

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Special Meeting**

**Held via Teleconference  
COVID-19 Emergency Declaration  
Ohio's Open Meeting Act**

**January 7, 2021**

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**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Alex called a Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 12:00 p.m. on January 7, 2021, via teleconference (ZOOM).

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

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

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

*Alex made a motion to suspend approval of prior meeting minutes.  
Fleshman seconded the motion. With no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**New Business:**

Alex made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-002**

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REQUEST FOR  
2021 ADVANCES ON PROPERTY TAX SETTLEMENTS**

**TO:** Michael Stinziano, Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio

**FROM:** Board of Trustees

**DATE:** January 7, 2021

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, met via ZOOM in special session on January 7, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the Franklin County Auditor's Office has made it possible for Advances on Real Estate Tax Settlements to be distributed via electronic transfer; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed by the Board of Trustees to request an advance on all funds, as they become available during calendar year 2021.

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*Trustee 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.

With no discussion, Chairman Alex moved to the next item on the agenda.

Alex made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

## **Resolution 2021-001**

### **AREOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE ROAD DISTRICT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Board of Trustees created a Road District and provided funds through property taxes levied with the ten-mill limitation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the property taxes will be collected beginning in calendar year 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first settlement of property tax revenue is anticipated in February 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Road District Fund needs resources to fund operations until the February property tax settlement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN  
COUNTY:**

**Section 1**, the fiscal officer is authorized to advance \$25,000 for the General Fund to the Road District Fund.

**Section 2**, the fiscal officer shall repay the advance upon the receipt of the February property tax settlement.

**Section 3**, the fiscal officer shall report repayment of the advance report to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting following the February settlement and repayment of the advance.

*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.

Alex moved to a discussion and possible resolution regarding an auditor's certificate for a possible police levy. Alex asked Mark Potts if he or the police chief was going to talk about it. Potts stated that there is a desire for discussion regarding putting the levy on the ballot for the police department. Potts stated

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that they have had discussion with legal counsel on how to draft the levy and that there are still questions to be answered as to what to send to the auditor's office pertaining to the auditor's certificate.

Fleshman asked Potts if the levy still has another full year. Potts responded that it does. Fleshman asked if this is a renewal of the current levy that is to expire. Potts responded that within the process a decision would need to be made, if it is a renewal, it may need to be pushed back to November or if it is considered a new permanent levy, it could probably be put on the ballot at this time. Potts stated those are types of questions to discuss at the first regular meeting of the year which will be held on January 14, 2021.

Fleshman addressed the Chairman. Fleshman stated that it has been his experience with residents of Franklin Township, that they have said "no" to permanent levies, that they would like to have a voice and also a "grade card" on how the township measures as a good steward with their money. Fleshman stated that it is difficult to go every year without changes in a levy and that if we need to ask for a slight increase, it could be on a timed levy, which may appease the residents and they would likely pass such a levy.

Lieutenant David Ratliff asked to speak. - Ratliff stated that the officers in his department are concerned that if a timed levy is passed, there is a possibility of layoffs. - Ratliff noted that in the past year or so, three good officers have moved on to other positions for fear of job instability. Ratliff stated that he is worried about hiring new officers with lower quality skills.

Fleshman stated that he feels the Board has plenty of time to ask Franklin Township residents to pass a permanent levy and if they say "no", we could still ask for a timed levy and if that does not pass, employees would need to realize that layoffs would be imminent.

Alex commented that the Board - has a year to decide on this issue.

Horn stated that he understood the feelings Lieutenant Ratliff expressed. Horn stated that in the past the Board has had major battles trying to pass a permanent levy. Horn expressed his opinion that the Board has another year to discuss the levy and decide on it.

Alex suggested that the Board has a regular meeting in the future that would include the public.

With no further discussion, Alex moved to the next item on the agenda.

Alex asked Potts for an update on the 2021 Ohio Township Association - online conference.

Potts confirmed that the Ohio Township Association has decided not to hold their regular in-person conference for 2021. He stated that for 2021 the OTA will be holding an online conference. Potts stated that the OTA will be providing what is titled "Early Bird Registrants" in which participants register for the online conference by January 8. He stated that the OTA will provide a printed program by mail rather than online.

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Potts stated that if we register by January 27, the cost is \$65 per person in order to have login credentials. He stated that the township is not using a credit card and that the Board would need to cut a check.

Potts stated that we would need to know how many individuals from the township are interested in participating in the OTA online conference. He stated his opinion that it is probably too late to register by January 8 but we could register by January 27.

Alex asked if anyone was interested in attending the conference. Fleshman stated that he usually attends and enjoys the courses provided. He stated that he will probably pass on it this year due to the fact that it will be held online and there will not be the courses he usually participates in.

Horn asked about the difference in cost between the \$100 and \$65 per person. Potts explained the difference -is being \$65 for members of OTA and \$100 for non-members. He also stated that the cost includes on-line courses and possibly access to vendors. He stated that OTA may provide a vendor directory.

Horn expressed concern that the township should have less spending and that it was his desire to not attend the conference. Potts stated that Fiscal Officer, Mary Rhinehart, may wish to participate in the conference for further educational opportunities and concluded that he, Aryeh and Mary would be attending.

Alex made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

## **Resolution 2021-003**

### **A RESOLUTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION TO THE OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION 2021 ONLINE CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to have the Assistant Fiscal Officer renew her Public Records Certification: and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to have the Assistant Fiscal Officer to obtain the required continuing education to be able to perform their job duties appropriately, including being able to act in the stead of the fiscal officer's absence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTESS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY:**

**Section 1**, to allow for registration to the Ohio Township Association 2021 Online Conference of Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins, at a cost not to exceed \$65.00.

*Trustee Fleshman seconded the motion, 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.*

*Chairman Alex made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session:*

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

Motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) for the purpose of considering confidential information relation to negotiation with other political subdivisions with respect to requests for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered pursuant to Chapter 715 of the Ohio Revised Code, and, by unanimous quorum, to determine that the executive session is necessary to protect the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Trustee Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows.

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

Resolution passed.

Chairman Alex adjourned the executive session.

With no further discussion, Alex asked Mark Potts if there were any questions from the public. Potts responded there were none. He mentioned that bids for the truck were to be received by 4:30 p.m. last evening.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further discussion, Alex adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

*Signature on file with original*

Aryeh Alex, Trustee

*Signature on file with original*

John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman/Trustee

*Signature on file with original*

Ralph Horn, Chairman/Trustee

*Signature on file with original*

Assistant Fiscal Officer/Fiscal Officer