

January 27th regular meeting-Done

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SPEAKERS

John (22%), James (17%), Steve (15%), Ralph (13%), Robyn (12%), Nicholas (7%), Mike (4%), Chief P (2%), Chaplain (2%), Jan, (1%), Lt. (1%), Group (1%), Robbyne (1%), Jerry, (1%), Deputy (<1%), Katrina (<1%), Chief F (<1%)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:02:29

I'll call the meeting to order at six o'clock on January 27. of the Franklin County Board of Trustees would Chaplain Snodgrass , open us in prayer

Chaplain Snodgrass 00:02:45

Father God we thank you for the opportunity has been given to us allows us to assemble with the citizens and the Board of Trustees department to better workout was needed for this township. Thank you. Thank this board of trustees for giving me the opportunity to gain to serve as the chair chair not only for the farm police departments, but also for the citizens of this township. So why don't we just ask you to continue to bless this poll that will be in harmony that is the same the same night as a group benefit to citizens. So we are We thank you for the citizens to come out to support the township while we ask you to be with our servicemen and women, whether they're serving here in the United States or in foreign countries we ask you to keep them safe god and protect them, Lord we ask you to be there for our police and fire and Paramedics as They respond to the unknown emergency that take place on a daily basis on god united, we thank you for all these things and we give you grace and glory in your name amen.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:04:07

Chief Byron Smith, is he still here. will You lead us in the pledge

Group 00:04:12

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the united states of America and to the public for which it stands one nation, under god with liberty and justice for all.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:04:34

Miss Robyn will, will you please give us a roll call. I'm sorry.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:04:40

I think Nicks gonna do that,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:04:41

are you going to do roll call or Robyn?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:04:43

Yeah, I'm gonna take everything up to the executive session then Robin will take over from then. So, Mr. Roll call Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:04:53

Present.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:04:55

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:04:55

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:04:59

Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:05:03

Yeah.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:05:04

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:05:05

Yes.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:05:06

Okay. Thank you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:05:07

I have a question, Nick. Just yeah, sure that we are in compliance. Are we allowed to have you I know the governor certain times are allowed to zoom meetings and etc. But as elected officials, are we allowed to do this by common conversation back and forth by zoom? I mean, I

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:05:28

know, John, it's a great question. I'm only at home because I've Oh, yeah, I know why. Exactly. I can reach out and find out some answers for you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:05:36

just to make sure we are not breaking any rules. I think it's a great opportunity. But I know that there was a certain point where the governor gave us X amount of time, we all did zoom, and then we had to be in assembly. So, I just want to make sure that we're not breaking any ORCS.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:05:51

well Can I just do roll call to be safe? Yes, yes. Just to be sure. We're clear. So, Jim? Yes. Ralph, yeah, John, yes. That way we will write

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:06:03

I don't know, for myself, you know, but I think it's a great opportunity.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:06:06

uh sure, I know your position, but until we get it cleared up, right, like we don't have any

James Leezer, Trustee 00:06:11

right. don't want any issues. We'll move on to minutes. Have we got any further on?

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:06:23

is Nick allowed to speak about that?

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:06:25

I think yes. Yeah.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:06:26

Yeah. Nick, did you want to give any updates? Or how did you want to go about speaking on the minutes?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:06:32

So, we had had some plans this week to work on Minutes, Robyn and I but effective Tuesday, that has not happened. I've been home sick. And I'm not going to go into whole lot of details with that. But we had had plans to get some stuff caught up this week. And that has not happened. Robyn is also backlogged with getting all of our employees put into employee navigator, which is a great tool for everybody. It'll help with our benefits. So, I'm hoping to be back next week, if all goes well. So, we'll see how that goes. But that's where everything stands. Now, I know that it's a concern. I know that it's an issue. But there like I said, there were plans it's just, you know, without working 12 to 16-hour days right now, it's just we there's no way to get them caught up. I'm not saying that they won't ever be caught up. I'm just saying at this time, we had plans to get them decently caught up this week. Until I went out sick.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:07:32

Okay, just so it's on the record that there is a plan being worked to get the minutes caught up from is it October or November Nick,

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:07:43

it would be December and January, I believe. I'm not sure where we left off on that Robyn do you? . I know its time is flown. So

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:07:50

Okay. Should be 12.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:07:52

Okay, 12 meetings. I, Nick, I just want that in the in the public record that way if there's any, any questions on what's going on. And with that being said, I will make a motion to put the minutes on hold until they are caught up, which looks to be within the next 30 days.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:08:16

I say that's reasonable. sure, and if I could just expand a little bit on what we've talked about earlier. Like Steve, we uploaded a software system on the Steve's laptop, which is actually translating everything that we're saying right now on to type form, it's a translator. So, it's going to be very important that we all introduce ourselves when we speak. So that when I go to type these, then I exactly know if I'm here, I'm going to know who you are most likely. But if I'm not here, and I'm sitting at my desk, trying to translate these, the computer doesn't know who you are. It's gonna say Speaker Number one, Speaker Number two, it doesn't have voice difference. But it obviously doesn't know who you are,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:08:54

I would. And I have to apologize because I told you I do this at the beginning of the meeting. Like before, if you wanted to address the board, you had to sign in. Now if you need to make a comment to one of the department heads that are giving their reports, please raise your hand so that I can identify you. And then you stand up and state your name. Ask your question. And if it can be answered, it'll be answered.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:09:24

Most of the reason on the minutes. We have an hour hour and a half meeting sometimes two hours, it can take four hours to to listen to the tape and actually transcribe it. So, what's ended up happening you get behind with other things that the urine stuff. It's forever getting caught back up with the new software we have. It will transcribe everything and then basically you go through and make sure it's all correct as your backup as she's taking notes. So, what would take four hours may take an hour so we We just have to find a smarter way to do it.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:10:03

And with that being said, I will continue with my motion to put off the reading of the minutes from last meeting and voting on them for the next 30 days until we get the meeting minutes caught up. Is there a second or any discussion?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:10:19

No, I second that, it'll take a while to catch up.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:10:23
Can we have a roll call vote please? Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:10:28
Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:10:29
Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:10:29
John,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:10:30
Yes.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:10:32
At this time, I would like to make a motion to go into Executive Session accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) to discuss a former discuss compensation of an employee. Do I have a second any discussion?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:11:00
I Second and discussion would be is that confidential meeting

James Leezer, Trustee 00:11:06
Yes, yes.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:11:07
We're gonna go into Marks, office for 10 minutes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:11:11
Can I have a Roll Call please

James Leezer, Trustee 00:11:13
I have a roll call vote

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:11:14
Jim , and it will be good, yes. Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:11:16
Yeah.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:11:17
John

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:11:17

yes

James Leezer, Trustee 00:11:18

We will be going into executive session at 608

Group 00:12:00

to take three know we're getting way

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:12:44

I know I know we have to get a donation most likely because of proper public purpose but we could probably find a way to do it I didn't know what all they were going to do. Like how they were going to do this. So, I well, I think it's been a week the auditors have said that it's really not necessary to make it as a special meeting. It just needs to be encapsulated in our regular meeting and on the agenda so people kind of know what's going on. Even though we don't know what's going on in there, you know? And then they hope he's putting a paper in front of your nose but once they come out then they may or may not make a decision or whatever they've been talking right right, or get a donation or something. Sure. Right. I'm hoping this talk won't be too long. I mean, according to Steve it wasn't supposed to be too long Oh, I agree. I don't have I'm not getting any younger I don't like driving at night either. Sure, no, I know we forgot about all that back then. Right right. Yeah. They got it cranked up. I know it was very clear this morning right door to door oh sure it's too cold out here they don't want to warm is they're not dummies right that's funny everybody Yeah, yeah we've got a little bit of sniffles going around the office here but you know oh yeah,

Group 00:16:24

yes, yes, I can hear you Robyn.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:16:33

I wanted to find out do you want me to go ahead and sign these checks and and stuff to get them out in the mail or will you please if you can. Okay, no, that's fine I just wanted to check with you beforehand.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:16:46

Absolutely. I'd appreciate that. Thank you.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:16:47

mm hmm, no problem.

