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SPEAKERS

Nicholas (47%), John (16%), Ralph (13%), Aryeh (7%), Janet (4%), Chief F (3%), Jeanine (2%), Steve (2%), Nicole (2%), Pastor (1%), Robbyne (1%), Jan, (1%), Chief P (1%), Group (<1%), FCSO (<1%), Guest, (<1%), Jim (<1%), Guest (<1%), Lt. (<1%)

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:01

Recorders been started,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:02

Okay, recorders started. Okay. Welcome everyone to the bi weekly meeting of Franklin township trustees. December the 2nd, 2021. Pastor, could we have an opening prayer, please?

Pastor Womack 00:23

I'd be honored to do so sir.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:24

good to see you. haven't seen you for a bit. Yes.

Pastor Womack 00:28

Father, we thank you for this time to come together. We thank you for our township. As we gather we do pray for Chaplain Snodgrass as he's been deployed to, up in Michigan to take care of that tragedy there at that school. yeah So Father, as we pray, we, you pray for those families that are we pray for our country, our community, we're thankful for all of our first responders. And so, Lord be with all those who watch over not only our community, but also our country, every branch of our armed forces. And as we come together for this township meeting, we first thank you for our trustees that were elected in and Father I pray that they would work together in unity and, and that they would, that they would, that they would present themselves as, as good leaders in the community, that we can look to them as an example and see that there's unity and togetherness there, which brings unity and togetherness within the community and neighborhoods that we serve in. Lord I've asked your blessing upon the meeting may be productive, fruitful most importantly, may be pleasing to you. And I pray all these things in Jesus name and for his sake, amen.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:38

We have a pledge allegiance,

Group 01:42

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 02:01

Okay could we have a roll call

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:05

Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 02:05

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:05

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 02:06

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:06

John

John Fleshman, Trustee 02:07

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:07

Thank You

Ralph Horn, Trustee 02:08

Okay, item number 4 on the agenda, we'll table the unapproved minutes from the last meetings.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 02:19

I'll second.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:22

Alright, Roll call on this, Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 02:23

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:24

Aryeh?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 02:24

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:25

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 02:25

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:26

Thank You

Ralph Horn, Trustee 02:27

Yeah, we got a little behind there. So, we are a little bit behind on

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 02:31

that was just because of the holiday last week and also trying to process payroll at the same time.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 02:36

Okay. Thank you. Yes, we have well, it's not on the agenda. I've gotten a call today. Former business owner and they need to get a transfer, excuse me, transfer on a liquor license. And Dave-o could if you wanted to just come up a moment here. We'll go ahead and try to take care of this so you can get on your way. If you want to just ah. Maybe tell us what it's all about here.

Guest, Fairweather Cafe 03:14

There's an existing liquor license already there, they want to leave in January and take their liquor license with them oh, Fairweather's cafe

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 03:19

Okay, can I read it?

John Fleshman, Trustee 03:20

And for the people in the audience, they don't know what you're talking about. What, and the address?

Guest, Fairweather Cafe 03:28

3747 Trabue rd.

John Fleshman, Trustee 03:30

ok thank you

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 03:31

ok I'd like to make resolution to accept the economic development economic development trucks transfer for fair weathers Cafe LLC at 3747 Trabue Rd. franklin township Columbus Ohio 43228 from seller 16WM Inc. permit number 2599910. And I will ask for a second.

John Fleshman, Trustee 03:55

I will 2nd that sir.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 03:56

and that's going to be 2021-193 Alright, Roll call on that, Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 04:03

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:03

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 04:04

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:04

and John

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:05

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:06

Thank You

Ralph Horn, Trustee 04:09

Okay,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 04:10

Nick, can we both get a copy of this

Ralph Horn, Trustee 04:11

Yes, yeah, just hold just a moment. And we've got a

Guest, Fairweather Cafe 04:13

Thank You

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:15

Sorry it took so long

Guest, Fairweather Cafe 04:16

oh no, you're fine.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 04:19

While we're doing that, do we have a police report.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 04:22

No

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 04:24

All right. Fire. Chief, Chief Arnold.

Chief Arnold, Fire 04:27

Yes. I have a few things over here. We have always taken care of Valleyview, I think you guys are all aware that contract is make up, they didn't want us as their fire protection. they take care of their hydrant and their building department and all that. And now, for whatever reason they're coming back to us.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 04:53

So, did they pay us what they still owe us?

Chief Arnold, Fire 04:55

Yeah.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 04:55

Okay.

Chief Arnold, Fire 04:55

So, they have come back, I think Jimmy emailed it to everyone,

John Fleshman, Trustee 05:01

Yes, I've read it. so, here's the story on that, in order to be a village, at one time they were part of the township, that's why everyone's like " well why do they get to vote on our things"

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 05:13

not any more

John Fleshman, Trustee 05:14

Well, they still can because it hasn't passed yet. They're still in the township.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 05:17

I thought they, I thought-

John Fleshman, Trustee 05:20

hasn't passed, that's not final So what ended up happening with that they went to leave and then in order to stay a township, you have to be able to provide two services, one being fire and the other being police. So that's why now they're coming back around, because if we don't accept this, they're not going to be a town, they're not going to be a village for long. Just a note.

Chief Arnold, Fire 05:46

Did Grandview or Columbus turn them down?

John Fleshman, Trustee 05:49

Who knows

Chief Arnold, Fire 05:50

is that why they're coming.

John Fleshman, Trustee 05:50

Well, I mean, my question is, do we turn them down and see what happens?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 05:54

I will say, they haven't paid any of their stuff for the road, have they?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 06:00

For the road I don't think so, no.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 06:02

and they've owed us for a couple years now, right?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 06:04

That I'm not sure, it's actually the first-time hearing but I'll have to look into it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:07

We've always had problems getting paid.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 06:09

Yeah, I'm not inclined to know, collaborate with them when they have been a bad partner in faith.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:16

We can't authorize that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:20

I'm right here with you, sir.

