

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Minutes of Franklin Township  
Franklin County, Ohio**

**Regular Meeting**

**Held via Teleconference  
COVID-19 Emergency Declaration  
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**January 14, 2021**

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**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Alex called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 14, 2021, via teleconference (ZOOM).

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Trustee Fleshman

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Trustee Horn

**Roll Call:** Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

*Alex made a motion to approve meeting minutes of regular meeting 12/10/2020, special meeting 12/13/2020 and special meeting 12/21/2020. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Motion passed.*

Alex opened by mentioning that at the first regular meeting of the new year, it is statutory to re-organize the leadership of the Board by the Ohio Revised Code. He then turned the meeting over to Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart.

Rhinehart introduced herself and then opened the meeting up for nominations for the 2021 Chairman of the Board. She asked for any nominations.

*Alex made a motion to nominate Ralph Horn as Chairman for the year 2021. Fleshman seconded the motion; the roll was called and the vote was as follows:*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Motion passed.*

Rhinehart closed the nominations for the 2021 Chairman of the Board and congratulated Horn.

Rhinehart opened the nominations for the 2021 Vice-Chairman of the Board.

*Alex made a motion to nominated John Fleshman as Vice-Chairman for the year 2021. Horn seconded the motion; the roll was called and the vote was as follows:*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Motion passed.*

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Rhinehart closed the nominations for 2021 Vice-Chairman of the Board and congratulated Fleshman.

Fleshman and Horn expressed their appreciation for Alex in his role as chairman for the year 2020.

Rhinehart announced the Chairman of the Board for 2021 to be Ralph Horn and the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2021 to be John Fleshman.

Ralph Horn then took over as Chairman of the meeting.

## **Old Business**

Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart recommended the following resolution:

### **Resolution 2021-004**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves accounts payable through 01/13/2021 in the amount of \$274,512.72 and payroll paid on 12/25/20 in the amount of \$156,334.66 and payroll paid on 01/08/21 in the amount of \$148,818.68 for a total of \$579,666.06. From check number 65117 to 65343 and electronic vouchers from #813 to 854-2020 and 31-2021 to 32-2021.

Horn made a motion for the adoption of the above resolution. moved. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

**Alex:**  YES/ NO

**Fleshman:**  YES/ NO

**Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

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Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart recommended the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-005**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 19-280  
TEMP AGENCY HOURLY RATE**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 19-280 appointed Mark Potts to retain a temporary Administrative Assistant with specified rate of \$16.00/hour;

**WHEREAS**, after the meeting, Mark Potts was advised there was a prior agreement with Dawson dated 2/13/2017 with a markup of 60% of the current wage, \$25.60 was negotiated to \$20/hr.

**WHEREAS**, per statute, the Administrator may approve up to \$10,000, and the difference was less than this amount the temporary person was hired several weeks later;

**WHEREAS**, the position was reduced to 30 hours per week in response to COVID concerns;

**WHEREAS**, the name of the new agency is Robert Half, Office Team and they have increased the rate by one percent (1%) or \$0.20/hour;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Township Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County:

**SECTION 1**, approve the \$20/hour retroactively to the start date and the later reduction in hours, and also approve the 20-cent increase to \$20.20 for the current rate.

*Alex made a motion for the adoption of the above resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart brought up the need for an additional full-time Assistant Fiscal Officer position. Rhinehart recommended the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-006**

**TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR AN  
ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the pay of up to \$17/hour and benefits for a full-time Assistant Fiscal Officer position reporting to the Fiscal Officer. The primary duties and responsibilities are outlined per the attached Exhibit Assistant Fiscal Officer Job Description.

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Trustee Alex voiced his opinion that he could not be on board with the Resolution until Franklin Township brings in more revenue, hires more firefighters and complies with the collective bargaining agreement.

Rhinehart voiced her disagreement, stating that the position being considered is not part of a union and is not included in the bargaining agreement. She stated that the Fiscal Office needs an individual who is bonded and would be responsible to the Fiscal Officer in dealing with any money transactions. She voiced her concern that the Fiscal Office is falling behind in their responsibilities and may not be able to pass an audit, that the State may come in and "take over".

