

December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting

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SPEAKERS

Ralph (32%), John (13%), Nicholas (10%), Steve (9%), Aryeh (8%), Lt. (7%), Guest (7%), Paul (4%), Janet (3%), Robbyne (2%), Group (1%), Jackie (1%), Jim (1%), Chief (1%), Erisa, (1%), Jan, (1%), Deputy (<1%)

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:00

We've got everybody on now.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:04

Believe so the recorder is on,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 00:07

try to get a picture of the three of us because I last meeting

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:12

Somebody got a camera? I'd like to call the meeting to order 630 On December the 16th 2021, regular bi-weekly township meeting. And do we have? We don't have our chaplain, john would you want to say a little opening prayer for us there?

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:45

Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and the opportunity to come in assembly together as one. Father, we ask that you be with the victims of all the terrible weather that we've been having. We ask that you be with us as we make decisions based upon our abilities for the township. First, in Jesus name, amen.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:07

can I ask you to say the pledge allegiance?

Group 01:09

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.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:29

Thank you very much, John and I want to thank you guys everybody for coming out. this will be our last meeting for the year. The next meeting that will start the new year, will be what date? what's the date on that actually? That will be our next meeting. And of course, we'll have a lot of work going on during the holidays with our staff and everything, there's plenty plenty of work to do. Of course, trying to get budgets and everything like that done and a lot of other work that needs to be done. Just one thing I'd like to say, on behalf of a lot of my fellow friends, neighbors and so forth in the state of Kentucky and otherwise that have had the

enormous amount of problems that they have now, if everyone would be beholding to prayer for them and anything that we might be able to do or anything donate or anything we can do to try to help those folks. We certainly know one thing for sure they're in dire need down in those areas. Actually, they have no town or several of them really has no towns to wake up to. So, it's gonna be a hard hard, Well, not only holidays, but months, and probably even years before they can recover. So, it's a terrible atrocity. That's for sure. Having said that, like to go ahead and have a Roll call here. Nick,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:51

It's January 12, correct

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:53

Is it January 12th,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 01:54

I believe so Absolutely, Roll Call. Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 03:42

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 03:42

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 03:42

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 03:43

John

John Fleshman, Trustee 03:43

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 03:44

Thank You

Ralph Horn, Trustee 03:45

Okay. Minutes, do we have yeah, so update on minutes. This year, just with the way that the payrolls are lining up, its very short weeks gives us an extremely short amount of time to get everything in process to make sure all of our employees are getting paid in a timely manner. And so there will be plenty of reading coming up. But all the resolutions from the last couple of meetings are here for the board to sign tonight. So those will be taken care of. So, we are we are getting we're getting done with them. It will just will take some time just trying to balance making sure that payrolls done timely, and all of that. So outside of that, that's all I got. okay yeah, basically for the past several months, we've had some issues here a while back about getting the minutes on and posted online, in a timely fashion, but everything has been real prompt and good for months, so people are getting used to seeing them on a timely basis so we will be behind on them a little bit, probably be another month or so before we get caught up at least, or something like that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:53

I'd say another meeting or two, yep. we'll get them caught up.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 04:56

Okay, well thank you Thank you for that. So, one thing I do before we get too wrapped up in the in the meeting here, I just wanted to make everyone aware that we will be losing one of our trustees. He has made a decision to go on he had gotten a new job if you wanted to make a little conversation on that. This will be his last official meeting here. Aryeh Alex will be moving on we have it's been an honor to have you around and here helping us and So forth for the township has been much appreciated Aryeh, So, you know if you wanted to say a little goodbye here before we get into the meeting, sir.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 05:53

Sure, Thank you, Ralph and John and Nick and everyone. It's been a great. folks know I chose not to run for reelection. I think our incoming trustee is going to do a great job. When you know when I ran, I talked about doing a lot of things connecting us to the county better. We've become a MORPC member. We've rebuilt those relationships with a lot of our county office holders and our state office holders. In a big way. I think that we really put Franklin township back on the map. We brought in a ton of new funding, including sidewalks at the Havenwood area. We have an MOU to redevelop West Broad Street. We have new businesses like Sheetz and La Plaza Tapatia that have come in amongst a bunch of others. It we've really seen a lot of growth and development in this community, which I think is it's really a great thing. But I really want to take a moment just to thank you know, our police department, I've had a great time doing ride-a-longs with you, I think the work that you have done passing out Narcan has literally saved lives. And I think it is amazing work. And I am so glad that you have done it. I want to thank you guys for bringing on body cameras for the first time and really upgrading all the technology and equipment that the department has. I think it makes our officers safer. And I think it makes our community safer because of it. So, I really want to thank you for that. But the fire department I know I've done numerous ride-a-longs with you I have learned so much from our firefighters. It has been absolutely amazing. And I think the CPR trainings, the Narcan trainings, all of the all of the lives that you have saved in our community is just amazing. And I know that I have stood up for you constantly. And I think that this community needs people that stand up for our first responders. So, it's been great work with you. I know Jim isn't here for the roads crew. But it's it is really amazing to see, to work on that has happened with Road Crew. I mean, come on when I go around and use the leaf sucker to kind of suck up the leaves and fill potholes. I remember going out at midnight when it was flooded. It was really great seeing the 24/7 service that they provide to kind of keep our community together. And it's been amazing. One of the things I'm most proud of are the three union contracts that we have expanded and signed, I think the workers of this township when I started, were underpaid, under respected and did not have the benefits that they needed. They we are now coming in to a second round of contracts where everyone is getting the better pay. It's not where it should be. It should be a lot higher, but it is much better. It's amazing that we've moved towards a way, Nick I know that we have not worked together that long, but you're the first fiscal officer that's actually doing the job. And it's amazing. I think the township is much, much better off because you are here. And Steve, I know you're new. But having a township administrator is making a huge difference. I know with Mark, we had great job. And I know you're going to do great work here. I know there is a bright future for the community. And I'm very much forward to looking at see what happens. And I want to just thank everyone. It's been a true honor. Serving with you, Ralph. John, it's been great. I know we've we have, you know, disagreed on a few things. But we have worked very well together to move a lot of very big projects. And I think that this is the first time I've seen the board. I remember when I ran the board was just dysfunctional. And I came in and I think we've we've been able to do a lot together. And it's been a real honor and a pleasure. And I'm so glad I've been able to spend last four years serving the residents of Franklin Township. So, thank you, everyone.

John Fleshman, Trustee 09:33

So, Mr. Chairman, if I may, I'd like to make, would like to make a resolution in thanks for Aryeh's service to this community for one term that he served for four years. And if I would have been able to have a second, sir.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 09:51
yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:52
that's going to be resolution 2021-216 and who seconded that?