Group 00:18:12

(illegible)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:18:31

at 615, Thursday, January 27, I will make a motion to come out of Executive Session. Can I have a roll call vote please,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:18:44
Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 00:18:46
Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:18:46
Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:18:47
yeah.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:18:47
John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:18:48
Yes.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:18:49
Came out of Executive Session with no decision made. So, we will just leave it at that. We will continue with our open with our meeting. I'm not sure if Nick's handling this portion or Robyn's handling this portion but the paying of the bills then

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:19:12
the motion for bills and payroll

James Leezer, Trustee 00:19:14
yep, I will make a motion to pay, I need you to read it first.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:19:19
Do you want me to read it

James Leezer, Trustee 00:19:19
Yes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:19:19
or do you?

James Leezer, Trustee 00:19:19
no.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:19:20
Okay. be resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township. Franklin County, Ohio at the board approves Accounts Payable from January the 14th 2022 through January 27 2022 and the amount of

\$175,033.29 and payroll paid on January the 21st for \$208,742.55 for a grand total of \$383,775.84 from check number 67415-67448 electronic vouchers 83-2022 through 161-2022

James Leezer, Trustee 00:20:04

I will make a motion to pay said bills and in the amount of three 383 75.84 And we got a second on that. Okay Jim, Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:20:22

Ralph.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:20:23

Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:20:23

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:20:24

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:20:24

Thank you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:20:25

Did we have that in here in my packet? I was flipping after okay. That's why I couldn't find it.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:20:30

Next on our docket would be Chief Smith or

Chief Smith, Police 00:20:36

Mr. Chairman um, the only thing I have for you gentlemen tonight is I need resolution to accept the resignation of part time officer Jeffrey Menshouse, he left to go to commercial point for a full-time position.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:21:05

sad to see him go.

Chief Smith, Police 00:21:08

That was I'll give you Robyn but it was effective January 19.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:21:13

I will. So that being said Menshouse was a good officer here. So, I will make a resolution

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:21:21

Motion

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:21:25

So, we're doing a motion or a Resolution.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:21:27

I'm making a motion. Okay. Sorry to accept the resignation. Sorry.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:21:30

No, you're fine.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:21:31

It's been a long day.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:21:32

Got it.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:21:34

To accept the resignation.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:21:36

I'm sorry. What was the

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:21:39

what's the effective date on that resignation?

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:21:44

It says effective January 19. That's not really the last day he worked. Is it?

Chief Smith, Police 00:21:48

The last day he worked was in December, but the resignation, He just hasn't been on the schedule,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:21:54

right cause being part-time. That's the

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:21:55

effective immediately.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:21:57

It's fine.

Chief Smith, Police 00:21:57

Yeah.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:21:58

Okay.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:21:59

immediately Any discussion?

James Leezer, Trustee 00:22:04

Any discussion? Yeah. Did we get to, What's the name on the,

Chief Smith, Police 00:22:08

Jeff Menshouse

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:22:09

Okay. Okay. Yes. Second.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:22:13

Can we have a roll call?

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:22:15

Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 00:22:15

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:22:16

Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:22:16

Yeah.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:22:16

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:22:17

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:22:18

Thank you. Okay. Go ahead. So, I have, I believe the resolution for the levy. It will be just as some will kind of walk through those. questions.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:22:34

Any questions for Chief Smith?

Mike Blevins, Resident 00:22:36

Will I be able to address the chief after we hear information on the levy

James Leezer, Trustee 00:22:42

Yes,

Mike Blevins, Resident 00:22:43

okay.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:22:44

Yes. All right. Um, Sheriff Department. You have anything for us?

Deputy Chuck Hamilton, FCSO 00:22:54

uh, No. We will have some here. We have some our winter driving pamphlets we made up, help people with winter driving and stuff with your car and things like that. So, I didn't have any on me tonight, so I'll bring some and drop them off.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:23:07

Just for the record. We're recording. Can you state your name?

Deputy Chuck Hamilton, FCSO 00:23:11

Yes. Deputy chuck Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:23:14

Thank you

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:23:15

Does he know the time of our meeting since we changed it?

James Leezer, Trustee 00:23:18

Maybe not. And this is my I apologize to you. We have changed our meeting time to 6pm. I should have got a hold of you. Or someone here should have but sorry. Um, Chief Arnold. You're next up?

Chief Arnold, Fire 00:23:35

Today I have nothing for you.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:23:37

Alright. I guess with nothing. No one has any questions for you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:23:42

Mr. Stevens didn't have any.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:23:44

Yeah, Mr. Stevens. Let us know he didn't have anything. Yes. I do have a little bit of a little bit of stuff. I've been the township as part of the Ohio township Association. And I am a member of it. Actually, all of our board members are and I've been at conference all week. I shouldn't say all week. It was

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, representing the township with and also taking up work classes to better serve you. So, I just thought I'd give you a report. Anyone who wants to ask me about that after the meeting. I'll be more than happy to have a discussion with you. And with that being said, I will ask Mr. Fleishman for a report.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:24:29

Um, as ever, how many people in here have local waste? Local waste? Trash? Trash who picks it locally? Okay. I've been getting a lot of calls and I think Mark Are you going to speak on the consorsium, the trash issue and etc.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:24:47

This is Steve,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:24:47

Steve, I mean, excuse me. I just looked down here thinking

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:24:55

creatures of habit

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:24:56

yes, have. I spoke to SWACO yesterday. I'd like to get the lay of the land how this consortium works. I have another phone call with SWACO's attorney on February 10. So that hopefully I will understand how all this consortium works and how it affects the residents of Franklin Township. And then I will have a full report for the trustees. And the township residents,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:25:21

I currently use alpha trash service, and I don't I didn't see the bill that came out from what I understand are charging \$9 more a month to do the recycling

James Leezer, Trustee 00:25:34

\$9.80

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:25:35

There we go. \$9.80.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:25:37

Local waste is

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:25:37

Local Waste is

Katrina 00:25:40

in the bill, excuse me, my name is Katrina, I'm, I'm a resident in the bill had grew by \$11

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:25:47

Can you wait one second, can you wait till you're called on please?