Fleshman stated that he feels Rhinehart has accomplished a great deal in her position. He stated that he does not see another way other than to support the efforts of the Fiscal Office.

*Horn made a motion for the adoption of the above resolution.  
Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows:*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

With no further discussion, Chairman Horn moved to New Business.

## **New Business:**

### **Police Department Report:**

Chief Byron Smith began by congratulating the new Board and Trustee Alex for his contribution.

Smith provided an update on the status of the Police Department. He reported the department is losing two full-time officers and one officer currently off with BWC.

Smith stated that he has had several meetings with Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart and with Jeff Wilcheck who concluded that the temporary levy is unable to sustain the Police Department. He stated he is asking for a Resolution in order to request the County Auditor to do "fact-finding" and provide data regarding the levies.

Alex and Fleshman agreed with the County Auditor to evaluate and provide data.

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*Trustee Fleshman made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:*

### **Resolution 2021-007**

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (B)**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, (the "Board") provides police services through the Franklin Township Police District ("Police District"), which services the **unincorporated** portions of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is the taxing authority for the Police District; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is in the best interests of Township residents to levy an additional tax for the provision of Police services to Township and Police District residents, the submission of such tax is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Franklin Township and its Police District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection,

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for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township (**unincorporated areas only**) and (ii) the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue by the proposed levy; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township and the number of mills required to generate a specified amount of revenue by the proposed levy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

**Section 1.** The Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Franklin Township and its Police District.

**Section 2.** The Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Franklin Township (**unincorporated areas only**) and its Police District for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under Section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J). The sections of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(J), 5705.191, and 5705.25.

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**Section 3.** The Franklin County Auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify to the Franklin Township Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township (**unincorporated areas only**) and the number of mills to be levied in order to generate:

- a) The amount of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) of tax revenue per year for a period of time (permanent).
- b) The amount of One Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$1,450,000.00) of tax revenue per year for a continuing period of time (permanent).

**Section 4.** The above-referenced proposed levy would be a new and additional levy upon the **unincorporated** territory of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio for a continuing period of time (permanent), to be placed upon the ballot of the primary election to be held on May 4, 2021, and submitted to the **unincorporated** territory of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio. The proposed levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate of 2021 for collection in 2022, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

**Section 5.** Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio only has territory in Franklin County, Ohio.

**Section 6.** The Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor and the Board of Elections of Franklin County, Ohio.

**Section 7.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time provided by law.

*Alex seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO

**Fleshman:**  YES/ NO

**Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

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Chief Smith requested a Resolution that Pastor Bill Snodgrass be added to serve as a chaplain for the Police Department.

*Horn made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:*

**Resolution 2021-008**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BILL SNODGRASS  
AS A SECONDARY CHAPLAIN FOR THE  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approves that Pastor Bill Snodgrass serve as a chaplain to the Franklin Township Police Department.

*Alex seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows. Resolution passed.*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

Chief Smith requested a motion to the Board for permission to utilize overtime due to the Police Department's shortage of staff.

Rhinehart stated this is the first notice the Fiscal Office has received and that they would have to evaluate the budget before a vote could be made.

Alex voiced his opinion that a vote should be postponed until the next meeting until Rhinehart and Smith could meet for further discussion.

Chief Smith then requested a motion to the Board granting him permission to begin background checks in order to replace an officer leaving the Police Department.

*Alex made a motion to allow Chief Smith to begin background checks on potential applicants for the police department. Fleshman seconded the motion, with no further discussion the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the fire department.

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief James Welch updated the Board on staffing issues within the Fire Department. He stated that three firefighters have turned in their resignations. He stated that his department will be hiring soon.

Welch reported that both medics have been moved to 192 on Sullivant. He reported having one engine running out of the Frank Road location. He stated



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the plan is to eventually have one medic at Sullivant and one medic at Frank Road.