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:21

Okay,

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:22

so, we know what the answer to that one was.

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:23

okay, fair enough

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:25

First of all, Mr. Arnold,

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:26

yes sir,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:27

we have no knowledge a little bit of information that I had that they had gone before the county commissioners and were turned down.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:38

yes, I was at that, I was there

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:40

For their, yeah for their request to have been turned down and they do have far as I know they still owe us, I haven't checked on it for a while but they do owe us still some money

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 06:53

For the roads, For sure.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:54

Yeah. Substantial, I think

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:56

they have(?) paid the fire department back

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 06:58

Right.

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:00

according to,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 07:01

yeah that's good, but they've been a bad faith partner

Ralph Horn, Trustee 07:06

that's right so simply put that valley view contract we need to look into that again, you might check with chief welch and see what he knows about

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:20

chief welch doesn't want any part of Valleyview either.

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:22

okay well then, we're done we'll move on to the next topic

Ralph Horn, Trustee 07:27

well we need to dig into that and see where we are at dollars wise

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 07:31

not worth the 20,000 they're gonna pay

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 07:33

Well, that's all its gonna mention if the board wanted to negotiate

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 07:37

They've had to pay a lot more, but the problem is they don't have any money.

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:40

just so you know, they did pass a fire small tax levy. And so, they're two levies together generate about 80,000 for fire departments,

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:51

so, they should have no problem finding somebody or start their own. Right. Okay.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 07:55

Yep, nope. Let them do their own

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:57

Okay. perfect. Next thing is I'm sure your all aware the safer grant is gonna kick in, these guys are ready to start and so just a couple of, uh, housekeeping with that, with that position reopens our ems coordinator and departmental just in positions we hired, So I'd like a motion to promote Firefighter Brockmeyer to lieutenant

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 08:24

Effective when?

Chief Arnold, Fire 08:25

Effective December 8th

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 08:27

would that be a resolution or a motion?

John Fleshman, Trustee 08:29

A resolution.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 08:30

so, I like to make a resolution to promote firefighter Brockmeyer to Lieutenant effective December 8th

Chief Arnold, Fire 08:37

December 8th

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 08:38

of 2021 and I'll ask for a second

John Fleshman, Trustee 08:40

ill second.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 08:43

gonna be resolution number 2021-194. That's Brockmeyer going to lieutenant you said

Chief Arnold, Fire 08:51

Yes, sir.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 08:54

What was the date on that sir? December 8,

Chief Arnold, Fire 08:55

December 8, it's the same day that I ask that we hire our 10

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 09:01

well let's vote on this real quick,

Chief Arnold, Fire 09:03

oh, I'm sorry,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 09:03

your good

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:04

Just to clarify, Aryeh you made that resolution and John seconded. Okay, Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 09:09

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:10

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 09:10

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:11

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 09:11

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:11

thank you. No, you tell him he's still got to make us pizza?

Chief Arnold, Fire 09:16

Oh, yes. Okay. Just gonna be 40 hours is now, it's gonna be lunch instead of Dinner. and Also, resolution to hire the 10 firefighters under that grant. I can list them.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 09:29

I got their names.

John Fleshman, Trustee 09:31

Nick, do we want an individual resolution? Or can we do bulk do it we can do a bulk

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:36

I would say bulk, or actually, I don't know because on the house bill 50's We did individuals.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 09:41

If I just make a resolution and we vote on it, can we just, do you want me to read each one

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 09:46

That's fine I mean, so we have 2021-195 through 2021 dash one zero or sorry? 204

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 09:56

Okay, so I make 10 resolutions to um, hire new firefighters. Colton Brooks, Kyle cook, Samuel Fabbro, Jared Ferguson, Dane Geater, Daniel gray, Cabot Mesa, Joseph Mesa, Christian Santiago and Corey trotted, I apologize if I mis-pronounced any of the names

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:19

And that starting with resolution number

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:22

2021-195 through 2021-204.

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:28

I will second That

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:29

and that would be effective, effective date December 8

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:34

All right, roll call on that, Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 10:35

yeah

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:36

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:37

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:37

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:38

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 10:39

thanks.

Chief Arnold, Fire 10:41

And just for the residents, those 10 people will start putting engine 192 off Sullivant Ave back in service here this month

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 10:50

were gonna keep the same engine down here, right

Chief Arnold, Fire 10:52

yeah

John Fleshman, Trustee 10:53

and that's going to be at no cost to the public thanks to the village at work getting something called a SAFER grant, all the payroll is gonna be taken care of, so that will be taken care of through the federal government. That's the, one of the biggest things I've always said is, grants, grants, grants.

Guest 11:16

how long is the grant for?

Chief Arnold, Fire 11:17

3 years

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:20

yeah, those 10 new hires will be covered for 3 years by the government, I'm happy to have that for sure. alrighty sir, do we have anything else?

Chief Arnold, Fire 11:33

That's all I have

Ralph Horn, Trustee 11:34

okay anyone else, uh anyone have any?

Chief Smith, Police 11:37

yeah, I think it have to go by resolution,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 11:42

Do you need a resolution for that?

Chief Smith, Police 11:46

yeah, I have something, Ralph. um due to the injury of LT. Rattliff we need a resolution for intermittent use of injury leave until we figure out what the extent of the injury is, he has an appointment Monday.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 12:04

okay, so effective when okay, so we need a , I hereby make a resolution for intermittent leave for LT. Ratliff effective today, pending, injury leave pending results of bwa, BWC

Chief Smith, Police 12:10

um effective today Yeah,

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:29

I would second that

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 12:38

that would be resolution 2021-205, and roll call on that ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 12:39

yes

Lt. Ratliff, Police 12:39

9:30

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 12:39

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 12:40

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 12:40

john

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:41

yes

Ralph Horn, Trustee 12:42

you say that Monday, Monday on your doctor's date sir. that's Monday on your doctor's date

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 12:52

Thank You,

John Fleshman, Trustee 12:52

he'll have more information, it's not final but he'll have some information.