Katrina 00:25:50

Yeah, sorry.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:25:51

Um, so with that being said, I know like, from what I understand Alfa and some of the others do not do recycling. However, I have to find out for sure, but there is a company. They do all the sorting of it not for RUMPKE. So, RUMPKE, from what I understand, they just pick everything up. And then they have a plant that they sort everything. And of course, there's a lot of money made on the back end from recyclables. So, we have to take in consideration. If we go into consorsium, I've we've heard it both different ways some people like it, because it drives the price down, but how much is it going to drive it down? However, in the consorsium, one of the biggest issues is they had a loophole where they were allowed to technically raise money for fuel. So, it would continue to go up the but it never came down. Like for instance, a year ago, we were paying or yeah and two months ago, we were paying lowest in fuel there were but they never reduced that surcharge in the fuel. So, the bill would continue to be up. So, they do do two different trucks. And they obviously do the recycling. Everyone likes to recycling. We first sat here, nine years ago, 10 years ago, people didn't want to do the cycling. People get used to it. I know I'd like it, I recycle. So, I guess the thing that we would have to do is compare it or even see if RUMPKE, what their price would be. So, it'd be one container. And they do all the sorting. So, and right at this point, anybody can you can pick your trash hauler you want you don't have to go with any particular person. So, Oh, yeah, four years ago, yes. Been at least four years ago, we haven't been in contract that.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:25:51

Sorry, three years ago, it

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:27:22

was it was more than that, sir.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:27:47

That is why that is why everyone's getting these letters. That now you're gonna have to pay for recycling is because we're out of the consortium.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:27:57

We haven't been in that for four years.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:28:00

Yeah. They didn't say a lot about it, and kept the prices the same. But now all of a sudden, they're moving them up, which they will they probably realized that they can now. That's why it's important for for Steve, to look into that for us.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:28:15

Mr. Cook was in when that when that went out consorsium when we went out. So that's why I say four years has been four. Yeah. So, because we ended up matter of fact, there wasn't enough votes to want to continue on. But what local waste did back then it said, we're not in a consortium. But we'll guarantee you have a gentleman's agreement; the price will not change for a year. And they did they didn't change the price for a year. And then the second year, they said the same thing. We were going to not change it. But we've said it in the meetings that you're allowed to change who you want, but everyone like yourself, there's no way you know, you get the bill, you pay it. You assume so yeah,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:28:55

yeah, they basically didn't change any pricing at all for a couple of years, you'll remember

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:29:01

so now it's starting to change. It's almost like playing chess, there's a strategy there there are, there were a lot of other trash haulers. But when we went to consorsium and things of that nature, there was some haulers that went belly up. They, they they were doing some of the township in some city and some of the other places and and there was a father and son type or deal that been around for 30 years, and then he couldn't compete because he's not allowed to come in here anymore when we went into Consorsium. So what it ends up doing, and the reason you're seeing the prices go up, in my opinion, is the fact that they're the only ones that do the separate with the recycling. And so, how's it gonna shake out? It's just a chess move, you know, is it a good move for them as a company to say, we're going to do this and is that going to make people go out and look at other shop others vendors to come pick up their trash. So, it's going to be interesting to see how it changes the dynamics. That's all I have, sir.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:30:08

Let me have just a second If you may,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:30:11

well you're up next anyway sir,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:30:12

hang on just Can I make one comment, in my honest opinion, in my honest opinion with the strike is, if we shop it out, it's all of us speaking. And the more it's buying from one, we can control that price. But that's just my honest opinion. Mr. Horn Thank you you're up,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:30:31

it's just basically the trash arrangement. Just so everyone understand, at this point in time, really the township, we, none of us have anything really to do with the choosing of the courier. So, if, local waste, or RUMPKE and all the names being thrown around. We have no Contract, just so everyone understand we have no contracts at all right now. And that has been, well, talked about the last two or three years or so. You can choose your own carrier. And like Mr. Fleshman said or you could you do have some carriers there that are competitive in pricing, RUMPKE is one of them. Matter of fact, I believe RUMPKE has of one or two customers neighborhood right now. So obviously people have shopped and got new carriers. But really, we have no contract, zero with them at all. Township or any

other. And we asked Steve to kind of check there and just try to get a little information to see if we could. We're trying, well Steve and Nicole are busy really busy right now. But to get a little feedback on the intention the way I read my letter, I got the same letter you guys did, I'm still local. And that was almost 10 bucks, Which I had no idea that was one change either all of a sudden. They must of have the decision made and waited till the first of the year to send out the letter. So basically, that's what it is right now. No contract, and you do have the right to go ahead and shop around. There's no binding nothing on it right now. Okay. and that's about it.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:32:35

Thank you, Ralph. Fiscal department.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:32:38

All right. I have a couple of things for you guys. And then it does have the police, the proposed police levy under fiscal but Steve's going to kind of go into that with you. So, I'm just going to handle a and see. Okay. So, you should have in your folder. It's supplemental appropriation number two, for this fiscal year. And you should have an exhibit that that shows exactly where the funds why we had to re-appropriate funds. So, if you have any questions about the current appropriation, the increase or the decrease and the revised appropriation is in the chart. And we had to do a little bit of adjusting to motor bridge permissive motor vehicle tax. that Should be

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:33:32

Hey, Robyn.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:33:33

Yeah. Go ahead, Nick. Go ahead.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:33:37

Jeff provided some commentary. If the board would like to have a little bit more detail. That's fine. It looks like Jeff forgot to copy the board or others on it. But if the board wants to know more, I could read it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:33:53

I just have that. Put together. There's nothing else just have two staple staple. Okay. So, if I just

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:34:06

take the board with the board likely to read the information?

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:34:09

Um, Mr. Chairman, I would hold off on him. Nick until we find out if you're allowed to participate? Yeah, by zoom, no, no offense or officially by reading it off, you would be subject to participating in the meeting by zoom with as an elected official. Until we probably

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:34:30

Okay, but you guys let you guys let me talk a little bit ago. So, I'm a little confused because I have information on the police levy too. But I'll leave that up to you guys.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:34:40

Mr. Chairman, we he did lead that that off and then Robyn went back and reread it. And see I don't know if we could pull that information up quick enough to find out if we are allowed to operate by zoom under the governor's rules and regulations because they were set for for a period of time, and we did not have to be in assembly.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:35:03

Hey, Steve

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:35:04

Yes, sir.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:35:05

Hey, I just sent you the email from Jeff, if you want to read it that way, you can read it and go from there. If you have your email pulled

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:35:12

and for the record, I like it, Nick, when you do, you're very good at going through this stuff. I just don't want to have any of us to get in trouble or it set us behind. And then we have to have a special meeting to reread it to make sure that we're in compliance.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:35:31

No, that's fine.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:35:33

All right, Nick, I have it.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:35:35

Okay, go ahead, Steve.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:35:37

All right. You want to read the whole thing for him?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:35:41

I would just summarize it that way it goes along with the exhibit.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:35:44

Okay. This is the supplemental appropriation number two, yeah. Request for appropriations and the gas tax, road and bridge and permissive MVL tax. Funds totaling 84,700 is for payment for the Franklin County engineer representing a local match on OC WC project. A separate resolutions on the agenda authorize a payment local match on the PwC project. That is the responsibility of the township. At the

time the project was authorized by the board, it may have been delivered or believe that local match was covered by contributions and no township funds. As a fiscal loss research, the project and the invoice submitted by the county engineer and found at the local match on a project was estimated 110,000 with local contributions of 40,000. offsetting the townships match the townships responsibility was estimated at \$70,000. For the project. The project estimated \$2,150,000 came in well under budget of \$1,692,228, including a local match for the township of \$84,611. The fiscal office found that the township is responsible for the collection of the contributions discussed with Romney. On that process, the additional appropriation request in a permissive MVL tax is for materials and supplies to the road department, the original appropriations below and based on 20 21x. Its expenditures well before year end. Okay.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:37:50

Any questions? I mean I kind of understand it now that he's went through it. Yeah. So, any questions for Steve or I?