Welch reported another issue in his department. He reported that the State Auditor does not like the Building Department intertwined with the Fire Department. He stated that in 2020 the Building Department was not billed for Todd Broecker's services to avoid any "red flags" on the audit. He stated the State Auditor wanted Broecker to keep track of his hourly duties in the Building Department which Welch feels is not feasible and that the Fire Department needs him.

Rhinehart mentioned that the new Assistant Fiscal Officer upon being hired is able to assist Broecker with any financial transactions the Building Department has and to assist in keeping track of his hours.

Welch wanted to let the Board know that the Fire Department needs another medic vehicle. He stated that he will work with the Fiscal Office on the cost. He stated that he wants to begin contacting vendors and obtaining bids.

Horn asked how long it may take. Welch replied about eight months.

Alex asked Welch if the vehicle would be part of a lease program. Welch replied that he discussed it with Jeff Wilcheck and it was agreed that it would be paid in cash.

Fleshman questioned whether it would be better to lease the vehicle and then it could be a back-up, that it could save some money in order to hire possibly two firefighters. He stated that he would like to see the comparison between the two options.

Administrator Mark Potts stated that Deputy Carter of the Sheriff's Department had a report.

Deputy Carter stated that his report was from 12/15/2020 to 1/13/2021. He reported 821 calls of service, 57 reports made, 13 arrests, 21 drug-related offenses, 15 of those coming from Jackson Pike jail facility, and 3 burglaries.

He reported 9 stolen vehicles and wanted to remind the public to not leave their cars unattended while warming them up. He stated that police officers are allowed to remove keys from unattended vehicles that are left running.

Carter reported 2 recovered vehicles.

He reported 4 weapon-related runs, 2 robberies, and 9 thefts throughout Franklin Township.

He reported receiving complaints regarding heavy equipment traveling on Big Run Road.

Fleshman voiced concern about Franklin Township vehicles being left running unattended and stated he wanted to make a resolution that our vehicles are not allowed to be left running.

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Alex and Horn disagreed, stating it could hamper the Police Department's ability to provide safety for the Township.

Fleshman voiced his opinion that Franklin Township residents pay for Road and Building Department equipment and that those vehicles should be protected.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the road department.

### **Road Department Report:**

Jim Stevens began by congratulating the new Board and Trustee Alex for his contribution over the past year.

Stevens reassured Fleshman that the Road Department is aware of leaving their vehicles running and making sure they are protected.

Stevens updated the Board regarding sealed bids on the dump truck. He stated that he posted that the bids would be opened on January 7 and that the Board decided to postpone it until January 14. He stated that some bids were turned in after January 7 and wanted to make sure those bids were accepted.

Fleshman asked that the Board accept all bids as they are sealed and due to changes in meeting timelines.

Alex and Horn agreed with Fleshman.

Mark Potts stated he, Mary Rhinehart and Robyn Watkins from the Fiscal Office were present to open the bids for the 2008 Ford F150 dump truck and snow plow.

He stated the first bid was from Smith Trucking & Equipment for \$10,733.33 and opened the remaining bids:

Tom Brown - \$4,000, Robert Daniels with All American Masonry - \$5,500, Rudy - \$10,000, Jennifer Reiser - \$4,510, Joshua Solas - \$3,600, and Ralph Wolfe - 6,000.

The Board agreed that the highest bid was from Steve Smith with Smith Trucking & Equipment.

Horn made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:

### **Resolution 2021-009**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SMITH TRUCKING & EQUIPMENT RECIPIENT OF FORD F-550 SEALED BID**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board awards Smith Trucking & Equipment as the highest bidder at \$10,733.33 for the Ford F-550 Dump Truck through the sealed bid process.

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Alex seconded the motion, with no further discussion the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the trustee reports:

## **Trustee Reports:**

Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Alex began by reporting that a notice was served by Local 1441 Fire Union to start labor contract negotiations. He stated that the State Employer Relations Board also received a notice.

He stated that the Board has less than two months to negotiate the next contract and that we should be forming a negotiating committee to sit down with the Union representatives to discuss any issues.