John Fleshman, Trustee 09:59
Mr. Horn

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:00
Alright, Roll Call on that Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 10:02
yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:03
Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:03
I'm going to abstain ha-ha

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:07
John

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:08
Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:08
Awesome, Thank you.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:13
Thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 10:14
Okay. Is there anything else you had there? I Would like to also, John make a motion that we present Aryeh with a Plaque

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:18
No, sir.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:31
oh, that's not needed

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:32
I agree.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 10:33

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:33

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:33

Yes

Guest 10:33

No, no, I think I think that's a policy which should start I know, back when Mr. Cook had stepped down. I asked to present him with a plaque, okay. I gave it to him or wanted to give it to him. It's I guess, a retirement plaque. from the township because he's been so active throughout. I Guess he didn't get enough. He wanted to come back and work some more. So, we must be all right here. But anyway, I would like to ask, I thank ask for a plaque for him and for the value of about \$50.00

John Fleshman, Trustee 11:13

and I think Steve would be able to and I'd like to have you come back to the meeting to present

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:17

and we can present it to you. sometime at your convenience, Aryeh, okay?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 11:23

yeah, I'd be okay with that

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:25

So, I'd like to make that motion. John, if I could have a second?

John Fleshman, Trustee 11:30

yes, I'll second,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 11:32

Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:33

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 11:33

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 11:34

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 11:34

john

John Fleshman, Trustee 11:35

abstain, no just kidding I mean yes

Guest 11:40

To bring everyone up today. Now, John. Fleshman has been reelected. So, he will take on his new term will start in January he will be sworn in. And that will be a four-year term. We have another our other new actually, the trustee that's going to take chair that Aryeh left is gentleman named James Jim Leezer. And this will be his start a new term with the township here. So, he will be sworn and in January to start his new four-year term. I have two years remaining of my term. And this young man here, Nick he has two years remaining on his term of Fiscal officer

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:45

sir. He just was reelected. It'll be four years.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 12:49

oh, it's an unexpired term, he ran for the unexpired.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 12:52

Okay. Yeah, he's serving the expired term

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:55

Gotcha, But I mean, in April, though he takes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 12:59

it'll be the unexpired through the end of through 24

John Fleshman, Trustee 13:02

Okay. And then did you go normally go for four year? So, the one the two the election you just won, uncontested, That's for two years? Okay Understood.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 13:16

yeah, it's the balance of the unexpired term

John Fleshman, Trustee 13:22

and if I may we have a gentleman here, Paul Steiner, he didn't make it on the agenda but it would be something that new business, he lives on Clime, Demorest rd. and when I was out talking to residents, one of the biggest things that people are asking me for years and years and years, they have to cross the street to get the mail, and Steve and I went to work on this, Steve did a lot of heavy lifting on this, and we found out that, well according to, do you want to tell them what you found out.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 14:07

Well, I went down to talk that the main post office and the Residents on Demorest and I don't know how many there are Paul,

Paul Stiner, Resident 14:16

seven

Steve Mazer, Administrator 14:16

Seven

Paul Stiner, Resident 14:18

township residents.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 14:19

yes

Paul Stiner, Resident 14:20

Seven

Steve Mazer, Administrator 14:21

So, they want to move the post boxes from one side of Demorest to the other so I verified with the Postal Service And yes, they can do that. They just need to notify their deliverer that and I would give them advance notice Paul and put notices in the existing mailbox.

Paul Stiner, Resident 14:39

oh, I've talked to all of them personally, I've got a letter.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 14:43

And then the post office said that was fine as long as the driver had a place to make left hand turns just the way the mail wagon is setup. So, there are two locations on Demorest they can do that. So, you're fine as neighbor's um If you wish to if you wish to move your box and the deliverer knows that you're going to move the box, you're good to go.

John Fleshman, Trustee 15:09

So, what we've had to we've had is Paul has brought in today Mr. Steiner's brought in a letter of intent that they would all like to move their box so that we would have this signed by the residents. And then to I just like to hear from Paul what this means for the residents of our residents of the township there that's had to absorb trying to get across the street or endure getting across the street to get their mail at seven o'clock at night with traffic 45 plus mile an hour. You can speak sir. Yep, right there or sit right here, wherever you want.

Paul Stiner, Resident 15:52

one of the residents was harder to get ahold of, then the other, that's the original and I made copies for everyone. Just to give everyone a bit of an idea, when I pulled in to the bottom of my driveway to come over here, I ran across, no I tried to walk across the street, and uh from the time I got, well there was no mail in my mail box yet, when I walked back across the street, he showed up. Between getting out of the car and going to my mailbox twice and coming back, 69 cars went down Demorest rd., down and up. The difficulty is, 1-traffic is a 1000, I've been at this location for 32 years, and traffic is 1000 worse, they all drive 75 miles per hour. and we don't get the mail sometime between I would say 530 at the very earliest until.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 17:07

it's after dark

Steve Mazer, Administrator 17:08

yeah 6 or 7 o'clock, there a lot, there are three people on the list already rent post office boxes because it so dangerous, they've all expressed their excitement over the authorization if we can get it to move the mail boxes, its \$80 every 6 months just for the privilege of not putting your life in jeopardy to get your mail, and uh, so they're all going to probably cancel their post boxes and then we will all move our, but I don't know if we will

get anything from the postal service saying we are allowed to do it. I've talked to the postman several times over the years, I mean we've been trying to do this for 30 years, he doesn't have a problem with it. it's just that there's never been the authorization to do it, and I don't know if we will get something formal from them No, it's It's, it's when I, it was kind of cute the conversation I had at the post office because I wanted something in writing and the lady I was talking to is familiar with the route, right, giggled and said, We're the Postal Service. We don't do things like that. So, it was actually kind of funny that she was saying, we don't give authorization. It's your mailbox, you can put your mailbox where you want to put your mailbox. And as long as the driver has a way to turn and head down the other side side of Demorest rd., do what you want with your mailbox

John Fleshman, Trustee 18:30

so, what I would like to do for the board is make a motion recognizing the safety to the residents of 1505 Climb, I'll read off the addresses 1505, 1515, 1521, 1535, 1553, 1563, 1567 of I keep wanting to say clime, but it's Demorest rd. And of course, gentleman this is after you go past the, VFW and then after the curve. And my motion would be that we stand behind our residents and recognize that recognizing the safety and what this would do for the residents of the township and support that, that they are getting permission to move the mailboxes to their side of the street, based upon the ups, and you excuse me, United States Postal Service agreeing to it. With that, I'd like to have a second.