James Leezer, Trustee 00:37:57

I have none

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:37:58

has to do with the paving and paving supplemental money we was hoping to get.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:38:02

So, do we need to take action? Does the chairman need to take action as far as bringing a motion to approve? Was this just fact finding? And

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:38:11

I think that as its Steve read, the fiscal officer is pursuing Sure. Research to get the funds back and we still have to pay this right.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:38:21

That's what I'm asking if do we need a motion or resolution to we need us

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:38:26

a motion to allow the fiscal department to continue the pursuit of monies back but then we need to pass this resolution to pay the engineers? Sure.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:38:34

All right. Let's do the resolution first.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:38:38

So, this is for supplemental appropriation number two,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:38:40

Yep, make a resolution to be the supplemental appropriation number two for the period of January 1, 2022, ending January 31 2022. To cover the current expenses for the road project in Havenwood.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:39:06
(any further discussion?)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:07
And for any further discussions, I'll take a second

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:39:11
I'll second.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:12
You have any discussion?

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:39:13
(No discussion)

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:39:14
The resolution number chairman is 2022-016.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:20
Thank you. I will ask for a roll call vote.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:39:23
Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:24
Yes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:39:24
Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:39:24
yeah

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:39:25
John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:39:26
Yes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:39:26
thank you.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:39:29
(this one will be a motion)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:30
I will make a motion now to allow for the fiscal department to do research and to dive into looking

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:39:40
(recovering)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:41
for the recovery of said funds that we had to re-appropriate to pay the bill

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:39:48
Open for the discussion.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:51
And you just need a second so we can have a discussion.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:39:54
I'll second

James Leezer, Trustee 00:39:56
Any discussion? I will ask for a roll call vote,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:40:02
Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:40:02
Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:40:03
Ralph

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:40:04
Yea

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:40:04
John,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:40:05
yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:40:05

Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:40:09

We're Skipping that for now, looks like you have another one for us

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:40:12

Yeah. Um, this one was explained to me. Nick, did you send over any talking points to Steve on this adjustment of the accounting records

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:40:35

Yeah, I'm sorry. There was a huge delay there now. I gotcha. I thought Jeff had sent that over to Steve but give me one second. Maybe not. Yes, it looks like it looks like that. That was set but I can I can pull it back up real quick and send it to Steve. Oh, well, there you go.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:41:04

Is this a resolution

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:41:07

for fund balance.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:41:12

well what I have Nick is a resolution to adjust the accounting records.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:41:19

Yes, that's the same one.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:41:20

Yes, that's the one Yep. You got it, Steve.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:41:32

So yes, it says a resolution to adjustment the, so its to adjust the accounting records. The Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio bed regular session on January 27, 2022 and the following trustees were present. James Leezer, John Fleshman, Ralph horn. announces now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees. The board of township trustees in Franklin County, of Franklin township Franklin County, Ohio. The fiscal officer show record a fund balance adjustment at December 31, 2021 increasing the fund balance of his general fund and overall balance of all funds by \$87,526.25. In order to reconcile and close the accounting records for 2021.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:42:39

You have any question? because I do Understand this a little Jeff did a little bit of dialogue with me on this, as well, as Steve's I don't know,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:42:46

is this the adjustment to the resolution that we had. For the county?

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:42:52

This is the adjustment

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:42:53

No, no. What this is, is that the CPA, Jeff Wilcheck, has been hired to help with the bank records and reconciliations. And he has \$87,526.25, of which there's no place for it to they've not identified where those funds go. Okay, it's a part of the reconciliation process. And so, when local government services was hired to reconcile the bank account, the bank records for 2017, 18 and 19, there was approximately 500 outstanding transactions that were over \$1.4 million. They couldn't find. Okay. So, Jeff has done his research and has allocated appropriate monies. But we're down to from 1.4 million, we're down to \$87,000. That we still at this point, he's still researching, he's still looking to place those funds into the appropriate accounts, when he's able to find them, but he wants to be able to take these \$87,000 and roll it over into,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:44:01

income

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:44:02

into 2022. So, he can reconcile 2021 As all this is, we're not losing the money. We're not doing anything with it. He's just telling you we have \$87,500 that's sitting on our books. from prior years that we just keep rolling over. That was at 1.4 million. We found homes for the money except for 87. Five,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:44:24

so, it would be incoming, the money

James Leezer, Trustee 00:44:26

Yeah. So, we were taking money in.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:44:28

Right. We could actually that's a good thing. Right? That's what he said this could be a negative number. Yeah, yeah. But this is a positive number. Yes. So, he said once he finds where this money goes, say it goes to police or goes to fire, it will then be appropriated to re-appropriation you'll have another stretch fund. Yeah. But he wants to be able to close out 2021 So we're clean and ready to go for 2022.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:44:53

So, it all that's lacking to close 21 out, 2021

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:44:58

Yeah, but this money, these unidentifiable dollars or from either 2018, 17,18,19

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:45:01

reason I'm asking, I always have trouble, the reason I'm asking is, when I ask the auditors something its always a pull for me to get an answer on something.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:12

Well, this is just work here is not.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:14

That's not the auditor's office,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:19

basically, this a dollars on the plus side at this point,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:22

here's what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna make a so moved on the resolution that Steve read.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:45:28

(any other further question?)

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:29

And I will ask for a second with any other questions.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:45:31

Yeah, second and now, is that a \$10,000 Rollover that were doing.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:38

No, 87 thousand.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:39

No, its 87,087? Yeah, okay.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:45:42

Okay, thanks. I'll second then

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:45

I will ask for a roll call vote.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:47

Jim

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:47

Yes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:48

Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:45:49

Yea

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:49

John

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:45:49

yeah.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:50

Yes. Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:45:53

Thank You

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 00:45:54

and that's all I have, I'm going to hand it over to Steve. to go over

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:45:58

Real quick. Yeah, one thing that was just made aware of prior to the meeting tonight, am I okay to discuss this.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:46:07

I think as long as you're not participating in the meeting in the meeting itself, if you're giving us information and stuff like that, I think we're legally there. But to actually take part in reading off resolutions and things of that nature, I think we won't be in trouble.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:46:23

Alright, so in terms of information that was provided to me by Jeff this afternoon, in an attempt to continue reconciling, there was a duplicate payment for withholdings made to the state of Ohio, in at the end of 2020, going into the first part of 2021, prior to me taking office. And I like that noted on the record. And in that process, while we may be able to receive a refund from the state, I do not know the amount, the state informed Jeff of five outstanding issues dating back to as far as 2014 that are going to need to be reconciled with the state. Again, this is what the State Department of Taxation, so more information to come. But they are scattered intermittent issues dating as far back as 2014. So, Jeff will be talking with the State Department taxation, and the Attorney General's office to get more details and more information, some more information to come to the board. I just did not want the board to be blindsided by this information. Later on. Again, that just came to me. I'd say at about five o'clock this afternoon. So

James Leezer, Trustee 00:47:35

thank you, Nick.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:47:37

You're welcome.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:47:39

We will move on to the administrator Steve mazer.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:47:44