Chief Smith, Police 12:57

That's all,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 12:58

cool

Chief Smith, Police 12:58

thank you

Ralph Horn, Trustee 12:59

thanks chief. okay, road dept. Jim

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 13:04

He didn't have anything

Ralph Horn, Trustee 13:05

Stevens. Yeah, he called said he couldn't be here tonight but didn't have anything new to report. They are still working as I'm Sure you're seeing on the leaves right now. So, they haven't done mine either so, Okay, we'll go ahead and move on through, Aryeh if you have anything,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 13:27

just to remind everyone, you can get your boosters now, so get your boosters shot if you haven't gotten your shot, get your shot, that new variant no one wants that so, please get your boosters, they're free, they'll give you \$100 bucks at Columbus public health if you want it,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 13:43

I just got my booster and didn't get 100 bucks

Group 13:44

(Laughter)

Guest 13:44

Where do you go for that?

John Fleshman, Trustee 13:44

Yeah. I just wanted to touch on.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 13:45

so, um we also have a new metorpark that just opened, it's the closest park to us, it's right off Trabue folks should go check it out.

John Fleshman, Trustee 13:47

the old quarry

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 13:47

it's the closet metro park to our township, it's the old Quarry, it's pretty awesome. at their office, um uh there on um Main St. Main and Parsons.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 13:55

John, you?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 13:58

Oh, I got one more

John Fleshman, Trustee 13:59

go ahead your good sir goes through saint Margarita.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 14:15

Yeah. so

John Fleshman, Trustee 14:16

and you go over the tracks and then you used to go over to the quarry and look down there was never nothing down here. They're building really nice. condos, apartments. And and the trail opened on Thursday. I was there was the Thursday.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 14:28

Yeah,

John Fleshman, Trustee 14:29

no, today's Thursday.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 14:30

So, Tuesday.

John Fleshman, Trustee 14:31

It opened Tuesday on the 30th and I went there for about three hours and walked in there paved their concrete high-end money put into this has waterfall nice waterfall that you can go to. And just remember when you go there, you're in a quarry so you're going down it's cooler. So, it may seem like today was fine but I took a hat and a scarf. But it was gonna be nice as in the summer and then they got the lakes that's in there, plenty of restrooms around, there's just going to be a lot. It's going to be one of the nicest parks around it is sometimes a little hard for parking, you turn on old Dublin road, and then you can park right there. There's a parking lot, but it's really, really something to see.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 15:15

That's all I got.

John Fleshman, Trustee 15:18

So, with me, um. I want to talk about Westway Body Shop, did you already talk to him. Westway?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 15:25

Yes.

John Fleshman, Trustee 15:25

Okay.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 15:26

I did, I did everything I could

John Fleshman, Trustee 15:27

Okay. So, I got a call from one of our businesses that is wanting to get city water and sewer. And he's like, John, I was told that I have to annex in the city. I've had my business in the township for two years. I don't want to annex I live in the township. I want to keep my business there. I'm like absolutely you can, the ruling is on that if there is water and sewer adjacent to your property. And keep this in mind for some of my neighbors, because you got water running along the back of your fence. You can pay the tap fee and hook in, but you follow the same process as what the city has is what we did for sewer. So, we were able to keep this business in the township instead of losing another business. So, what does this mean? I believe that in the last eight years since I've been on, I seen a number, I'm pretty certain it's pretty close. We've lost 400 acres of the township and eight years due to annex annotation into the city of Columbus. So, you know, it's one of these things every time we lose something trade, you're Wilson road, used to be a nice McFarland house, 10 acres, gone, apartments, Trabue road, you go and go over the hill. For houses gone its now apartments, we don't get no taxes. So, when we sit here, and we budget money, all of a sudden, you're like, why does the police need another Levy? Why do they need this? All of us are asked to pick up the extra cost. When you don't no longer have those businesses. Hague Avenue there used to be a farm there. And now it's all apartments, where the prison is going in that used to be a farm. Now we get nothing from that. So, there are so many things that are getting eaten up even just like right down here. If you look at the morgue, that was in the township, it was a school we didn't get taxes, but it went into the city. We know we don't get no taxes on that. So, all

these little things that you start to lose that changeover because amenities. It's not widely known that you don't have to do that in order to annex into the city. If the if the stuff is there is amenities, the water and sewer by law, they can't tell you, you have to annex into the city. So, I just wanted to bring that up and for the record, because I think it's a misconception. Fortunately, when he called me I told him, No, that's not the case. And he said, No, you didn't read my letter. And I said, trust me, let me go to work on this. I got with Mark. And we even talked with what's her name? Representative Anise, and we're looking in at ways, my biggest question. And Aryeh, you may know this. If you can annex into the city, why can't people now annex from the city back into the township?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 18:26

They'll never change that law.

John Fleshman, Trustee 18:27

But I mean, I honestly believe in the next four years, I honestly believe there's got to be a way it can't be a one-way street. So, I'm anxious to see if there is a way that we would be able to get legislation where people would be able to I know good luck. But you know, I mean, it's gone for it's got to be a way that it has to know their fair playing ground if someone can annex into the city and then \$250 and do it in three weeks, and then you can never come back. That's just not right. So that's all I have.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 19:06

Okay, y'all go down on marsdale Avenue and this, that'd be an easy one to get back. There's only about oh, just 16-18 homes there

John Fleshman, Trustee 19:16

but you know it just seems like I under, I don't do politics. Well, I know there's politics that's involved in it, and the city is not going to want to give up something that they got. But then again, you know, a lot of us will never know what small government and what townships villages are unless you go to a museum, because if you keep getting enough eventually you can't afford to have a township.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 19:43

Okay, alrighty. Let's see, yeah, I had one new item here. We just had the, the one property up here demolish that was a, you collected the property taxes on the uh restaurant bar whatever on Harrisburg Park

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 19:47

your good, we got a resolution either way. you too. So, I'd like to make a motion to accept obligations approved by the administrator from November 22 2120 21 to December 1 2021, totaling \$59,427. you mean the hotel? Oh, Bobs bar I know nothing about those

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 20:19

yeah, they annexed into the city.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:22

yeah, the one that was just demolished up here on the corner.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 20:27

I don't think anything was demolished not that I've seen.