Paul Stiner, Resident 19:04

well he goes up and down Demorest as it is now. He just doesn't have any mailboxes on our side

Steve Mazer, Administrator 19:04

Exactly.

Paul Stiner, Resident 19:04

to Put any mail but

Steve Mazer, Administrator 19:04

Exactly,

Paul Stiner, Resident 19:04

well, they won't do any kind of resorting or anything. So, he's got the mail.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 19:04

Well, suggestion to you would be in your existing mailbox, I would put like a note that on such and such a day your mailbox will now be across the street. Just to give the driver a heads up

Paul Stiner, Resident 19:04

heads up.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 19:04

But my understanding is it's your mailbox, it's your mail, it's your property. You're fine with putting your mailbox on the routes.

Paul Stiner, Resident 19:04

Okay,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 20:34

I'll second that

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:34

Nice meeting you

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 20:37

All right, roll call on that, Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:38

Well, let me let me just mention a couple things there. There is no, Steve, there is no resistance at all from the post office. No, sir. Are they being they willing to sign a little, we don't care?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 20:55

well that's what I asked. And that's where the lady actually thought it was kind of funny that I would ask for something in writing when she said, we don't do that we're the Postal Service.

Guest 21:06

I think just the statement that the post office had told Steve, I've run into a couple of these before where their wanting to change post offices, post boxes and things like that. and there is cases, some pretty big neighborhoods, for an example, they would have a box, actually on physically on their house.

Paul Stiner, Resident 21:36

Right

Ralph Horn, Trustee 21:36

you know, or maybe someone else would have their boxes at the street. And it really created a big time in one neighborhood, knew I wanted, yeah, I definitely want to see you guys safety and everything, and I don't know. I'd think the, say should we. Yeah

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:03

The Board recognizes it. And we agree.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:03

Okay.

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:03

So, and we're waiting for a second

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:03

So, and where we are that type of letter, would be

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:03

I'm sorry. We're waiting for a Roll call. It's just a motion to say that we recognize

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:08

We recognize

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:08

right, just like what I said.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:10
something of that effect

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:11
Right, in case it comes back. It came through the Board of Trustees. Yeah. From the residents.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:19
Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 22:26
Okay, roll call on this, Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:29
Yeah. Well, I guess what I'm wanting to say here, yea saying that We're okay with it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 22:37
Right, right. We recognize it, we support it.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:40
That kind of thing is fine, now one thing, if there happens to get into some sort of legal thing, or we may have to talk

Paul Stiner, Resident 22:49
well, well,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 22:50
and I don't know, I don't think the will be do you Steve? you and I talked about that a week or so ago.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 22:56
That's what I'm saying. It's it's their mail, their mailbox. And they can put it, just as long as the postal carrier has the ability to deliver mail.

Paul Stiner, Resident 23:06
Well, I've got one comment and one question.

John Fleshman, Trustee 23:08
Before we get to that. Let's, let's we've got, we've got this motion, we've got a second. We need a vote.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 23:12
Okay, roll call Ralph? John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 23:16
Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 23:16
Thank now

John Fleshman, Trustee 23:17

Now sir... well, one thing I just like to say. We'll go ahead and and make another visit to them if you would Steve, the post office with a little letter prepared or whatever.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 23:17

Absolutely

Ralph Horn, Trustee 23:34

Before and touch base with me or Steve or someone before you physically removed?

Paul Stiner, Resident 23:42

we remove the boxes, No, I Yeah.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 23:43

I don't want to see you have to dig up the mailboxes and do this do that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 23:47

And we have this to present now to the to the post office so that it's already ran across our board came before us were in agreeing with it. Then next?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 23:58

And I don't know. I can't guarantee that they'll sign anything based on my last experience with them.

John Fleshman, Trustee 24:03

If they say go, we go.

Paul Stiner, Resident 24:04

But, no, I just understand the comment is, the first signature that's on that page. She retired from the Postal Service and she worked in the department. Well, yeah, the second half of that comment is, she said it used to take an act of God. And that's why she was she wasn't reluctant to sign at this time. But she said uh, well, she she wasn't sure, but she'd signed it because she's in favor of it because she has to cross the road also. But the other question that I have is, can I get the name of who you spoke to at the Postal Service? Because when I talk to the mailman when he shows up after dark

Steve Mazer, Administrator 24:54

when I go back I will

Paul Stiner, Resident 24:55

kay Yeah, because I'd like to be able to say well, this person, the township has contacted this person and they said, it's our mail we can we can do with it while we want. But she said in order to re, once a routes been established, that's what she said once the routes been established and this has been for the last 50 years. It usually takes pretty, I don't know if its people dispensation or whatever, but something to get the post office to make a change

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:29

to pay attention. Yeah.

Paul Stiner, Resident 25:30

Right. Right. And and like I said, you don't want to move the boxes

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:33

Well, that's, that's kind of what I was telling you about the instance I got involved in years ago.

Paul Stiner, Resident 25:39

Right, yeah,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:40

same way. And, you know, I think you'll be okay on that.

Paul Stiner, Resident 25:46

I mean, I could understand why if the postal service said, Well, then we'll just do all the even numbers on on the way down and all the odd numbers on the way back all the way down the road. That would be easier

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:57

than that and doing all that.

Paul Stiner, Resident 25:59

Yeah. piecemeal. But I'm worried about the people in the, in the city limits where

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:06

Exactly. Okay. Thank you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 26:08

you can Stay for the meeting if you want, or you know, or leave.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:13

Yeah, your your name again, sir was?

Paul Stiner, Resident 26:16

Paul Steiner. It's, um, I'm 1553 it was nice meeting you

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:27

and you can kind of work with Steve there. I don't know if you've talked to him before, but

Paul Stiner, Resident 26:33

I, I've known John for about, what, 25 years or so. But I, no this was my first like I said in 30 years in the township,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:41

well come on down and check us out once in a while.

Paul Stiner, Resident 26:43

Township meeting, I've never missed a Vote.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:49

absolutely,

Paul Stiner, Resident 26:51

Thank you all

John Fleshman, Trustee 26:51

Okay, thanks for coming down.