Thank you, chairman. The first thing I'm gonna do is address the the police levy. We we sent clues to options in Franklin County for the analysis, and we received those late last week. So, I'm going to present you with both options option A and B. And the first one, Option A is a resolution to proceed with the submission of the question of levying a renewal tax, with an increase in excess of a 10-mil limitation for the purpose of the Police Services pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 57 Oh 5.19 J. And whereas the township voters approved a 4.1 mill levy on March 2 2017 for a five-year period for the purposes contained in the Ohio Revised Code section 57 and 5.19 J. And whereas the board believes it is in the best interest of township residents to renew the May 2017 4.1 mill levy with an increase of 3.2 mills to constitute a tax of 7.3 mills for an additional five-year period. And whereas are January 2120 22, the Franklin County Auditor certified to the board that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the rule no renewal levy was an increase during the first year of collection is \$1,260,526.03 which amounts to \$0.73 for each \$100 evaluation based on the current assessed value of the township of \$199,456,110. would you like me to read the option B

James Leezer, Trustee 00:50:01

Yes, please.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:50:02

Okay, option B resolutions proceed with the submission of the question of loving and additional tax in excess of the 10 mil limit limitation for the purpose of police services pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 57 Oh 5.19 J. Whereas on January 2120 22, the Franklin County Auditor certified to the board that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 7.3 Mills additional levy during the first year of collection is \$1,456,029.60, which again amounts to \$0.73 for each \$100 evaluation based on the current assessed value of the township of \$199,456,110. And then just to reiterate, option B is continual. Option A is a five-year renewal with a with increases with the increase of the 3.2 mills.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:51:12

So, we'll be asking the taxpayers either way,

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:51:16

same amount

James Leezer, Trustee 00:51:16

for 7.3 mil. Just two different ways. One is a temporary, one temporary, one's permanent, but with the permanent one. Same millage and we get we get more money. First year collected. Am I understanding that?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 00:51:35

yes

James Leezer, Trustee 00:51:35

Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:51:38

Gentlemen, I have a couple of comments. If whenever you're ready, go right ahead, Nick. I'm just so that the board in public is aware if the board elects to go with the 4.1 renewal with the increase of 3.2. There will still be the homestead rollback, which saves the taxpayers a few dollars. If we go with the 7.3 continuing. There are no more homestead rollbacks. And so that would cost the taxpayers a few more dollars. Now the difference there is obviously a couple \$100,000, which you're talking a couple of officers at that point. So that's the only comments I want to make.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:52:19

Nick, if I may, Mr. Chairman.

James Leezer, Trustee 00:52:21

Yep.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:52:22

You're saying that the renewable one is the one that would the homestead would not would be affected? Is that correct?

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:52:29

The renewal with so basically the temporary option, where you have the renewal plus the additional we would still get the homestead rollback.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:52:37

So, it would be with the new one is are they it would be affected? Correct.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:52:41

If we go with the permanent one, the 7.3 continuing, we would lose the homestead rollbacks. And the difference to the taxpayers just so that the public is aware. It's not huge, but it would obviously, you know, it's obviously would be noticeable. So, there's that and I talked to Jeff about this. And obviously, with what were with what the police department's asking for staffing wise, the 7.3 continuing that way that there was I know, there's been some comments about residents saying either we're coming back every couple years, asking for additional money, the 7.3 continuing would perhaps be the better option. But again, I'll let the board decide on that. But I just wanted to make it clear regarding the homestead rollback, because the state and the county there has it's gradually being rolled back out of levies anyways. So, with that said, if you go with the temporary rules, you'll keep the homestead rollback for that one. But if you go through permanent you'll lose it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:53:40

Okay, thank you.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 00:53:41

You're welcome.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:53:45

So, Mr. Chairman, if I may

James Leezer, Trustee 00:53:48

go right ahead.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:53:51

As a going on my ninth year serving here. I remember my first time here like, probably like this meeting right here you're in. How many officers did we go down to sir?

Chief Smith, Police 00:54:03

I believe we were five or six.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:54:07

And that's including the chief right?

Chief Smith, Police 00:54:08

Yes.

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:54:09

So, we had four officers and a chief. I vowed then that we would build this back. And when we made Byron the chief, I know I worked extensively with him and chief Smith put in ungodly amount of time working day and night. And we were able to get our department back up and get our township secure. We're right back where we were nine years ago, eight years ago, going on nine years ago. And in my opinion, one of the reasons that we continue to get right back to where we were are we're trying to run a full-time police department on a wing and a prayer. If the levy doesn't pass then immediately the funding stops and we end up losing people. The other side of the coin is stability, I can remember my father worked for GM. And he stuck in there year after year after year, and a lot of people went to Westinghouse. But we have good officers that we've just heard one left, because when they look at the history of the township, and how many level levees have passed and failed, the same with the fire department, we lose good people, because they're they have their own families and homes, and they need a job that they know that they're going to be there. And a time levy was basically designed, in my opinion, and from what I seen it used for, or buy a new police equipment, a new fire truck articles is something that we would need, then in the five years, when that's paid for that that tax goes away. But to use it as an operation, and at the end of five years, like what we just now experienced and it goes away, and then it fails, then you have no longer have a police department other than the two small levees that we currently have. So that's what gets us where we are. That's pretty much what I have on it.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:56:15

well you're uh, if you don't mind,

James Leezer, Trustee 00:56:18

go ahead, then I will speak.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:56:21

The permanent levy can obviously is very utilized for an ongoing day to day operation. well and just like he says, he got five years out. We were so scared the last time when we got that five-year time planning, which was our last levy there. We were so scared the last time if we tried to go with a permanent levy, that people didn't, you know, our residents and a lot of people just didn't have what I felt was added for information or better understanding to how our department if we're going to have a permanent place and department, which we do from past levies have some funding already in it said enough to run a full-time police department Absolutely not. So, I guess the consideration would be, I'd like to seek some sort of permanent type levy. God knows. I mean, I think everyone in this room knows the condition of everything right now the economy, the crime, they it's all known and all the uncertainty. And for us to go back without any mean, it wouldn't bother me a lot if we had to go back without I haven't put over some sort of helpful police protection, frankly. I mean, it really is not something I want to face to be honest with you. And I think most of our residents feel the same way. A lot of them don't fully understand what's involved and conditions and ongoing and certainly older. So, if we can find a way to do this, and people can find a way to pay just as much a few dollars a month compared to maybe Louise and one of our children or one of our older folks are just trying to farm up the safety of the township. And you're you know, you can check the stats. The we basically were the illnesses and everything we've had and the police department and some of the other things I think we've done a pretty good job and trying to do the best we could with the people available. Bearing in mind on this one, I'm good sampling the COVID You stepped up, you can't let work. And there's no rules about that. So, there's been times here recently that the main thing wasn't so much having enough guys on board it was a lot of it was having sick people. And we had a bunch of sick people one time there, didn't we chief?