John Fleshman, Trustee 20:31

add that to uh, 400 and whatever square foot.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 20:34

the crimson and clover is demolished okay you know where the crimson and clover was, yeah okay that property I understand now is going to be we're getting a new business coming in there uh Bank of America is supposed to be building

John Fleshman, Trustee 20:49

see and it would have been nice to keep him in the township is the only reason that they annexed into the city is to get water and sewage and its right here anyways

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 21:02

Yeah, I'm fixing one thing there's an issue with zoom right now but I'm taking care of that right this second Give me just a minute we'll be good

Ralph Horn, Trustee 21:05

that's according to the zoning Planning and Zoning so we'll be uh new bank, I don't know I didn't get a definitive date when they are going to work on it. That's supposed to be so that's about the only thing so that's supposed to be soon, that's about the only thing new I had, so, fiscal Department, Nick did you uh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 21:38

I don't know what's going on with bobs bar anyone have any idea what's going on with that

Guest 21:43

they moved across the street,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 21:44

yeah but I don't know what they're building there.

Nicole Randazzio 21:47

Bank of America

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 21:48

oh

Nicole Randazzio 21:50

the one on the corner of Hopkins? Bank of America. they annexed as well

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 21:54

yeah, I knew they annexed I just didn't know what they were building there.

John Fleshman, Trustee 21:57

see that's where a township wide levy would be perfect While you're doing that, a township wide levy, I'll explain it to you. We had it on the agenda. We had an agenda. We had it on the ballot once before what a township levy would do is a yes or no vote from the from the public. Anyone has annexed or property into the city of Columbus since 2004. would be subject to our levies, which would be police and fire. All of our levies would go away, we would have one levy called the township wide Levy. So, it would be a moral decision. Do you feel that people that have left the township for bigger and better things, and left us with the check should be helped pay our levies? Anyone that would if it did pass, and we look at the numbers of the different people going back to the casino when we tried to do this before fire was going to receive 1,000,002, I believe. And their budget is 5 million a year. Correct. So, you can imagine what potentially and I'm using the word potentially, you can imagine potentially what your taxes would be if you have all these other people starting to contribute that has been out since 2004. So, the second thing that this would do is redefine Are you going to really annex into the city of Columbus to put up Bank of America and you're going to pay two taxes. It would define our township being a township and keeping in the township, it's just like Westland mall it gets annexed. And then we have a township wide Levy, then there'll be paying both you and I are not going to worry about how many people were sitting here here and that is annexing and now we got to cover that cost. So that's something that, you know, we need to look at in the near future. It can only go on in November ballot.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 23:56

Okay, could we move on now

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 23:57

Zoom is good now. zooms good. It wasn't working, but it's fixed now. Oh, all right. All right. So, I don't have an agenda in front of me, but rather what kind of order we're going in here. There was a folder mix up somewhere. So, you should see in your folder today to rescind resolution 2021-109. There was, as Jeff and I are going through and looking at the supplemental appropriations we've done we realized that there was a duplicate. So, this resolution 2021-109 may be highlighted with green at the top of your paper, John, I you just passed it

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 24:32

I'll make a resolution to rescind resolution 2021-109 effective immediately.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 24:38

Second

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 24:39

Okay, that's going to be 2021-206.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 24:43

It's a duplicate. that's the problem.

John Fleshman, Trustee 24:46

Okay. And then what kind of savings is differences as to the budget?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 24:51

I'm not sure I'll ask Jeff on that. Get back to

John Fleshman, Trustee 24:55

and I will second, did somebody second it?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 24:57

I think ralph did, okay that's gonna be 2021-206 to rescind 2021-109, there too many number out there, but yes to get where were going out there, uh who made that?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 25:15

I did

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 25:15

You did okay, alright roll call on this, Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 25:20

Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 25:20

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 25:20

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 25:21

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 25:21

Yes. And then again, you'll let us know what the difference is

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 25:25

if, if there is a difference, there's a chance that maybe this wasn't posted because it was a duplicate. So, we'll figure that out.

John Fleshman, Trustee 25:31

cause its gonna change the bottom line on the budget, is why, I want to keep a close eye on that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 25:35

Yep. All right. Moving forward to supplemental appropriation for safer grant, there's a resolution 2021-191 That should be in your folder. This is actually a couple of different things here. You should see an exhibit A that goes over general fund, fire levee and some other things. There should also be an email in there from Jeff explaining all the different changes for this particular supplement appropriations. The general fund is a transfer out to an old safer grant to zero that one out. The MVL tax fund is a decrease in appropriations due to insufficient resources in the fund. There were fund balance adjustments posted for receipts posted in the wrong and duplicate receipts. Fire levy funded requested for additional appropriation for wages and benefits due to changes in staff throughout the year and termination of benefits. The township has an estimated payout of nearly \$100,000 For comp time and holiday time in December that as part of this request. Police levy fund this requests for additional Appropriations is also for wages and benefits due to changes in staff throughout the year, and termination of benefits. Safer great 2022 through 2025. The fire department has up to 10 new firefighters starting the Public Works commission project. This goes back to Havenwood the paving project over there from way back. Now the township still owes the contractor \$8,600, which is the local match made on the Havenwood project. There's a third party that pledges that pledged resources to cover the townships local match, and the administration is working on collection of the resources pledged and the compliance deposits fund estimated revenue for the year was well below estimates making it necessary to reduce the appropriations. So that's the exhibit A.