Paul Stiner, Resident 26:53

I'm gonna scoot my wife's been waiting for me. it's been long,

John Fleshman, Trustee 26:57

okay then, Thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:59

Thanks, John, for taking care of that. Okay, we'll go ahead. Police Department.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 27:05

Police Department does want to recognize that. Mr. Aryeh was a very positive, for the police department for the entire time he was here. And I personally enjoyed working with you. And I hope you really have a lot of success at whatever it is you want to do. And I know that you like your job. And I'm glad. I'm really glad. I hate seeing you go. I'm glad that you got something that you want to go to. Thank you.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 27:34

Thank you.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 27:35

I got to read off on my phone, the stats. To start off by Yeah, we have been running about 1150 runs a month. Until now. now that we are browning shifts out We're actually saving some money that might help us get a little further next year with with the police until we can or if we do get a levy passed. We only had to handle 896 runs last month. Okay? That right there when this will give you an idea of some of the money we saved. Okay. Besides not paying overtime, we pay \$12 per dispatch run to the county when we go on a run. So, when you're looking at a shift with a couple cars out there, they're probably going to get 20-25 grand sometimes even more, that we actually saved because the county was it was handling the priority runs course, on those days plus you have the gas and you're looking at wear and tear on the cars and injury to officers that could have happened. There's a lot that is saving us with this right now. But I'll start off with our runs. I'm reading off the phone now. Okay, so I, we had 13 assists other units, 8 burglaries, 7 burglaries in progress, 7 persons with gun runs, 7 shootings, 3 Persons with a knife, 1 officer in trouble run, 1 robbery, 3 robbery in progress, 5 passing bad check runs, 23 Shots fired, No stabbings, 23 stolen cars ,9 stolen cars recovered, 6 suicide attempts, 73 suspicious person runs, 28 suspicious people in cars, 13 Suspicious cars which are cars they're setting it sometimes turns out to be those recovered stolen, 3 sex offenses, 13 vandalisms, 14 menacing threat runs, 8 mental, 87 alarms when businesses and homes, 68 Investigate complaint runs, 16- 911 Hang up runs, 7 civil protection orders, 5 assaults, 9 blocking disabled cars, 2 DOA, 10 overdoses, 17 warrant attempts, 8 dog bites, 20 auto accidents not injury, 15 non injury hit skip accident reports, 37 auto accident with injuries, 2 hit skip auto accident with injuries, 45 traffic offenses, 65 domestics, 2 neighbor complaints, 10 drunk person calls, 4 Driving under the influences, 14 Fight calls, 10 fire calls, 58 assist the ambulance calls, 10 juvenile complaints, 24th theft calls, 4 theft in progresses, 10 missing people and then 70 miscellaneous runs, these do not count online reporting, like when someone comes goes online and makes it an offense or accident report. We have

our officers now are back. We had three over the past month and a half from COVID. I mean, one was very sick from COVID. So, we have them back to work now. And I see on the agenda you're handling another thing I was gonna ask about later on in the agenda. and that's it.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 30:55

Okay, Ratliff, just for the notes, those runs don't count the sheriff ones as usual.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 30:57

Thank you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:03

Okay. We do have to sheriff here are too I don't know if its mentioned

Deputy Chuck Hamilton, FCSO 31:17

yeah to let you guys know, we'll be implementing some starting like a safety bulletin, starting in the first year to do like stuff for cold weather and different things like that.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 31:27

Okay, yeah. I didn't see him back there. Hi, how are you?

Lt. Ratliff, Police 31:32

One more thing. Our officers are now passing out. When they take report and they give a report number on the back. There's a scan code for people to sign up for a newsletter we're trying to do so.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 31:43

Okay, thank you. All righty. Chief Arnold, I guess I might as well call you Chief now it's getting there. Yeah. For fire departments. So, he will be officially sworn and I guess the first meeting of the year or right in that proximity isn't it? the 16th I think is when chief Welch said his last day was so maybe well, we'll have to figure out what, certainly want to get you in for a meeting you know, to be sworn in at a regular meeting. So, we'll work on that. So, what all did you have tonight

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 31:46

What was your name again? Just for the .Hamilton.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 31:50

Now you, as I recall, Mr. Hamilton, you're going to be our steady liaison right, now aren't you?

Deputy Chuck Hamilton, FCSO 31:57

yes sir

Ralph Horn, Trustee 31:58

Okay, you have all his

Chief Arnold, Fire 32:00

I do not have anything. Aryeh. great working with you. you done a lot for the fire department. we appreciated it. good luck. happy holidays everyone

Lt. Ratliff, Police 32:00

oh, I've known him awhile.

John Fleshman, Trustee 32:04

He's on here.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 32:04

and same same goes for you. Thank you, Jim Stevens our road superintendent is not here tonight. He's got off. Oh, is Jim on here. Okay. Well can you just go ahead and pick him up and see if he has anything he wants to report.

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 33:18

no, we didn't have anything to report at the meeting this evening, but I personally want to thank Aryeh Alex, it's been a pleasure working with you and I wish you the best with Whatever you get into.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 33:50

Thanks, Jim.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:07

Okay, hope you hope you're feeling better jam.

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:26

Mr. Chairman. I will defer to you. I have nothing.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:30

Okay.

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:31

Well, I bank that two minutes for the next time

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 34:35

in my four years of meeting you never had nothing, you wanted until my last meeting to do that?

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:42

well I did have you down for a resolute, a resolution and we went ahead and did it up there

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:59

well, Actually, I don't, I don't have really any new stuff. So, I'm just gonna be really brief. Now I do I do want everybody to know about this time of the year I do get a little sentimental. And you know, I've got a few grandkids kids and neighborhood kids and this kid and that kid never got to watch old folks to 80-90 years old. and every time I walk around their always bumming me for candy and looking for Santa Claus and stuff like that. And sometimes that kind of makes me cry a little bit, you know. But anyway, having said all that, it's been a really rough couple of couple of years for a lot of people. And you know, I've been praying a lot in this that and the other and I still, we're still having sicknesses when they have to call our Ohio State basketball games Off playing Kentucky while, you know, COVID's still pretty bad. You know, it's, you know, so but anyway, I want to I just want to tell everybody that I hope everyone has the best holidays Christmas and and praying for Happy new year coming up. So good luck and Merry Christmas to all concerned, Thank you. So, you can carry on their Nick.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 36:40

Okay, before I start, I want to thank Aryeh as well. I was kind of nervous to take a public office, you know, for a while, but I talked to Aryeh and he kind of helped him. I didn't realize just how active our police and our fire and our road departments actually are. So, if you guys are ever interested, I would highly encourage riding along with any one of them on any given day. You heard Ratliff say they had almost 900 runs just themselves. That's a busy month, I've done one ride alone. So far, I plan to do more. And I don't know if you guys have also noticed the police department's also doing donations. Just want to make mention of that as well. bikes and anything of that nature as well. So Aryeh Thank you, and I'm sure we'll stay in touch I hope to. But that's moving on to what I have for tonight. And hopefully most of this stuff will go pretty quick. The first one is the resolution accepting appropriations for 2022. There should be an attached exhibit there for you. I'm just gonna make a quick comment there that the appropriations it shows \$9 million, but our receipts are expected to be higher than that. So, don't worry about anything in terms of that particular regard there. But that is would be resolution 2021-212. And I would like to ask the board to adopt it,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 37:49