Chief Smith, Police 00:59:49

Yeah, that's been definitely one of our bigger hurdles here

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:59:52

and even taking into consideration the amount of people that we've had off the hill and Things like that are run, or runs or are still very heavy compared to some other townships and that kind of thing. So, having said that, I think the amount of runs and everything that we're able to handle and this at any other, we still did an adequate job there, we just we still, until we have all our people fresh and up and running. It's a problem. But the truth of the matter is, I can't foresee bad stuff in our community in our world going away no time. So, we need him. It's my opinion. go ahead sir

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:00:49

I'd just like to mention,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:00:50

I guess that's okay if you want to speak chief

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:00:54

I've just been informed recently, we got four of our veteran officers that are already in process for franklin county, because of the 2 failures we're gonna have nothing

James Leezer, Trustee 01:01:06

You know,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:01:08

so that's um, I'll just finish up. That's my feeling like we really do, if at all possible, take this thing seriously. I mean, I haven't really kind of bagged the public or residents for nuts on this and, or nothing that we can handle. But you know, I'm kind of myself kind of saying, take a real hard look at your situation and consider everything concerns, your folks and, you know, the crime that we're faced with day in and day out. And I have certainly as I don't feel safe anymore. If I got to go somewhere later in the evening or at night, I really don't feel safe. And if I don't feel safe, I'm sure other people don't either. So, I'm just say this, I'd like to keep the (illegible) in here.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:02:13

Okay, we need to, we need to have some order in order and a lot in the hall. We will not get like we did last meeting. Um, with that being said, I will like to address this issue. Police Department is law enforcement that we have here in Franklin township in Franklin County, is the best of the best. I don't think there's a deputy out there that is below par. And I know for a fact that every one of our officers that we have, they're leaving, they're being able to leave and go to other departments because they're good, they're that good. And as I said, here, they're trained, they're trained well, we have we have some of the best officers to train them. And now and I'm, I don't like to cycle of every five years of having new officers to learn to learn to Township. But on the on the same hand, I don't like the idea of coming to you with a permanent levy. But at this point in time, we have to have consistency in our police department, because I have personally spoke with two out of the three that we have lost recently. And they looked me in the eye and said it was the stability. They did they don't have the stability. So, with that being said, so we can have questions and discussions from the audience. I will make a rest, I will make a resolution to how do I want to word this? Let's make a resolution?

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:04:06

Chairman

James Leezer, Trustee 01:04:07

Yes, sir.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:04:07

Did you want to open up the comments? Before we go to making resolution? It's up to you?

James Leezer, Trustee 01:04:13

Um, yeah, I can do that. I will open it up. I believe Mike had a question or a comment. I just speak your name. Okay. That way we can pick it up on the recording.

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:04:27

I just want to ask the chief what's the police department look like? How many officers' numbers like that there's been other meetings and you were able to give numbers on how many officers were going to be with the new levy, and things like that. Whichever, I believe you're talking about two different things here. There's no real good plus but a permanent and a temporary. So, do we have the ability with the numbers you're seeing or hearing tonight? We're going to come up 14 months short again, on getting what You know, based on the numbers, Mike, and all the assessments from everybody, we should be able to hopefully go back up to at least 12. Full time, at least six part time. And so, if we need an officer to come to our home, yes, going to be able to have an officer come to our home dispatching boy. Yes, yes. Yeah. And they're still not now. Right.

Chief Smith, Police 01:05:31

Well, they are now but they're on that, Remember, we talked about the priority list based on, you know, the highest priorities. So, a lot of low-level incidents are being sent to the website online.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:05:49

Like if you have a stolen bicycle versus a domestic

Chief Smith, Police 01:05:52

It would go online, but I mean, yeah,

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:05:54

which one you wanna run to?

Chief Smith, Police 01:05:55

Yeah. So, you get a faster response, we have more officers available. And those will be placed back into normal, normal patrol . does that answer?

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:06:08

well now, I'm really confused. Because we talked, you set up the paperwork, and things like that. And it wasn't someone with a gun or something like that. So, what happened real quick, will take less than two minutes at my house over the weekend. God forbid you ever get this call from your wife or your daughter, but I get a phone call from my son, someone breaking into a car out front? I said, go out to the kitchen, get some popcorn, come back in at the window watching Do not go out there. Do not call because they're not coming. That's what that's what bothers me. When something like that. Now, how does he know? If that person has a gun or something? I'd much rather him be in the house. Right? Then out there confronting somebody

Chief Smith, Police 01:06:51

I would agree

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:06:52

I think the in-progress crime has a higher priority than if you did the report

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:06:56

I'm sorry David, but that was not the information that I was given. The last time we're talking I totally misunderstood. It could be either one time was it?

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:07:05

Because like, we had, we've had a shooting the past few days in a row.

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:07:10

It was over the weekend.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:07:11

And one guy will be tied up on it,

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:07:13

it was daylight. And I got there as quickly as I could they didn't get in the car. So, I didn't make a report. That's what's gonna give you more paperwork to worry about right and everything. But I'm just saying I don't know when to have them call. I don't know when to call,

Chief Smith, Police 01:07:27

you can always you can always I would always encourage you to call because you don't know. Yeah. But we would we would be able to get back to a staffing level to where we for sure would be responding to that, that type of call.

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:07:41

And they were saying whichever one this whichever way this goes , either way .we have a preference as police chief.

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:07:48

The day before yesterday we had a shooting that had a fatality out of it. And it was from probably 530, I think until I don't think they cleared that scene until three or 4pm. and we got 2 guys out sick. So, everyone was stuck there most of that full day, and then last night they had a shooting at a bar. That wasn't a fatality. But they were there for quite a while. So, if you call in. You're in the shooting, I mean it could be awhile.

Chief Smith, Police 01:08:17

I mean, that would be that'd be normal. But to answer your question, like, my preference would be the permanent levy. Because it gives stability and allows you to retain the people you have. Yeah, they're both going to give us I believe about the same amount of money. But the problem with the temporary levy is going to be not training and losing the people. So, when we do that we're constantly hiring and losing people. So, we're never up to the staffing. We're just we're just basically thrown taxpayer money out the window, because we're a training ground for other departments.

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:08:51

Thank you,

Lt. Ratliff, Police 01:08:53

it takes us about a year to get a guy trained and out on the street.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:08:57

Thanks Steve, yes, ma'am. You had a question. You raised your hand, okay.

Jan, Resident 01:09:04

Okay, this way, and you just brought it up and weigh everything, everything's going, you're afraid to go here. You're afraid to go there. And at my age, I never ever thought that I would have to carry to go to Kroger's. And I'm sorry, that's sad. We have to have our police. We have to have, we have to support them. And we need to get off our butts and get something going. So, the people know. And the people can understand how bad we need them. And that's just the way I feel.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:09:53

I don't disagree with you at all.

Jan, Resident 01:09:55

I mean, over on my street. What was it a month ago? One o'clock in the morning, drive by at the house across street. Excuse me. I'm from the country the only time we used our guns was shooting coyotes. This is ridiculous. I thank you.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:10:19

Okay, thank you. Can I address Mike just for a moment? He'll take five minutes here, you know, we had the meetings relevant to some things are Mike and you and I discussed some of the things that were bothering you. Can you hear me? Okay. Yes, sir. Okay. We did have meetings and everything and to concerned one of the, I think primary concerns was maybe the fact of road chief and lieutenant and so forth going on this three, they are doing that now. I've seen it. And so, all the things that, you know, we've talked about, I've talked to think at least a couple of times there and to make sure that you're aware that we are serious about their concerns. And, you know, some of the concerns that you mentioned ours, you know, literally the same thing. So, point being, that we are working on those things. And I think these gentlemen fully understand what we need to do to serve us, our residents and everything and the critical thing about we cannot have our residents will concerns like you had to continuously going on and things of that nature. So, thing is, what you're what you're saying we're listening, okay. Because

James Leezer, Trustee 01:12:12

is there any other, any other statements?