John Fleshman, Trustee 27:17

I got a question there, so on the public works, why don't we pay the contractor and then

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 27:24

That's what we, that's what we have to get the supplemental for,

John Fleshman, Trustee 27:26

okay, I wanted to see because there's no sense in holding him up on his money.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 27:29

So, I'll make a resolution 2021-109 resolution provides a supplemental appropriation for the period from into January 1st, 2021 and ending December 31 2021, as stated by the fiscal officer and I'll ask for a second

John Fleshman, Trustee 27:39

I'll second.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 27:41

alright roll call on this, Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 27:43

Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 27:44

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 27:44

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 27:45

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 27:45

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 27:46

Thanks. Next up on the agenda for motion for bills and payroll. Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the board approves accounts payable for November 18th 2021 through December 2 2021 in the amount of \$229,661.31, and payroll paid on November 26 2021. For \$139,787.89. And payroll paid on December 1 2021. For \$8,616.93. For an overall grand total of \$378,066.13. From check number 67157-67252 and electronic vouchers from 1434-2021 to 1513-2021. I'll make a motion to accept

John Fleshman, Trustee 28:32

I will second.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:35

alright roll call on this, Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 28:37

Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:38

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 28:38

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:39

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 28:40

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 28:41

thank you. Next up security cameras. I'm waiting for an updated quote, I didn't have a second vendor come over here. And I will tell you that the current estimate is a little under 7000. Instead of that in revolution group also had asked me at \$2,000 to their original quote, which was made 12,000. So right now, I'm looking at one other vendors come in here, the camera resolutions would be better, the overall

maintenance would appear to be better. There are other there are a couple of other optional add on's. I'm asking for an updated quote, because I thought about the salt barn back there. We've never had a camera pointed back there. I know that in the non-wintertime there's stuff stored in there that is township property. So, it would be kind of nice to have a view back here in case something whatever happened,

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:25

I would suggest that you talk to all the department heads on. And Steve, I think you should hold a meeting and just get an idea of where everyone because like you just said, maybe Jim would have brought that up and thought what about My salt barn. So, I think we need to take a general consensus of do we have all our area covered

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 29:45

right, and this is basically replacing anything on the exterior. So that also includes the fire department with looking at their parking lot back here and surrounding exactly and replacing one up here up front, outside and so this is listed as an exchange for children.

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:57

So, I think was Steve having a, you know, 30-minute meeting with everyone one day meets with everyone and and everyone kind of get a consensus of their area. And what areas is their blindside and etc. Just make sure we cover everything.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 30:14

All right, that's fine. um, Fire Department report fees.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 30:19

have we, excuse me have we gathered up the old cameras we have strung around different areas.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 30:27

I believe that those so here's the other should be existing cameras are analog, just as John mentioned in the last meeting, they're obsolete. I'm not sure. And here's the thing, we could try to use them, but then we're going to go right back to having to replace them. And so, there's going to be an there's there will be a cost to get them back online,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 30:43

I heard all of that I just suggested Just Steve or someone Jim Stevens that was supposed to gather then up, I'd like to have them gathered up, okay, check their value, and maybe they can put them online, there. Okay, gov.com or something and see if we can get a few bucks out. I mean, we we fought enough over those cameras, they should be worth a lot of money. Do you remember all the fights we had over them?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 31:12

Okay, that's something we can look into. fire department report fees this has come about because we got a check for a fire department report. And this has never, we've never taken them. Like in the past. Arnold, you want to elaborate on that. I believe you were told that like to never cash them.

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:31

In one of the companies that request

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 31:34

LexisNexis

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:35

fire reports, they send a \$5 Check every time they request a report to cover. I think it used to be to cover the mailing costs of said report back to them. That's what I was always told. We don't cash them. It's not worth it. They only asked for 20 reports a year if that but then recently. I was told to bring one down here to get it cashed. Whenever you get a report request.

Nicole Randazzo 31:35

same exact Check we get for the police department when we get a police report request

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:11

So basically, I think what the board needs Institute is a fire department report fee matching the \$5 at the police department report fees are because that I don't think that is currently established. So

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 32:25

So, I make a resolution to establish a fire department report fee at the same rate as the police department report fee

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:33

and that would be \$5, and it would be resolution,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 32:36

we'll just tie it to what theirs is so if theirs goes up it'll be the same across the board.

John Fleshman, Trustee 32:40

ill second that, Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:42

All right, that's 2021- 207 Roll call on that one, Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 32:46

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:47

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 32:47

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:48

And John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 32:49

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 32:51

and I think that's all I have, yep that's all that's on the Agenda

Ralph Horn, Trustee 32:55

Okay. Administrator, Steve, do you have anything you need to report there

Steve Mazer, Administrator 33:02

I do. I need a resolution to renew a contract with tool and Associates. They do a lot of our building inspections, electrical inspections, and plan reviews. And we've used them for a number of years. I need a resolution for that.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 33:14

Steve, do you know, if we need to subcontract do you know, if we have like when we need to go to bid again, or when we need

Steve Mazer, Administrator 33:30

for their services,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 33:31

or for like for the building department service. Because the whole time I've been here, we've just been renewing it every year. And at some point, like, we have to open it up for bid. I just don't know the last time. We probably should find that out.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 33:44

I'll be more than happy to help. And of course, this is a one-year contract. And in all honesty, that would probably give us ample time to figure it out.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 33:57

I make a resolution to renew the contract with tools associates at the 2022 rates listed in their contract for nonresidential building department service.

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:10

I will second that

Chief Arnold, Fire 34:22

renewing the contract for one year on tool and Associates

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:26

yea so, so we're voting on these now.