So, I'd like to make resolution 2021-21, you said?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 37:53

212

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 37:54

212-a resolution to provide annual appropriations for the period commencing January first 2022 and 20 December 31 2022. And I would ask for a second

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:02

and discussion And Nick, this is for our budget, correct? Yes. And did we change the line item that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:09

Yes. Thank you for reminding me. So, Jeff Wilcheck was , and again this was a board decision, whatever you guys wanted to do. We're not electing to hire him on. So, he has removed himself off of the general fund line and will be in the accounting and legal fees line as he is currently.

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:24

With that explanation. I will second the motion.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:27

Okay. And without do a roll call Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 38:30

Yeah.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:31

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 38:31

. Yep.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:32

And John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:32

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:33

Alright. The next thing I have

Guest 38:36

excuse, yeah. That did include the resending of that one-line item, john

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:43

Yes, yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:44

Yes, yes.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 38:45

We'll make sure that's the way, that right. Okay. Thank You

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:49

Yep. The next one I have is an advance on property taxes for 22. This is resolution 2021-211. Doing an advance our property taxes This is due to fund balance adjustments, that way we can get money into all of our funds as soon as possible in 2022. That way, we can ensure that all of our departments are properly funded to start the year.

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:10

Is there a fee charged to, and I know there's not, but people listening are...?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:15

sure absolutely

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:16

you know are asking, you know, is there a fee?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:20

No, there is not. Go ahead.

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:22

with That being said I would second the motion.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 39:25

So, I'll make resolution 2021-211 request for 2022. Advance on property tax settlement. And then

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:33

I'll second it. I didn't know he could go off.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:37

that's fine. Roll call here, Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 39:39

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:40

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 39:40

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:40

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:41

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:42

Awesome. Thank you. The next resolution that I have is going to be to you guys pass the supplemental to move funds from the general fund to the old safer grant to clear it out this other resolution. I actually meant to pass this last week. So that's my fault. Or the last meeting I'm sorry. This is actually for us to go ahead and physically make that move in our accounting system, and that would be 2021-213. If the board so chooses to adopt it.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 40:07

I'd like to make resolution 2021 Dash 213 resolution authorizing the transfer of funds necessary to eliminate the deficit in the fire safer grant fund.

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:15

I will second that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:16

okay roll call on this, Ralph Okay. And the roll call with this one. Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:20

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:21

Aryeh?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 40:21

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:22

John

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:22

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:23

All right. Thank you. The next resolution I have is to advance we can we did the supplemental this is going to know to physically allow on the back end for funds to be advanced from the fire department to the new safer grant. That would be effective immediately. And that would be 2021 Dash 214 of the board.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 40:41

so, I'd like make resolution 2021-214 A resolution authorizing an advanced between funds.

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:47

I will second.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:50

Okay, roll call on this one. Ralph Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:53

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 40:53

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:54

And John

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:55

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:56

All right. The next one I have is for accepting legal counsel rates. Good news, they are not for 2022. They are not changing that was on the table kind of floating around before the meeting. So that is the next one I have. And if you guys want to adopt that, that'd be 2021-215. Again, the rates are not changing. They are staying the same as is

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 41:15

I'd like to make a resolution to ex, I'd like to make resolution 2021-215 A resolution accepting legal counsel fees for 2022.

John Fleshman, Trustee 41:25

I will second that motion.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:28

All right. Roll call on this on Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:30

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:31

Aryeh?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 41:31

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:32

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 41:32

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:33

thank you. The next one I have I sent this to the board a few days ago. And I know there's been discussion amongst the board and and everything else regarding updating the cameras around here, I was able to find security cameras of Columbus. This was actually a cheaper quote. And they have no supply issues at this time. The updated quote there does include an additional camera on the back of Jim's maintenance shop looking back to the Salt Barn. That way during non-winter time, when there is township property back there. We'll be able to have eyes on this also does include two on the police modular, one looking out while your police cars are parked there. And then one in front of the module here. It also includes one overlooking where you guys park here at 193.

John Fleshman, Trustee 42:16

are these Wireless or

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:17

Yes, it will all be on the network. So, there should be a diagram in that. And it's kind of shows how they all communicate with one another. So that's I'll leave that up to the board.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 42:28

So, I'd like to make a resolution to accept the estimate for security cameras of Columbus to install cameras and federal township property and not to exceed \$8,000.

John Fleshman, Trustee 42:40

I will second that motion.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:42

And before we vote, I just want to let the public know that our original quote was over 12 going on \$13,000 through our IT group. So, I think, I want to thank Ratliff because I think he's one that actually kind of started, I believe you're the one that kind of set this guy to come out. So, I want to thank you for that. So that was a nice savings for the township. And again, we are listed also, as you guys see on the side is a safe exchange zone. So that's always nice to have too. And also, before we vote here, want to make mention that the monitor that's listed on there, we could probably look at saving some money for that to have that in here.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 43:17

what's the monthly fee or yearly fee on it

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:22

yearly fee, they will come out once a year and that's in the quote too if the board so chooses down the road to take that's what we want to get get it started first and then they kind of see what what happened with that. But they have 24/7 availability for service and our IT group would be able to look into look into if there's any issues. They can look at it too. So, vote on those resolutions on the table. Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:42

yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:43

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 43:43

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:44

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 43:44

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 43:45

thank you. Okay, continue move along. The next one I have here is an engagement letter for Jeff Wilcheck. His hours are expected to run out right at the end of the year or right the beginning very first of the year. I do want to give them a thank you for showing me just kind of how the overall budget process works. We are working on now getting 2020 completely reconciled. We started that process this week, and took some stuff home with him to hopefully kind of get a jumpstart on that. And he's also went ahead and made sure that we have all of our appropriate amended certificates from the county with all the supplementals that we passed this year to those are all now caught up as well.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 44:24

So, I'd like to make a resolution to accept the engagement rather letter with Jeff Wilcheck for \$9,500 for additional 200 hours and I would ask for a second.