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:12:16

(Hearing none)

James Leezer, Trustee 01:12:17

Hearing none, I will ask, I will make a resolution to put on the ballot in May, um

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:12:29

(option B) That would be option B that was read for 7.3 mil will be a continual, um, levy will bring in the first year of \$1.4 million. I will ask for a second and if there's no other discussion,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:12:50

I'll second, I'll be a very happy to and pray that everyone listens. I think it's crucial that we really get a police department up to Strauss

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:04

I think we all agree on that

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:13:06

and try to work with them.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:11

I think we all agree on that

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:13:14

Thank you very much.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:16

Thank you, Ralph,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:13:17

That's resolution 2022-018

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:23

at this time, I will ask for a roll call vote.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:13:26

Jim.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:26

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:13:27

Ralph,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:13:28

Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:13:28

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:13:29

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:13:30

Thank You,

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:33

Um,

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:13:36

always had a hard time saying that one.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:13:37

ha-ha, so do I Steve, anything else for us looks like you have three other items.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:13:46

The first item is a resolution authorizing the acceptance of BWC Grant to be resolved by the Board of Trustees of Franklin township for the county Ohio that the board approves accepting BWC transitional work grant in the amount of \$5,200. What this entails is care works Has contracted with the Bureau of workman's comp, care works to work with the township they're going to help us develop a safety manual some safety training some protocols and policies and procedures when workers get hurt. Some policies and procedures to get employees who are hurt, bring them back in the workforce even if it's something in the aspect of light duty. So, what the township will do is we will pay \$5,200 to care works. They will help us develop this program and all these policies and procedures. Once we finish that we are reimbursed with the Bureau workman's comp that \$5,200. I had a real good meeting with the department heads today. They're all on board. They look forward to helping, we'll develop a safety committee. And what this will do for the township in the long run and will help us get our workers back to work. And help us control and reduce our premiums that we were absorbing with Bureau workman's comp today. And that's the point now where I think its time to township board starts to address this

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:15:33

Mr. Chairman, if I may, yeah, I may make a correction in your wording of this. It's not when they get hurt. It's if they get hurt. Yes.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:15:41

Yeah. I like that. Yeah. I like that.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:15:43

Um, with that being said, I will so move for the resolution and ask for a second

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:15:48

Second

James Leezer, Trustee 01:15:50

And a roll call vote.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:15:52

Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 01:15:52

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:15:53

Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:15:54

Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:15:54

John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:15:55

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:15:56

That's resolution 2022-019.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:15:59

Thank you, ma'am.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:16:02

The next Yeah, Chairman is a resolution authorizing utilization of the BWC action and surplus fund resolved by the board of trustees or Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio. The board a few approves the use of funds available concerning House Bill 207. Reducing the township financial exposure regarding insurance claims due to accidents caused by third party at fault, uninsured or underinsured drivers. And what this entails is, since the township has insured auto insurance for over covering an uninsured or underinsured driver by at least 51% or more, that allows the township to exercise the use of this House Bill 207 fun to pay any claims. Where an uninsured driver hits one of our employees causes an accident interest one of our employees, the township is only responsible for 51%. This fun, will allow the township for any claims that come in, where noninsured employee or one of our employees is hit by an uninsured driver. Any claims above and beyond what they gather from PwC or other insurance stores. The township is only responsible for 51% of any claims against again, the other 49 will be covered from this house and 49% will be covered as House Bill 207. So, it just reduces the township exposure to additional liability.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:17:46

Mr. Chairman, if I may comment on that.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:17:47

Sure.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:17:48

I think this is one of the biggest things that we stressed when we were looking at an administrator for the township is things just like this, who knew that that House Bill 207 existed, which would greatly minimize any risk to the township that we would pay out, which therefore saving taxpayers' dollars. So those little things like this, as Steve goes through and the township and finds the different things and savings and buttons everything up. I think it's an it's great. And my recommendation to the board is that we would so move on it.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:18:29

I will second that. Can we have a roll call vote on that?

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:18:34

Jim

James Leezer, Trustee 01:18:35

Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:18:36

Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:18:36

Yes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:18:37

John?

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:18:37

Yes.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:18:38

Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:18:39

And I will tell you, I'm gonna tag off of what John said there. This is exactly what administrator should do. He was also in between several meetings that he had today, downtown, taking another workshop class like I was to find out how to get more money for us. So, I do applaud him. Yes, you have one more item.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:19:04

The Last is it's just a motion. I have been asked to join a committee. It's a program that was initiated by Cota called link us. And it's, it's about developing mass transit, connecting passengers from the west side of Columbus to the east side of Columbus, as well as North to as far as how Franklin Township is going to be a key player in this in this project. As I said, it's with this with Cota City of Columbus, Franklin County, there's federal dollars involved. It's a long-term project. Yeah, they're talking about taking the first the first step maybe in 2024 2025. But this error says At West broad and Georgesville is key in the development of this of the first step. There's a whole bunch of interest. And I know you folks have heard history. There's a whole bunch of interest in Westland, which is encouraging, at least they're still talking about it. But this will be good. Like I said, there's a lot involved. And we're getting it on the ground floor. So, I think this is promising.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:20:30

So, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we have our administrator serve on this board, at the pleasure of the board.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:20:44

I will second, if you we're done.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:20:47

I'm done.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:20:47

I will second that and ask for a roll call vote.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:20:50

Jim?

James Leezer, Trustee 01:20:51

Yes,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:20:51

Ralph?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:20:53

Well, I'd like to my question is, how much are we overloading you? And that's the only reason I'd want to consider it, or think about it, but yes

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:21:11

I'll let you know, but these projects are good.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 01:21:14

I will , I will just to save any further conversation right now, which I think needs to be looked at down the road. I would say yes, I'd be in favor of Steve

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:21:26
and John.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:21:27
yes

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:21:27
Thank you.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:21:31

Right, we move into the question portion. I have one person signed up Mr. Blevins, we come up and ask your question.

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:21:42

The reason I signed up , you want me to say my name again?

James Leezer, Trustee 01:21:45
nope, we got you

Mike Blevins, Resident 01:21:46

The reason I signed up. At the last meeting. You were voted in and you took the chairman position. And I just wanted to stand up here and say I appreciate the fact that you stood in because in December pastor Snodgrass spoke on everybody getting along. And things like that. And my feelings on the meetings are that we were a match between WWF and the Mickey Mouse Club. And I'm really not trying to be funny. I'm serious. I understand you about this. You didn't know I was speaking tonight. But there's a little bit of when we come to these meetings, we expect to be organized and respectful and stuff like that. Have people come in and call people cousin Jim and Uncle Buck. And, you know, they all have titles. They all should be treated road superintendent, police chief lieutenant Ratliff chairman, you know, or call them by their name, at least not to have a papers thrown at them. And things like that. And this can't be tolerated. And I know you're you've already spoke on it at the last meeting. And I just want to say it for myself. I really appreciate that. And that's all I got to say.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:23:06

Thank you. Um, I will say this. Before I adjourn. We are a team here together. And that's how I look at it. Every one of us that works here, this township is here to serve you folks. Do we always agree? No. But we must be men and women and discuss it. And as I stated last time, outbursts, I've set an audience and seen them. I won't tolerate them. If you have a question. Raise your hand. It just we have to move past this. We have to work together. Because be honest, we're all us three up here are voted in by you people to represent your people. The rest are employees. But we're a team together. It doesn't matter to me if I'm chairman or not, I'm still going to give you the same amount of work. With that being said I did need to ask if we have any questions online.