Alex stated that only one trustee may be on the committee and that Chief James Welch and Administrator Mark Potts should also be on the committee.

Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart suggested that a negotiating attorney be involved as she feels that it will be a difficult negotiation due to the budget, that we have a budget set aside for an attorney and that we should have someone who understands the law.

Alex stated that he is opposed to spending \$30,000 on a "union-busting" attorney to "screw" our hard-working firefighters! He stated that we have the ability to do negotiations.

Alex stated that he has been a professional union organizer and has worked for labor unions and understands how to negotiate a contract. He stated that the contract will be reviewed by our attorney to make sure there are no problems.

He voiced his opinion that by spending money on a firm to come in is money that could be spent on the firefighters.

Rhinehart voiced her opinion that there is an issue with what we have done in the past and that we need to look at contracts with a more budgetary focus as well as trying to do what is best for the employees. She stated comparing with other townships and "we are way above the benefits from any other".

Alex responded "that's malarkey!", "that's not true!", that our firefighters are still some of the lowest paid and have the lowest benefits in the region. He stated "our folks have been getting screwed for years!", that this is the first raise they have gotten in a contract in over a decade. He stated we cannot continue to "screw!" these firefighters and EMS workers, that they are leaving the Township because of practices like this.

Rhinehart stated that we also have to take care of our residents' money in the proper format, and "I feel we are not having unbiased negotiations as you've clearly just demonstrated".

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Fleshman stated that he heard what Alex and Rhinehart had to say, that what he heard was going to a negative thing for the Fire Department. He stated if we are not paying them enough and we are having a non-biased person looking at this, they may suggest that we pay more. He stated we have never done this before and why would we assume the worst. He stated that he would not be against having a non-biased person give us logistics so we can discuss it further.

Horn voiced his opinion that we have sixty days to gather information before making any decisions.

Fleshman suggested to table the discussion and come together in a week or so when we have enough information. He asked Alex if it needs to be an open meeting.

Alex replied that if we are discussing hiring someone for negotiations, it needs to be a public meeting.

Alex asked Mark Potts if we would set up a meeting for next week. Potts replied that he would.

*John Fleshman, Trustee*

Fleshman brought up an issue about the recycling dumpsters at Franklin Township. He mentioned we have one that had been used for clothing donations and had been moved to the back of the property. He was wondering if the dumpster could be donated to a local clothing donation site.

Potts said he called the number on the dumpster and the individual who answered said he sold the company years ago. Potts said he would reach out to legal counsel to see what our next step could be.

Fleshman questioned whether we could move the recycling dumpsters to along the fence row for the public to use. He also questioned why we have three dumpsters when we have a resolution for only one.

Fleshman and Horn suggested tabling the discussion until the next meeting.

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*Horn made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:*

## **Resolution 2021-2010**

### **RESOLUTION EMPLOYING TOWNSHIP'S ATTORNEYS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Board of Trustees ("Board") is authorized by Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code to employ attorneys on an annual basis other than the prosecuting attorney to represent the Township and its officers, boards and commissions in their official capacities and advise them on legal matters; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code provides that no such attorney may be employed except on the order of the Board, duly entered upon its Journal, in which the compensation to be paid for the attorney's legal services shall be fixed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds it necessary to appoint attorneys to counsel and represent the Township on an annual basis for calendar year 2021 in such matters as the Board or its designee may refer to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has appropriated the sum of \$75,000 for legal services for 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Township Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** Peter N. Griggs of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC and the law firm of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC, are hereby employed on an annual basis for calendar year 2021 as the Township's legal counsel to represent the Township and its officers, boards and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them in connection with such matters as may be referred to said Counsel by or on behalf of the Board or its designee.

**SECTION 2.** The compensation for such counsel during 2021 shall be paid as follows: \$225.00 per hour partner attorney time; \$205.00 per hour senior associate time; \$180.00 per hour associate time; \$120.00 per hour law clerk time; and \$105.00 per hour legal assistant time; plus, out-of-pocket expense reimbursements; provided that the total compensation shall not exceed \$75,000 without further action by this Board.