John Fleshman, Trustee 44:38

ill Second that.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 44:39

Okay. What was the request for

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 44:42

additional 200 hours?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 44:44

Well, okay, roll call on this Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 44:49

Okay. Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 44:50

Okay. Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 44:51

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 44:52

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 44:52

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 44:53

All right. Thank you. And then the last thing that I have on there

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 44:55

You forgot bills and payroll.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 44:57

Yes, I have that, it's under Steve, it looks like so, it's actually on Nicks part too.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 45:00

Okay. Okay. I just wanted to make sure.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 45:03

yes, I passed right over it.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 45:04

Yes, that's important.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 45:06

It is. Yeah. 7i- there on the list. The current COVID policy addresses full timers, but it does not specify Part time. So, there was an issue with with that, and I wanted the board to if they want to make that amendment to amend the policy to pay part time officers, that's fine. with it not being previously included. I, there's just a gray area for me. So, I'm going to defer to the board on now.

John Fleshman, Trustee 45:34

So, what I'd like to do is make a comment

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 45:35

I think Ratliff wanted to make a quick comment too,

John Fleshman, Trustee 45:36

what I'd like to do is make a comment on this. Yeah. And this is the the board that was here when we first started doing all that stuff. Yeah, right. And we one of the things that I pride this board about is we've taken care if you say our own irregardless of someone's a stepchild or child, I don't like to put use the word stepchild. But just because that officer is part time versus full time, that's a human being, and not a title. So, when we had the different monies that came in, and things of that nature, we had a policy that we would, what we would do,

we did not say full time or part time, because we looked at him as an individual as a human being. And my opinion as a board member, I think that we definitely need to take care of one of our officers are out and they get COVID. And just because they are they're serving our township, rather than their full time or part time, the benefit should still cross.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 46:39

Well, if, the reason why This is my guy I was asking about, our part time guys are scheduled the same two days every week. So, he has scheduled 20 hours a week. He is in the middle of the other two officers that are full time that got COVID Sick, or likely may have been passed on to him, too. So anyways, but I think that if he if we schedule him that 20 hours, he does that every week, he depends on that every week that he comes calls off sick, which he did. And he also gave us a COVID test to prove that he was COVID Sick. I would like to get him paid, it was his last paycheck and I couldn't get him paid. I'd like to get a check cashed to him like Right now if I could.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 47:31

We could we could just change the policy to say all employees right

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 47:33

we can and then I would be able to make that change next pay period

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 47:37

well I would like to make a resolution

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 47:38

retroactive that back

Guest 47:41

We need, we need to hear it from Steve for a minute

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 47:43

I can try tonight, but it will take a little bit

Lt. Ratliff, Police 47:45

(illegible) like within the next day,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 47:48

I can try. If not, we'll make sure it's on there next pay period,

Lt. Ratliff, Police 47:51

because he's behind

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 47:52

which is next week.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 47:54

We need to hear from Steve before we vote on this for a minute. I understand that we , there was, basically somebody told us no, we don't do that. Who told us no, we can't do that?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 48:11

what we did, we use we as a firm called Otarma. And it's your higher township Association, Risk Management Agency. And we rely on them for a lot of advice, whether it be to develop our employee handbook or legal advice or policy advice. Their opinion was the majority of townships as of December 31 2020, no longer follow the Care Act practice that full-time employees even when they contracted COVID. They would use their own sick time personal time what leave they have until they got better, they quarantine and had a negative test. Part time benefits for part time people was not being resumed, and that pretty much was from Township, to township following this policy,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 49:10

but we could

Steve Mazer, Administrator 49:11

Right, you as a board. Absolutely. You as a board, you can decide how you want to all I'm doing is is saying telling you all that we talked to Otarma to just to get their input. But absolutely if David, David's officer wants to pay you as a board have the right to do that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 49:33

So, we have an opportunity as Franklin township to not follow the lead and actually set an example of how we treat our employees here. Whether your part time or full time where this has devastated the United States this COVID and just because you are considered part time and someone working part time with no other benefits, have it tougher anyway. So, I can go on and on, I won't, stop there,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 50:05

I'll make a resolution to extend our COVID policies for all employees of Franklin township

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:13

whether part time or full time,

Lt. Ratliff, Police 50:14

I would like to put out that the officer was not the spearhead of this. This was me

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 50:20

you do the right thing. And I would ask for a second,

Lt. Ratliff, Police 50:23

I will greatly second this.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 50:26

Okay, I'm just writing this down. So, this will be 2021-219 and also need to ask the board, are they going to retroactive this back to last pay

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:35

me as I would say we can have discussion? I would say I would like to because we if we would have known about this? I think this board would have definitely said yes. But up to discussion.

Guest 50:48

You know, definitely say yes. If if we are in the right, here and, it will do no harm, to franklin Township

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:56

it's not going to do no harm. It's just the fact that

Ralph Horn, Trustee 50:58

well it will do harm in respect of going forward.

John Fleshman, Trustee 51:02

I think it would be respect to the

Ralph Horn, Trustee 51:04

going forward. We're obligated to pay the money out now for what they allegedly earned. But it will be a policy that will be continue on

John Fleshman, Trustee 51:16

Correct

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 51:18

yeah, until yeah rescind the COVID policies. Yeah. So yeah, I would like I'd like it retroactive.

John Fleshman, Trustee 51:25

Yeah. Yeah. So okay. Yeah. Well, so in this resolution, its retroactive

Guest 51:30

it's, it's not a thing. It's just totally black and white. That's we're extending our original policy, original policy was we gave them off, paid time off, if they tested and so forth. And so, on the full-time employees only,

John Fleshman, Trustee 51:54

we didn't say full, never said full time only we said employees.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 51:58

And we're just clarifying that

John Fleshman, Trustee 51:59

we're clarifying it.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 52:02

My idea was that we're taking money on this CARES Act grant to cover employee salaries. When we deny it. I kind of believe that we're not doing the right thing even more only if that money is coming in to be paid for.

Guest 52:19

I don't disagree with you on that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:21

Just a reminder, we have a vote on the floor.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:24

Yes

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:24

I understand. Yes,

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:27

before we get to far into discussion.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:28

Well, so how much money are we talking about? Now?