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:24:10

we may have one or two chairman,

James Leezer, Trustee 01:24:12

Okay. Um,

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 01:24:21

I just wondered. I'm gonna bring it up again. I've rung it up for the last four years. Where are we standing on the no knock?

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:24:33

Robynne, I think the last place that we left off was we have to find from what I understand under the new legislation with the no knock, you have to have a policy procedure. And a What else was that Steve in place prior to being able to move? Was it a code enforcement?

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:24:54

You know, off the top my head I can't say Robynne but the last time we call it off I did, I did some research on it. And let me let me explore this a little more. I think this is doable. But if you will be patient with me, like I said, I can do this. Whenever we talk, I wanted to go, can I keep you in the loop? And I'll work with you and work with the trustees. And I'll probably have to have some discussions with the chief of police as well. But let me let me do this, I think we can get this done.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 01:25:36

Because I'm about to invite Jefferson township to come and tell you guys how to do it.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:25:42

Actually, Robynne, I mean, we any, I mean, it's, I laugh, but as long as you know, I've been a supporter of this wanting to get this past. One I am one of the things that stopped us was our attorney, when they talked in regards to ORC, the placement of the signs, you have to completely have a complete plan. So, we're, it's a lot of this has changed from the time that we originally started talking about this new legislation came into play, because people are like, Well, under ORC, there was no sign that didn't say that I could come down the street and do this. So, you have to have a strategic plan for entering and exiting signage, where it's going to be, and there were some other things that we needed to put in place. Meanwhile, we went from having mark as administrator to Steve being administrator. So, I don't want to say it took the back burner, but there was a lot of things that needed to get done. Now, I am still a supporter of having this. And I'm sure any input that another township can give us, I'm welcome to it.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 01:26:51

Okay, because they have the same attorney as you guys so

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:26:54

well yeah. And that's who told us that when we'd wanted to pass it before, he was like, you better hold on until we get all of the final, you need to have these steps in place first, before you just passed a resolution to do so. So, we got to make sure that we can be in compliant.

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 01:27:14

because I hate to have to do your guys' job, research. But if I have to, I will.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:27:25

Robynne, what I would encourage you to do as well is to speak with share any information that you get, I mean, we all live in the same place. So, the information you get is vital to us. So, if there is anything that you can share with us in that we will also be in contact with our attorney to see exactly what it's going to look like. I mean, heck, we could form a committee that can work on this together, made up of the residents, and that we would be able to move forward with this.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:27:55

Robynne, would you like to serve on that committee? If we make that?

Robbyne Chaney, Resident 01:28:00

Um I would, but I wouldn't be able to meet with anybody, we'd all have to be over zoom.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:28:13

Okay

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:28:13

.that'll work? That's fine

James Leezer, Trustee 01:28:14

. Okay. All right, Robynne, I have I do have it on my on my notebook. And I will be talking to Steve about it along with John talk has different types. of questions. Thank you,

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:28:29

Mr. Chairman, if I may, before we go to the next person, because some people I hear it's like what in the world where they talking about? So, what this basically is, is townships have the ability it same with Mr. polities and cities, they designate an area that a no knock where you get to the people that come in and knocking on your door selling stuff. So, they would have to come to the township to get a permit in order to do so that's where it threw us into a wait a minute, you don't have the proper everything to be able to issue permits, and we had to hold off. So, working with Steve, we're going to find out exactly how do we handle because we've never given permits for things before. So, under the Ohio Revised Code, we have to make sure that we are doing our due diligence. And since we've never given permits like that before, we need to make sure that we do it correctly. Do we have to have a code officer? Or can you work as that agency as the administrator. So there are certain key questions that we have to make sure that we have in place before we go out and get ourselves in trouble and get sued by some company because we said you couldn't be in here. so, that's all I got sir.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:29:46

Thank you. Any other on the

Steve Mazer, Administrator 01:29:49

Let me check in again. I guess not.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:29:57

Alright, we are adjourned.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:29:58

at what time

James Leezer, Trustee 01:30:01

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Jerry, Resident 01:30:02

I raised my hand 5 minutes ago

James Leezer, Trustee 01:30:03

Oh, I'm sorry. We will, did not see you. Stand up and just take your name back.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 01:30:10

We're going back into session

James Leezer, Trustee 01:30:11

We're going back into session

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:30:13

and Jerry just for the record. Our our time has changed to six o'clock for the meeting so that you weren't

Jerry, Resident 01:30:21

we didn't know

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:30:21

That's okay. We're telling you for now one, it'll be six. So, do, wait a minute, do you have to go back?

James Leezer, Trustee 01:30:27

We went back into session.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:30:28

Gotcha. Yep.

Jerry, Resident 01:30:30

I'm sure that everybody that lives in the township Yes. More recycling. I called around the several other haulers in the area. The only other one that delivered holes in our area, trash is alpha. And they were \$10 higher a quarter. And they did not recycle. But I don't know if you guys, I know a lot of people thought it didn't like the idea of having a

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:31:00
consorsium

Jerry, Resident 01:31:01
with the

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:31:02
(I'll address this)

Jan, Resident 01:31:03
Trash Haul. Is that something you guys would consider? Again? Maybe we would get?

James Leezer, Trustee 01:31:07
I will say this. We are working on it already. got Steve on it. John wanted to address something.

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:31:12
We've, I brought that up under mine, Because I have many calls on this. And I have alpha and I keep I thought it was cheap. I have. I can't. I can't remember what I pay. And I know that's terrible. I just pay it. But we did have a discussion about this. You weren't here for this, but Mark is looking at if we look at the SWACO. Again, Steve, excuse me, Steve. We're gonna have to get a hat that says Steve on it. Put it on the back of his lap. Yeah, put it right on the back. Oh, there you go. Thank you. I need that as much as they need it. So, we did have a discussion before you got here. And we are looking at other options. Chances are if we go into consorsium, of course, it's going to be local waste as the hauler for that. I had concerns about on the contract. They the last time we learned that they had this small thing where they're allowed to do fuel surcharges. That needs to be defined more on, you know, because a year and two months ago, gas was \$1.70 a gallon or fuel. And today we're closer to 315. So when when it went down, that charge didn't come down local waste never did come down anytime they did fuel surcharge, because in the contract, it says they could do it. So, I think that we need to be very smart when we do look at this in a contract in bidding, because we have to put out for bid or we go into the consorsium that is already with Grandview crew city, Upper Arlington, I think yes. And then it would be us. So, we would go in that Consorsium, which I'm sure they would welcome us because we have approximately I'm going to give it 8000 homes, it will drive the price down more even for those other communities that are already in that consorsium. So, they may be like two years already in the consorsium. So, we joined them, we would be joining under their contract and what their contract says it wouldn't be a new contract, then once it comes up for another contract, then of course, they would either they would have to put it out for a new bid. And any company would be able to put into that bid. And it would still be as a consorsium to drive the price down just too I'm done preaching about it but I just wanted to get but correct. Now you can bring recycles here by the way too if people know we have the recyclable for cardboard and stuff right out here.

James Leezer, Trustee 01:33:49

But to answer your question, yes, we're on it. I want to be back in just as much as anyone and Jerry I do apologize I did not see your hand wave at me next time. That being said

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:34:08

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James Leezer, Trustee 01:34:10

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John Fleshman, Trustee 01:34:12

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James Leezer, Trustee 01:34:13

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