

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Held at 2193 Frank Road**

**January 23, 2020**

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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 23, 2020, at 2193 Frank Road.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Pastor Snodgrass, Fire Chaplain.

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Trustee Fleshman.

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

## **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

*Alex motioned to approve the following meeting minutes:*

- *Regular Meeting on January 9, 2020*

*Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.*

## **Old Business**

### **Resolutions:**

The Assistant Fiscal Officer *recommended the adoption of the following resolution. Alex moved, Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Resolution passed.*

#### **Resolution 2020-017**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves bills in the amount of \$597,930.42 and payroll in the amount of \$280,884.73 for a total of 878,815.15, from check number 61993 to check # 62162 for January 24, 2020.**

Alex explained the reason for the increase in bills and payroll during this period is that the township received the invoice for their portion of the paving project in the Maple Shade area, as well as the invoice for the new fire engine due each January. Payroll was impacted due to the annual premium to the Ohio Bureau of Workmen's Compensation (OBWC).

Alex asked if the Board had no objections he would ask that Assistant Fire Chief Adams go first as he has an obligation to attend with his family. With no objections, Chief Adams approached the podium.

### **Fire Department Report:**

*Assistant Chief Adams* shared that Franklin Township has developed a great relationship with the Franklin County Public Health (FCPH), and with that the township has been selected to join the National Association of County/City Health Officials group (NACCHO). They are in charge of all health

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departments within the United States, said Adams. The township is one of seven townships who have been picked in the Country to work with NACCHO to identify more innovative ways to fight the opioid epidemic in our Country as well as in Franklin Township.

Adams provided an update on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) indicating all funds have been spent with the exception of \$5,300.00, which is a surplus amount that can be spent on any supplies needed for the fire department, Adams explained.

Our fire department was notified by the government that they have overpaid over ninety (90) fire departments who received grant funding. They are asking for us to be on the lookout in our bank account for \$159,000.00 which will be due back to the government if received, said Adams.

Trustee Fleshman *moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Horn seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Resolution passed.*

## **Resolution 2020-019**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to pay back \$159,000.00 to the government if determined an overpayment was received.**

Adams updated the board on the work of the Community Health Action Team (CHAT). The main goal is to establish a food pantry hosted by Franklin Township for the residents/community. There has been a delay in launching the food pantry but we are continuing to work with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank to ensure the correct steps are taken to increase food access in Franklin Township, said Adams. Alex also welcomed residents, community members and partners to join CHAT.

Adams shared that as of January 24, 2020, after 23 months, all employees of the fire department are back on duty after several members were out due to work related injuries.

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## **Resolution 2020-018**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 505.101, contracts with state or other public agencies, the Franklin Township Board of Trustees hereby provides notice that it shall sell surplus equipment to Columbus State Fire Science Program, in Columbus, Ohio.

Whereas, Franklin Township has determined the sale of fire hoses to the Columbus State Fire Science Program, a political subdivision, valued at \$1.00; and,

Whereas, Columbus State Fire Science Program has the appropriate funds to pay the purchase price for the equipment; and,

Therefore, be it resolved that under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 505.101 the Franklin Township Board of Trustees, do hereby sell surplus equipment to another state agency.

Fleshman asked Adams for an update on Engine 193 being returned to Pierce Manufacturing for repairs/rebuild. Adams said the township is negotiating a timeframe with Pierce Manufacturing on how long the repairs/rebuild will take.

Alex thanked Adams for his efforts for Franklin Township to again host a public narcan training on January 22, 2020 at Station 192.

Horn shared that he appreciates the fire department's involvement with establishing a food pantry in Franklin Township.

## **Police Department Report:**

*Byron Smith, Police Chief* asked the board for approval to erect No Parking signs at the intersection of Industrial Mile and Nationwide Boulevard near the Havenwood Townhome Community to eliminate semi-trucks from parking and impeding traffic flow.

*Trustee Fleshman* moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Horn seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Resolution passed.