Lt. Ratliff, Police 52:32

I'm not sure what he makes per hour. It's 20 hours. \$20 an hour? Right? It's like 20 bucks an hour

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:38

it's Something like that? Yeah. Summer. I don't know the exact amount before we vote. I do want to clarify that we don't have Cares Act money. This will be coming straight from the police budget

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:47

it'll be coming from the police department.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:49

Yes.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:49

Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:49

Yes

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:50

Well, then, I would go ahead and I'm sorry. Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:54

And then you made, and you seconded, right?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 52:56

I made, He seconded

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:57

Okay. Flip that okay. Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 52:58

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:59

Aryeh

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:59

Yes.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 53:00

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 53:00

John Okay. Thank you. And Ratliff. I will try to get that done tomorrow. If not, then I'll get it done early next week. Okay. All right. And I guess since I forgot to do it earlier, I do have a motion for bills and payroll that way Steve doesn't have to do it later, it is on there twice on accident.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 53:21

I just want to make sure it got down.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 53:24

Yeah. be resolved by the Board of Trustees, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the board approved Accounts Payable from December second 2021 through December 16 2021. The amount of \$36,353.54 in payroll paid on December 10 2021. For \$203,089.29. For a grand total of \$239,442.74. From cheque number 67253-67302 electronic vouchers from 1514-2021 to 1579-2021. Auto moved.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 53:58

I'll second.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 54:00

All right, roll call this Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 54:02

You

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 54:02

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 54:03

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 54:03

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 54:04

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 54:05

And with that, I'm done. Thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 54:07

All right. Sure. Thank you, next. Administrator, Steve looks you have Few things there.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 54:16

Thank you. Mr. Horn, I'll be quick, just a couple things. You're probably all familiar where Express Scripts was located on Philippi road. We have a new tenant moving in their company called staq pharma. and initially there's going to have about 150 employees in a 15 to \$20 million investment. To improve the facility and long term, they're looking at highest eventually 350 employees and an additional 20 to \$25 million of investment into the facility as well. So that was that was good news.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 54:54

Put him in the JEDD.

John Fleshman, Trustee 54:55

Yes.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 54:58

And we're having we're having discussions with the CFO. Good, man. So that's in discussion. Secondly, and already mentioned about our contracts. We're finishing up our teamsters forming three contracts with our road department. So, we were planning on having that done in the end of the month. It's going well knock on wood. So, and Aryeh, thank you. I know, we haven't known each other very long, because your support I appreciate, and hopefully we can keep in touch and good luck to you.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 55:31

Thank you.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 55:33

and with that Mr. Horn,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 55:34

don't forget about the township as we need you wherever you go, Quick question there Steve, the teamsters I think, basically, we, we kind of messed around with that thing for a couple three weeks here. And I think we're just about actually about wrapped it up, there and we and we are going to try to get together with the Teamsters Next week is

Steve Mazer, Administrator 56:05

the 21st. Yes, sir. eleven o'clock on the 21st.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 56:08

Okay.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 56:10

And then hopefully, I'll have something immediately after that for the board to look at it and review and then we can finish it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 56:17

Are you meeting or are the board meeting? The board? Are you setting a time for us for the board or you?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 56:22

No, I have to I have the initial talk with the union to see how that that meeting goes.

Guest 56:27

Okay. They have confirmed a meeting on the 21st as well.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 56:32

Yes yes. The steward will be there as well as the one or two representatives from the union.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 56:41

Your your favorite guy, Buds gonna be there

Ralph Horn, Trustee 56:43

Buds not here,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 56:48

Oh really?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 56:48

yeah, I think they may be gone now, I actually had Carl was still around, but they're doing some reorganizing apparently in the union or and yeah so. Okay. I think that's about the only thing we have. So, let's go ahead. There's really questions from the audience that we did we sign, I forgot to have people sign they uh.,

John Fleshman, Trustee 57:17

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman he's still got-

Steve Mazer, Administrator 57:20

I have four I have

Guest 57:22

you have 4 on there. Okay, let's go ahead and get, see whose online There okay

Steve Mazer, Administrator 57:31

Jackie? do you have any questions for the board?

Jackie Dalton, Resident 57:37

Um, no, actually, and I just wanted to some of you know, my house caught on fire Sunday night. Yes, it were the fire department for everything. And everything that they did.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 57:52

Chief Arnolds right here

Chief Arnold, Fire 57:53

we appreciate that.

Jackie Dalton, Resident 57:54

Thank you, we appreciate that.

Chief Arnold, Fire 57:56

You're Very welcome.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 57:59

Just Jackie, are you Are you guys okay, now I know I was me and chief Arnall kind of followed through there. I guess I was Tuesday Monday Tuesday, whatever. To make sure you're all set as best we could. And I really, I've really, I've been concerned about you all week. So are you okay

Jackie Dalton, Resident 58:27

I'm as best as I can be, Ralph, I did see you come by, I appreciate you coming by, you didn't see me, but I saw you. But I do appreciate you coming by we're blessed right now and as best as we can be for one day at a time

Guest 58:45

okay, I'll be more than happy to try to assist you any any I can and I think probably others would too. So, let us know, okay. Whatever was all about here so everybody here knows we did have a house fire this week. And and it ended up being a little battle there I guess, didn't it chief. Okay, well, thank you very much and Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas to you folks. Jackie. Okay.

Jackie Dalton, Resident 59:15

Thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 59:17

Okay.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 59:24

Robynne, do you have any questions for the board that you'd like to ask tonight? First, I just wanted to tell Dave I don't know if he is aware of this but they are taking catalytic converters from around here,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 59:44

he's right here Robynne,

John Fleshman, Trustee 59:45

Their taking catalytic converters from cars in their neighborhood

Lt. Ratliff, Police 59:49

Yeah. Okay. I'll pass that on to the guys.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 59:53

Okay. second, as most of you know, Jackie is my daughter I just wanted to thank chief Arnold, Captain Grover, franklin township fire department, Robyn and ralph for reaching out, You're welcome Robynne

Chief Arnold, Fire 1:00:14

for everything you guys have done, it's gonna be awhile before they have a house again, but at least everybody got out okay, my grandbabies are okay and I just want to thank you guys for everything you've done. You've very welcome, I'll pass it on to the crew as well

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 1:00:42

Thank you

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:00:45

Alright Robynne, take care

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 1:00:47

you guys have a merry Christmas,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:01:36

you too

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:01:41

same to you, Robynne. Okay, looks like everybody. Okay, well, let's see from the audience. We got. Janet, how are you doing tonight?

Janet Ward, Resident 1:02:33

I'm doing good. So, my question is, last time, one of my questions was not answered. And I went back and I looked at some special meeting minutes. And there was something a resolution that you guys, the board passed, about purchasing a property for 230, some \$1,000? Where's this money coming from? And why are we going to buy a rundown piece of property? That's all I want to know right now.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:03:00

We can't, in an open meeting, talk about this if we're in negotiation, but I'm sure that we will, at some point, we will be able to explain everything to you.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:03:09

Why are we even attempting to purchase something we don't have money?