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:28

You know voting on to extend the contract for one year for Toole and associates

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 34:33

that they do the building department

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:34

yeah okay

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 34:35

alright. Roll call Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 34:37

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 34:38

Aryeh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 34:39

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 34:39

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 34:39

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 34:40

thanks,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 34:42

The next one is I need a resolution for clean turn, which is the cleaning company that we used for the administrative building.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 34:51

How many years is that one three. Correct, oh is it only one. Okay. I thought we were looking at three.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 34:56

I'm sorry to two-year contract two-year contract.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 35:00

Okay, I make a resolution to accept a two-year contract with clean turn for cleaning services of the administrative building and will ask for a second

John Fleshman, Trustee 35:09

I will second for that.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 35:10

One second. That'd be resolution 2021-209. Roll call on this on Ralph.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 35:18

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 35:18

john

John Fleshman, Trustee 35:18

yes

Ralph Horn, Trustee 35:18

yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 35:19

Aryeh thank you

Steve Mazer, Administrator 35:22

And the last thing I have is Jeanine Lovelace would like a few minutes to talk about the development garden.

Jeanine Lovelace 35:33

Yeah, we got some reason the resolution wasn't made. So, we need a fence around a garden is vandalism, and its hard work. So, I had someone who said they would pay for it, and they backed out. First communities said that well, if we can get the Okay, I got three quotes and the lowest one was below 7000. So, they need to be okay to put fence there. And we also they'll help us get shit put tools in so right now a little paying out of my pocket to secure storage for my tools and such

John Fleshman, Trustee 36:20

so, Jeanine who will who will

Jeanine Lovelace 36:23

first community's property management

John Fleshman, Trustee 36:25

So, here's what I think we need to do to make sure the boards fully aware, soon as we say yes that we are fine with putting a fence around the garden we need to first know what kind of structure is the fence,

Jeanine Lovelace 36:36

correct, its wire.

John Fleshman, Trustee 36:37

is it, okay and then this size dimension, we need to have I submitted the attachment with that,

Nicole Randazzo 36:45

yes, it's it not with your papers?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 36:47

I have it, I have it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 36:49

But in the future, if we don't see this before the meeting, it's hard for me to look at this and then give a decision like yes or no because is it gonna have barbed wire on it?

Jeanine Lovelace 36:58

well you guys gave a decision yes you already gave it so I had to come back because it wasn't done

Nicole Randazzo 37:04

No, you guys then you moved on to something different as if like that. It was like, like a normal topic. And then you guys started talking about money stuff. We listened, Robyn and I relistened to the audio. She said everything. And there was no resolution, no motion, no nothing. I had to listen to the audio, because for some reason, because that day there was an accident, she wasn't put on the agenda so she was, she appeared as a guest speaker, she spoke her case and

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 37:17

yeah, we made a resolution, didn't we?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 37:33

well we have a lot of disruption. So, I understand you have a problem. Kind of following up on everything. You know, it's like nobody. Everybody wants to jump in at one time.

Nicole Randazzo 37:44

yeah there was no resolution for that day whatsoever

Jeanine Lovelace 37:44

So, we have dimensions and everything. We had three quotes and so low was the best poll. And then they also wanted to do, they gave us some breaks because of profit and so forth for the day with some breaks that are safe, I can get in there. But again, it costs us a lot. I live right across the street from the

garden. So, I see it and I actually saw kids a kid just pence I just put around my beds and just ripping them off to them is a lot. So, me as a point, you know, how much more can I do to keep that I'm just saying a fence tells us to stop for a minute it won't totally prevent it though

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 38:09

I'm gonna make a resolution to authorize our township administrator to send a letter of approval for the fencing and small shed and shed for the community garden Havenwood Yeah, that way we just authorize Steve, the letter our behalf

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:48

okay do we want to pass a resolution.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 38:50

That was a resolution. I made a resolution.

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:52

Okay, so then I'll second it.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 38:54

Yeah.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 38:54

Okay,

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:54

then we'll vote on it so that we make sure we don't skip it this time.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 38:58

Roll call Ralph. roll call Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 39:02

yes .

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:02

Aryeh?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 39:03

Yes,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:03

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:04

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:04

Thanks

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 39:05

so, Steve. That way you could run with this

Steve Mazer, Administrator 39:07

yeah, it'll get done.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:09

and that's 2021-210 To make a resolution

Jeanine Lovelace 39:16

Oh, no. Unless you do that. we care about our kids how your development and I have after school programs so we try to keep them we're trying to do all we can our budget is low. We have a lot of harm; a lot of kids get hurt out there. We got bullying and so we do the best we can. we teach the kids in the garden the kids even work in the garden so

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 39:40

purchase orders and yes.

Jeanine Lovelace 39:43

Nationwide Boulevard, and Westport rd., and Lincoln park all within there, and especially coming in yourself. And our kids are putting signs up for peace and animal violence and some of the things that they really want Someone lost a kid out there. We have kids. We have deaths out there all the time. And those conversations are in us after school. So, we're doing everything we can we just need the community to step up more. And help me with these, this whole thing, because it's just me and my family. There's a lot and I'm tired. You know, I just had after school with the kids, I got paint all over me. So, I'm gonna leave out if we're.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:24

and that's resolution 2021-192 Roll call on this one. Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:51

Yea

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:51

Aryeh?

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 40:52

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:52

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:53

Yes

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 40:54

Thank you. Before I move on, I see there is somebody from the sheriff's office back there I don't know if he wanted to speak for the police department. You have anything?

FCSO 41:02

no, I didn't have anything

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:03

now guys, you do have a chairman here Okay, so who's running the meeting right now?

FCSO 41:10

No sir I did not.

John Fleshman, Trustee 41:10

You are.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:10

You have nothing? Okay.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:10

oh, okay. Did you have anything you'd like to say tonight, sir? Okay, thank you.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 41:23

I think Steve has one more thing.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 41:26

I just have three people

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:29

Online there? Okay.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 41:31

yes, sir

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:32

let go ahead and see what their questions are Steve.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:42

anybody un-muting? No?