**SECTION 3.** The attorneys may be discharged at any time by majority vote of the Board.

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**SECTION 4.** The Township Fiscal Officer is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the law firm.

**SECTION 5.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

*Alex seconded the motion, with n discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

Horn brought up the next item on the agenda which was a resolution to set the regular meeting time at 6:30 p.m.

Fleshman commented that the meeting dates were moved so they were on the off-weeks of payroll and there would be time to do payroll.

He asked Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart if with an additional person coming in, could we move the meeting dates to where they were before.

Rhinehart responded by suggesting leaving the calendar as it is, that the Board accepted the calendar dates in a previous meeting. She stated that the only thing changing is the time of the meetings and that if it doesn't work, she is willing to change it later.

*Horn made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:*

## **Resolution 2021-011**

### **RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE ALL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN 2021 TO BEGIN AT 6:30 PM**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board approves that all regular meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees will begin at 6:30 PM.

*Fleshman seconded the motion, with no further discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.*

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**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

With no more discussion, Horn moved to the fiscal department:

**Fiscal Department Report:**

Mary Rhinehart, Fiscal Officer

Rhinehart stated that she would like to put the purchase order process approval on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

She stated that she would like to put Resolution 2020-167 on the agenda for the next special meeting.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the administrator report:

**Administrator Report:**

Mark Potts, Administrator Potts asked for a resolution regarding a transfer of Parcel No. 140-007405-00 from COCIC to Franklin Township.

*Horn made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:*

**Resolution 2021-012**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY THE  
CENTRAL OHIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (“COCIC”), the Franklin County Land Bank, works with local governments to return blighted properties to productive use; and

**WHEREAS**, COCIC has offered to transfer and convey one such property, located at Wynwood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43223, and identified as Franklin County Auditor’s Parcel No. 140-007405-00 (the “Property”), to the Franklin Township (the “Township”) Board of Trustees (the “Board”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents, and desires to accept the transfer and conveyance of the Property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

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*Fleshman seconded the motion, with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.*

**Alex:**  YES/ NO      **Fleshman:**  YES/ NO      **Horn:**  YES/ NO

*Resolution passed.*

Potts mentioned that the Administrative Offices will observe Martin Luther King Day on January 18, 2021 and will be closed.

With no further discussion, Horn asked Potts if there were any questions from the public.

### **Questions**

Robbyne Chaney asked why the fire truck at Sullivant was moved to Frank Road location and why it was not discussed with the trustees.

She also asked how to apply for the position of Assistant Fiscal Officer.

Horn replied that Chief James Welch works with Prairie Township for mutual aid in the Sullivant region, that Welch works on finding solutions for safety in the Township.

Alex further explained that in the Sullivant area there are more fire departments who can assist Franklin Township on runs. He stated that Frank Road does not have a fire department close to the Franklin Township station for mutual aid.

Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart answered Robbyne's second question. Rhinehart replied that she will post the position and that Robbyne can apply through her e-mail.

Amanda, a resident, asked Rhinehart how many employees the Fiscal Office has at this time. Rhinehart replied the Fiscal Officer is a part-time position and we have two full-time Assistant Fiscal Officers.

Mike Blevins had a comment about what he has listened to during the meeting. He stated he felt that Rhinehart was being "attacked and bullied" by the trustees and expressed his apology to Rhinehart for the improper treatment she received.

Janet, a resident, expressed concern about trash pick-up and the increasing fees and if she should find another company.

Horn assured Janet that Franklin Township has not had a contract with any trash company over the past few years.

Fleshman advised that Janet could speak with Trustee Alex who may have more input.



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**Adjournment:**

With no further discussion, Horn adjourned the meeting.

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Aryeh Alex, Trustee

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John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman/Trustee

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Ralph Horn, Chairman/Trustee

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Assistant Fiscal Officer/Fiscal Officer