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:03:13

Again, we can't speak on this at this point in time. Hopefully at the first of the year, the next meeting, we'll be able to speak on it.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:03:22

So, it'll be done and over with. So, we're spending 200 and some \$1,000 on a piece of property that is runned down. Yeah. And there's no, I'm

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:03:31

I can't speak on it.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:03:32

well I know that you can't speak, What I'm saying is by that time, you can speak about it. It'll be a done deal. So, thank you.

Guest 1:03:43

Well, I definitely like the answer. But in leu of having anything better to say, I guess I'll leave it at that for the moment. But there'll be a, be something on it coming forth to you. certainly, I'm pretty sure there's nothing going to be passed on it immediately in the next two weeks, Janet

Janet Ward, Resident 1:04:15

obviously doesn't matter. Because it's an I mean, obviously, if you are, and I know you can't talk about it, but I can talk about what my feelings My thoughts are is you as the board have already made the decision that the township is going to pay 230 some \$1,000 for a piece of rundown property that we don't have the money for because we're we're getting rid of police. Luckily, we got that Safer grant so that we can get our fire

department back. So, I just don't understand. I mean, \$230,000 for me is not just a drop in the bucket. and it's not a drop in the bucket for this township.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:04:57

And again, Janet will be able to explain that to When we're able to,

Janet Ward, Resident 1:05:02

and I understand what you're saying that I'm also expressing my opinion,

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:05:06

yes,

Guest 1:05:06

you can't explain why you're doing that and laying cops off? Come one, we need them more than we need that damn building.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:05:14

Once we're able to talk about it, you'll fully understand.

Guest 1:05:17

Well, just just for anyone that has the question, and obviously Janet does. I tried to encourage, you know, the board firstly, I wish was going to hold off, hope we stay away from doing purchases or large expenditure until we got we got finished with the state audit and everything. And according to what he tells me in about a two and a half hour meetings are yesterday, I don't think that we're nowhere near finished up that audit Janet. So, I didn't want to spend lots of money, but and I think you know, that we had a pretty well, was a pretty upsetting situation, I just want to hold off on a lot of expenditures, because my opinion is we have no clue for where exactly you are. And how much money. Yes, ma'am.

Erisa, Resident 1:06:27

So, I just have a question. I'm kind of like new to coming to these um but what like the allotment of funds, we kind of have. What's the transparency without obviously we can't talk about what the building is being bought for. But what kind of the transparency of if it's bought? And then like, would we be able to say anything against that of like, \$200,000 were spent towards this? We don't need that. How would we go forward from that? If it already happens? Do you know what I mean?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:06:57

Well, you have property that you paid for. Not being utilized I guess is kind of where we would be. Frankly, I didn't know that we weren't allowed to pay for John, I mean to talk about

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:07:11

Yeah, we can't because according to Pete's office,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:07:15

that's that's the reason I didn't come back to try and answer you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:07:18

we're kind of going on and on with this. And we're not even supposed to be having these conversations on this.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:07:26

Well, if Erisa, you know ask a question, we need to try to answer it. So, they understand it.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:07:33

You've asked. You've asked 3 times. Okay, but you're telling me then I can't So I'm not allowed to ask questions. Is that what you're telling me?

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:07:36

No, No.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:07:36

That I see something that is a resolution that had been passed in a meeting?

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:07:38

Correct?

Janet Ward, Resident 1:07:38

I'm not allowed to ask questions about it. So, you're, let me finish, please. I'm not allowed to every resident as a township resident that's paying my taxes and paying whatever else. I'm not allowed to ask. Why?

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:08:01

No, I did not.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:08:02

You did too

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:08:03

I said we cannot answer that question, you ask it 3 times.

Janet Ward, Resident 1:08:07

I'll ask it 5 times if I need to.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:08:08

I said we cannot speak on it

Janet Ward, Resident 1:08:10

But I also

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:08:11

we gave you every opportunity to speak, even speak out of turn, we've been

Janet Ward, Resident 1:08:16

I didn't speak out of turn, never like, my little timer didn't go down to three minutes.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:08:22

So, we have never told you you can't speak up. We said we cannot. We can't speak on it. We didn't tell you you couldn't speak. Mr. Chairman.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:08:32

I'd like to just, to just finish up, I'll say this. And then we'll finish up but I will. I'm not 100% clear if we can or can't discuss it now. Janet. Okay. Well, that's fine. I'm so I'm not certainly not trying to say hey, I don't want to answer you. What I will do is I will check and see if we are or are not allowed to get you an answer on this. Fair enough. And I will, I will, I will let you know, I will make I will make an inquiry and find out. You know, I don't know. I mean, frankly, I don't know why that we would not be allowed, John. I mean, I'm not sure

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:09:26

because it's in negotiations. And Pete said that we are not supposed to be bringing up in the meeting and talking about we're not supposed to, because nothing has been decisive.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:09:38

Okay, well, what I'll do is to make sure that Janet gets an answer. It's all well inquired and get back with you. Okay. Appreciate that. Thank you. Okay, thanks. Okay. Jan, did you have something?

Jan, Resident 1:09:52

I just wanted to say thank you to Aryeh for all that you've done through the township. Our police department, sheriff's department and my fire department and all that you've done and I'm just hoping and praying that next year which is right around the corner is going to be a better year for everybody. I just want everybody to be safe.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:10:16

Well thank you appreciate the power good positive remarks you had there. We need a few more them and I'd really appreciate it does anyone else have anything before we adjourn just wanted to say again to say I wish everybody the best in the holidays and beyond and just remember my friends and relatives and so forth so long in Kentucky there's a lot of them that are damaged or deceased that I have don't even have an idea who they are right now so but anyway, thanks very much and everybody enjoy the holidays Thank you we're Adjourned.

Group 1:11:12

(Illegible chatter) real quick. Bridge can be additional weight yeah can you think you guys felt like gonna shut this down so we don't get just you guys go ahead I didn't know what you had planned. Okay, sorry this will be a before and after Yeah.

John Fleshman, Trustee 1:11:20

you want mask on or off gentlemen?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 1:11:50

this will be a before and after

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 1:12:01

No tan or white light Okay. Dodge Caravan cameras making that work is my call yeah, I'm not going anywhere oh yeah, it's good

Ralph Horn, Trustee 1:12:38

boy you've already done your Hanukkah thing, I seen you doing it. I had a notion to come over and get a piece of that pizza. I know you're not, I may be coming and looking for a job I wanna get out and do a little squirrel hunting there, tell uh my little baby girl merry Christmas