John Fleshman, Trustee 41:47

I think somebody signed up

Steve Mazer, Administrator 41:53

Robynne, do you have any questions? okay, the floor is yours.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 41:58

I was just wondering, speedway and the lot behind it has gotten really bad again. I don't know if you guys (illegible) speedway, or what to get it cleaned up, but it's gotten really bad there.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 42:04

and that's the speedway on

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 42:40

3605 West Broad

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 42:41

3605 west broad asking about the speedway and the lot back behind there. at least from what I've heard, unless I misheard. I'm just trying to write it down for the minutes.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 42:51

we can share that with Jim Stevens so the lot has gotten really bad,

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 43:19

yes

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:19

I'm just making notes. Anything else Robynne?

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 43:21

No that's its.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:22

okay

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 43:23

thank you

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:23

thank you

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:23

see who else is there Steve,

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:23

Jim?

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent 43:23

yeah, I was online listening, well look into that lot behind there.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 43:28

Thank Jim

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:28

Terrific, Jim. Thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:36

who was that, uh

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 43:36

that was Jim Stevens

Steve Mazer, Administrator 43:38

I think that's it.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 43:43

Okay. Well, from the audience there, Janet we'll have Janet ward. So, could you could you go ahead

Janet Ward, Resident 43:54

okay so I basically have a statement and this is my time to talk so you guys can listen. First of all, I want to know, why do we have so many special meetings. And these meetings are something that should be discussed within a regular meeting. I sat in here at the 530 meeting, nothing in that meeting should have been done then it should have been done in this meeting. And I'm sorry to say that there's too many things like that that's going on. Second of all, I attended the 2022 budget meeting a couple weeks ago, I was able to take those documents home, looked at them. Most of it, there was no red flags. There was a couple items that I have that a red flag. First of all, there's a new line item in the fiscal office. That is an item for to hire Jeff wilcheck. And he actually said that was his is a \$75,000-line item. And that's just for his salary. This doesn't include fringe benefits as insurance and vacation and sick time that all gets added to it too. So that's just his base plus you got all this other and then I want to know why he's being brought on as an employee. Why Can't We? I mean, my understanding was, he was to be here to fix the rest of the, the audit and all that reconciliation. Why are we bringing him on as an employee, we have a fiscal officer sitting up here, that should be doing it. And I understand that he's training him and that's fine. He should not be brought in as a full-time employee of this township, in my opinion, that's personal opinion. And then you guys do it with what you want. Because he needs to go. I understand he straightened things down, he might still be working on it. But he doesn't need to be here, the next four years, one to 75,000 plus every year, plus more. Second of all, again, this was discussed in a special meeting, to spend \$235,000, for a rundown piece of property that we're going to, to

purchase. And then I sit here in these meetings, listening to everybody say that we're struggling with this, we're struggling with that we're losing this company, we're losing that. And then we have to pick up these pieces and parts. What's this \$235,000 piece of property want to do for us at the end of the day, nothing without those monies can be obviously from what I heard, loaned out to allow our police department to police my neighborhood, to please anybody neighborhood in this township. And it's just not. So, take it for what it is. But that's my opinion on the budget and the way you guys are spending the money.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 46:38

Thank you, Janet, that apparently one-person kind of agrees with me. And thank you for a little testimonial there. I've been preaching pretty heavily here about trying to keep costs in line. And boy, that didn't go very well with me. Matter of fact, that turned into a real fiasco for me, just for everybody's information. One of the things that I've been fighting for here was to keep our costs down. There's no one that I could really have any importance here. That seems to be listening to me. We keep harmed her spending. As we stand right now asking about the audits and things of that nature of Janet, just a little information for you. Currently, we have, let's see three, three state auditors we're paying. Okay, we have this young man here who will pay and he's the fiscal officer, we have Robyn Watkins, that is the assessor, I think you will probably know that. And so those, all those people there have the input of their salaries and a monetary spending that comes out of our job. Or general find here is all goes toward getting paychecks done, basically, and bounce in a book. Now, if I should be happy, I know there were some residents that got angry with me, but bring that to everybody's attention. And I'll never apologize to that. If I think there's going to be all this money. That's fat, that don't need to be spent. The way I'll have it fairly good. This year, we're going to spend approximately \$400,000 more to get two paychecks done here than we've ever done in any one year ever. Now, if a residents are happy with that, you know, why don't they spend \$191,000 and keep the fire or keep the police department going? You know, I don't disagree what you just say that's the best thing I've heard for a while Janet, and thank you for that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 49:33

And Janet, if I may comment, just because it's there was a line item put there. That doesn't mean that the person's hired the board would have to hire and the board similar to

Ralph Horn, Trustee 49:50

well its intended john,

John Fleshman, Trustee 49:50

but it doesn't

Ralph Horn, Trustee 49:51

whatever is on that is intended to be there, and that issue has been pushed for

John Fleshman, Trustee 49:54

if I could finish sir

Ralph Horn, Trustee 49:55

for Jeff,

John Fleshman, Trustee 49:56

here let me finish if I may

Ralph Horn, Trustee 49:57

I'll just I'll finish up one more statement. I've given you all night. It's been pushed, Jeff has been pushed to be hired ever since he's been here.

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:07

have you voted yes, to hire him?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 50:07

sure

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:07

have you voted yes to hire him full time?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 50:07

no, I, no, it don't do me any good to vote for that

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:08

have you voted yes for this?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 50:10

what

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:14

so, unless it goes across this table and vote for it or there can be a line item. But that's just going to go right back into general fund. That's just a suggestion. That doesn't mean, the fiscal department has no power to hire him.

Janet Ward, Resident 50:34

So, he sat right here and this building right room. Last at that budget meeting, was asked to him if that line item was for him to be hired on. He turned around and told the person that asked that question, yes, it was

John Fleshman, Trustee 50:50

it may in his mind, and then I don't know if Jeff wants to comment on it. But the board of trustees would have to be the ones to say, are we going to do that? And in my opinion, as I've said before, I've voted no, on this before that, you know, as you just stated, we have assistant, we also have the fiscal officer, and to have a third person. I agree that he needs to be there to do what he is doing to get things cleaned up. And then once it's cleaned up and turned over, we should be fine.

