had any trash. I know I can't do away with traffic. But can I add in recycle recycling? And she said yes. She and I said how much is it? She said eight, eight something a month per month? And I said three months? And she said no she goes every month you're paying eight something a month. And she went ahead and billed me because I only get you know every three months is my bill and everything so I need it to eight something to be charged didn't when I got my look at my email. It said 14 something but it did not give breakdowns on fuel surcharges.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:09:08

It's all Yeah, it's all those hidden charges.

Angela, Resident 1:09:11

Yeah. So now that's telling me that every month I'm going to be paying 14 something extra just for the damn recycling

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:09:23

\$140 something in 10 months.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:09:27

I'll look into that

Angela, Resident 1:09:27

Yeah. I got the bill. I mean, it's nothing it doesn't say anything. except damn price.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:09:35

Thank you, Steve. Anything else? Any other questions? All right. We will move on to our questions and Angela you're up.

Angela, Resident 1:09:45

Okay, I just heard the lady over there say she doesn't want the home rule and everything but guess what? census records are in. So, we are at that point we can go into that because we actually have over 10,000 on the census record and everything we haven't, I haven't heard anything about it and everything. So, when are we going to talk about it and start getting it into effect because a lot of people don't know, they do not understand how to take care of their damn properties. We need to hold them to make sure that they are actually living like normal, decent people rather than living like trash. Go someplace else. Get the hell out of our damn neighborhood. You make us you know, Westside look bad anyway, so I'm just sick and tired of it. And I'm just so mad

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:10:38

can I? I didn't know if you wanted to comment on it while you're on that topic.

Angela, Resident 1:10:45

And I also did call the Ohio township Association and everything there was actually the ones that gave me the census numbers and everything. But also, every time they get popped in everything, it's a civil, what is it a civil fee or something? We can charge them up to 1000 bucks. So, since the townships always saying that we don't have enough money, right there, we can start getting some money in because there's tons of violations out there. Yeah. So anyway, that was my first question, so is the time going to stop, because I had a second question.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:11:24

Okay. So yes, we put that on the on the ballot before because you had to have it on the ballot. If you were under a certain population.

Angela, Resident 1:11:34

You have to hit a certain number.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:11:36

And we're there now.

Angela, Resident 1:11:38

Automatically.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:11:39

It has to be a unanimous vote across the board. In order for that to pass all three trustees have to say yes, in order for that to pass. I am very I am for this, but I can't vote yes to do that without first, given

the opportunity for the public to vote. I spoke on this at many different national nights out the when we were doing the block watches. And one person said to me, so Mr. Fleshman, you're going to take away my vote. Irregardless, I'm for or against it. You're taking away my vote, just by putting in, you know, making this home roll. And that was a very valid point. I thought about that night. I said, you know what, you're absolutely right. The next week I went to, I can't just take away the vote. If we put it on there. At November, it has to be on the November ballot. If we put it on November ballot, we send out information. If it doesn't pass, I know myself. I would then ask the board. Let's vote on it, because then I would vote on it myself. But hearing what I've heard from the public, and taking away someone's vote to have an opportunity to vote on it, to vote afterwards I'm comfortable with but to make it home roll. Prior to asking the public to take a vote I don't for me. I don't like that.

Angela, Resident 1:13:02

On the Ohio Township Page. It doesn't say anything about the vote and everything. Once we hit a certain number

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:13:10

Correct, when you have to it has to be a vote.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:13:13

It has to be a vote across the board. Right.

Angela, Resident 1:13:15

And you're saying put it up on the ballot again?

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:13:17

Correct.

Angela, Resident 1:13:18

But it's not saying anything like that. It's not saying it has to be voted on.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:13:22

It doesn't have to be voted,

Angela, Resident 1:13:24

You're just choosing to put it back on the ballot to make

James Leezer, Trustee 1:13:27

To allow everyone to voice their opinion

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:13:29

Correct. We don't have to we could state tonight say make a resolution and boom, and it would be done. But what that does his takeaway everybody's God given right to vote and cast they're their vote of do I want this, then if it does fail, let's say it fails by 100 votes or 1000 votes. It gives the board a chance to say you know, we don't know why they voted no or no. But then the board can go we're

going to pass it or not pass it. So, I know where I'm at. I rather give the residents information, get stuff out there, put it in a newsletter, educate the public as best we can let them vote on it. And I would hope that it would vote it would pass that way versus us having to pass it

Jan, Resident 1:14:21

it's deeper than that though. But that's okay.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:14:25

I agree. I'm the one that got it on the ballot the last time

Angela, Resident 1:14:30

down the streets and you're amazed to see all the damn cars you know, jumped up and everything take care of your damn houses with living like that, I just don't chicken roosters, everything and

James Leezer, Trustee 1:14:44

okay. Go on the record, to go on the record, I would vote tonight if it was my opinion. I would vote tonight for it. But I respect I respect John and what he's saying so well you know, and it's right to let everybody move to have a have a discussion. Now your second question.