Janet Ward, Resident 51:27

Exactly. That that's not what I'm saying. No, I'm looking at those budget reports that I walked out of this building with. That is not what I'm seeing as forecasted. And right. And the next time, the next meeting, you guys are supposed to approve this budget. So that means that it's there for him to take that position

John Fleshman, Trustee 51:45

even if we approved the budget, we would still have to approve him to be hired. So, you know, I mean, the money could sit there, but we would just put it back, we would make a resolution to put that that line item. I forget what we call that. But I know we're taking up a lot of time. But just because it's there does not mean that that's going to happen.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 52:06

It's just an appropriation.

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:07

Yeah And that's basically what it was going to show it to trustees if the trustees so deemed necessary. It's in the budget. Even if we pass the budget, and it's in there, it's just showing if we went to move forward to hire someone, it would be there. It's physically responsible to be able to show that you can afford him if you wish to hire. So, Nick did what he was supposed to do is to and work on a budget to show this is everything would balance. If we hired him, then it would be your board's decision. Are we going to take another person on? And my personal feeling is no.

Janet Ward, Resident 52:48

Well, I don't think Nick made that budget. I think Jeff is the one that did that budget?

John Fleshman, Trustee 52:53

No, I mean, I know Nick worked with him. I don't think

Janet Ward, Resident 52:55

yeah might have worked with him, but he's not the one

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 52:56

I did. And here's the thing, just so the public knows, there were so many years where there was not even a proper budget done here. And I know,

Janet Ward, Resident 53:03

I'm tired of hearing that we had years and years of a fiscal officers that didn't know what they were doing or that right, I didn't do that. But did we know you're not just sit up here today, someone even say the one that preceded you, doesn't even give out the right information. So, no, don't go blaming people that was here two and three and five years ago.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 53:25

I'm not sitting up here saying that I am blaming buddy, but what I will say is that that is he put that in as a part time position. Okay, and I've not even talked to the board about it. And again, just so the public knows it is a line item, the board can approve it. And if that money does not get used, it's money that still sits there at the end of the year. It is it does not mean that that money has to be used, that money can be moved to another line item that needs help, that money can sit there for carry over to the next year. Whatever the case may be, it's just a budget, it's not the end all be all okay, this is exactly what we're spending this is what's gonna be left this is this, this is this, it is just an idea, basically more than anything

Ralph Horn, Trustee 54:04

well he can put the line, there can be line items all over the place. And if there is no money to cover that line item, you get what I'm saying?

Janet Ward, Resident 54:17

I understand, but I also don't understand why

Ralph Horn, Trustee 54:22

there would be knowing the people I'm trying to work with or would be a good chance that I would try to get around through you know, neglect, maybe the police department or something like that and try to push that on to just to have another person here. And just because I say do we really need this person then I'll get really stepped on and stopped on and I thought what you're supposed to be is to try to do a fair and economic budget and costs and everything for the township and its residents. That's what I'm here for. And I guess if people won't be here anymore, they can just tell me. But what I always do is try to keep the trash clean roads clean this clean that clean, and do it in a fair, economical and prudent way. But boy, I'll get stepped on pretty hard. You know, when I mentioned saving money, then, you know, I'm like poison around here, that don't seem to be a popular term around here. So, I'll just leave it at that. Thank you for your statement though, Janet, appreciate it. Nick, did you , I guess you have some?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 55:49

Yeah, I wanted to just note that I'm speaking on behalf as Resident not a fiscal officer. So, in terms of looking at budget things, I also took the exact same documents home. And also looking at some of the things I've realized that there are some opportunities for money to be saved in the police department. One of those things, I think, would be looking at, you have a chief that has a vacation accrual of 12 hours per pay period, which comes out to about \$15,000 a year. If he doesn't use it, which obviously there's parts of that that are there's also wellness pay involved with the chief, a lieutenant that could be looked at again, it's not a huge amount of money. I also know that there is another question I have for the board and looking at MOU's. When's the last time the board has given a merit review to the police department as part of their MOU for chief and lieutenant to get part of the raise? I'm not against the police department and want that to be known. I'm just looking through your contracts trying to find ways to help save money sent me we don't have to do as many brownouts. Maybe we can go back to doing some of the overtime and things. Again, just merely suggestions. But I want to be known that this is all public information to anybody. You guys could all ask for this exact same stuff like I have. Some of the stuff is provided in the budget meeting, and things of that nature, but I just want it to be known that

there are there are opportunities out there. And I think the board should talk to me about them. that's all I have

Ralph Horn, Trustee 57:08

Okay. Thank you. Is there anyone have any other? If not,

Aryeh Alex, Trustee 57:14

are we having a meeting of the 30th still, are we just

Ralph Horn, Trustee 57:17

just 16th I think okay. Okay, having nothing further. We are adjourned.

Jan, Resident 57:26

Okay, can I say something?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 57:28

oh, yeah, yeah, yeah,

Jan, Resident 57:30

you bring up saving money. And you want to look at the look at all the crime going on and we need the police going on I have had vacation times so be it. I drove a school bus and I had vacation time. But they deserve it. I'm sorry. They put their life on the line

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 57:55

I get it. It's just that there are other people other employees that don't get that anywhere even close to that exact amount. Okay, so the board could look at that. That's all that's all I'm saying. I'm not I'm not

Jan, Resident 58:07

that's coming up the ranks, isn't it? I went from a private first class up to a lieutenant. okay, it took for me a long time to do it, and it was hard work to do it, but I made it.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 58:24

Are we adjourned? I thought I heard the word. Okay. Just one more meeting on the 16th