Angela, Resident 1:15:07

Okay. Second question is, I'd like, it's the end of the year and everything. So, I'd like to actually see what the money was spent on for 2021. It's all you know, your taxes, everything's already your billing, I'd like a budget summary of itemized stuff to see what actually what we spend our money on, since we're constantly always saying, we don't have money. So, I know it's out there. I already you know, I've talked to our accountant. And I've talked to though, Ohio Trustee thing or whatever. They said, it's all ready. So, the 2021 should actually be ready to lay down and show me the estimate. And then I like to actually see what our plans are doing for 2022 kind of made up budget, kind of just see what that's going on. You know what that's kind of looking like what we're finding to do with our starting amount is and what we're,

James Leezer, Trustee 1:16:04

You can you can place a records request.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:16:08

We have plenty auditors around here just come down.

Angela, Resident 1:16:11

Because I asked around December and everything.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:16:14

Yeah, it wasn't it wasn't reconciled

Angela, Resident 1:16:16

I was never told anything about putting a request in or anything, I just wanted to make it other people, they want to know what the hell's going on

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 1:16:25

Stay after the meeting and I will give you my email address, you can submit a public records request for that.

Angela, Resident 1:16:32

Thank you. that's all I have. and that's going to be for both 2021 and 2022?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 1:16:37

Just put it all together. I'll take care of it.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:16:40

Thank you for your questions. And being here tonight. CHIP.

Chip Tate, Resident 1:16:47

Chip Tate, I just want to send out thanks, appreciation. You guys make me feel important. You guys. Make Me Want to help more. And I was going to ask you guys a question. And I want to post a video on your guys' Facebook page. Because I want people to get interested in these meetings to get interested on the policies that we're talking about. Home Rule, I think is important. I want it the way I look at its rules are rules. If people know what the rules are, and if they're trash, they won't come in. Right. But I understand your point, as well.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:17:43

Sorry, but that's what I was saying is I have opinion, and I respect that too. So yeah.

Chip Tate, Resident 1:17:51

road crew mazing job over the weekend. Thank you. Fire Department. I always see you guys out you guys are always on a run, Police Department

James Leezer, Trustee 1:18:04

not sure where he stepped out.

Chip Tate, Resident 1:18:07

I know they're handcuffed and they do the best they can I just want to give you guys me appreciate only appreciate that. We appreciate our video I just want to put post a video gets out I'm setting myself up for scrutiny. But that's the best way to get the word out. You know, I know I'm gonna get trashed but I got thick skin I don't care. I want to see the township succeed. I want to see the township worse. I will see the township

James Leezer, Trustee 1:18:42

we appreciate we appreciate

Chip Tate, Resident 1:18:46
anything.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:18:48
Just get with Steve, he'll get you hooked up with video.

Chip Tate, Resident 1:18:52
Thank you, guys.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 1:18:52
Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 1:18:53
Alright, is there any questions on Zoom?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:18:55
Let's see Chairman, Robbyne, Robbyne, do you have a question?

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:19:13
Going once

James Leezer, Trustee 1:19:14
I take it as no; Jan I will let you but normally I'm going to ask you to sign up for no one but go ahead.
Hey,

Jan, Resident 1:19:21
all I wanted to do was second what he said about our road crew. Our Fire department our police department and I'm with you to do anything we can to make this township

James Leezer, Trustee 1:19:38
let's not forget our deputies also that that helps control that help patrol this area. They're having to pick up a lot of slack. Yeah, we they're picking up a lot of runs and a lot of slack from from us and you have one okay

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:19:55
I did a while ago, but we'll try this again. Robbyne? Are you there Robbyne?

James Leezer, Trustee 1:20:15
anybody else? All right, meetings adjourned.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:20:18
Thank you, guys, for coming out. Today.

Jan, Resident 1:20:20

Can I get a Who Dey?

Group 1:20:22

Who Dey

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 1:20:23

What time sir?

James Leezer, Trustee 1:20:24

I'm sorry 722