## **Resolution 2020-020**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the police chief to work with the road department to erect No Parking signs at the intersection of Industrial Mile and Nationwide Boulevard.

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Smith explained that there have been complaints received of parking issues on Geneva Avenue (south of Jackson). Smith asked the board if he could explore and research these complaints to validate if *No Parking* signs are needed in this area as well.

*Alex motioned to allow Chief Smith to explore and research the possibility of No Parking signs being required on Geneva Avenue (south of Jackson Road). Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.*

Fleshman requested that Smith work with patrol to ensure enforcement is happening on Finland Avenue in the no parking areas. Smith agreed.

Smith shared that it has been brought to his attention that other townships which are not home rule have No Knock policies in place. Is this something the board is willing to entertain, said Smith. Alex said he is supportive of exploring this topic but the township cannot violate the community's First Amendment Rights. Alex recommended Trustee Horn, Administrator Potts, and Chief Smith work together to explore No Knock options which would best fit the needs of the township.

## **Franklin County Sheriff's Office Report:**

Deputy Carter provided stats from 1/10/202 - 01/23/2020:

- 515 calls for service
- 51 reports taken
- 22 arrests
- 10 drug related calls
- 4 overdoses
- 16 Burglaries and breaking and entering calls
- 7 stolen vehicles
- 3 weapon related runs
- 18 thefts

## **Road Department Report:**

*Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent – absent*

*Mark Potts, Administrator* distributed to the Board for signature the 2019 Certified Township Highways Certificate indicating that Franklin Township has 34.235 miles of public roadway.

## **Fiscal Department Report:**

*Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer - absent.*

*Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer* reminded everyone that she would be on vacation the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> and if they had any fiscal needs to please contact the Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris. Watkins explained that she is taking a week of her vacation early so she can be available for the new fiscal officer (taking office on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020) as well as preparing for the audit this Spring.

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### **Trustees/Administrator Reports:**

*Aryeh Alex* had nothing to report.

*John Fleshman* shared that the Township has three (3) radon kits available to the public as well as these kits are available by request online through the Franklin County Public Health.

*Fleshman* explained that there will be another financial assistance informational session for the Mon-E-Bak/Brown Road East sanitary sewer project being held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 2193 Frank Road (Township Hall) from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Those who did not get approved or did not apply in the previous rounds of financial assistance, are encouraged to attend, said *Fleshman*.

*Ralph Horn* shared that he is working with Administrator *Potts*, Chief *Welch*, and the Assistant Fiscal Officer, *Robyn Watkins* to implement a new telephone system to simplify the accessibility for the public. When calling into the township listen closely as the prompts have changed. If the person in which you wish to speak with does not answer, please leave a message and a call will be returned within 24 to 48 hours, said *Horn*. A new phone system will be introduced to the board at a future meeting, *Horn* explained.

*Administrator Potts* shared that the township has received the ballot language for the fire levy which will be presented to the voters at the Primary Election on March 17, 2020. *Potts* asked the board per the advice of the township legal team permission to be able to sign the Franklin County Board of Elections Acknowledgement of Receipt.

*Alex* motioned to approve Administrator *Mark Potts* to sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt from the Franklin County Board of Election related to the ballot language for the fire levy which will be on the ballot at March 17, 2020 Primary Election. *Fleshman* seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: *Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.*

*Potts* recommended to the Board that they consider keeping our current bank account and such vendors the same during the Fiscal Department transition period.

*Alex* motioned to prevent any transitions or changes to our township financial institution until the new fiscal officer is in office and is able to facilitate those conversations. *Fleshman* seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: *Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.*

*Potts* shared that the township will receive a Community Waste Reduction Grant from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) for \$1,761.13. These funds will be used to implement a comprehensive internal recycling program at the township fire houses and offices. This will provide recycling bins for each township office as well as utilizing this opportunity as a channel to advocate for increased recycling throughout the township.

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**Speaker Cards:**

*Ben Babcanec*, Senior Vice President at Heartland Bank introduced himself and expressed his desire for Heartland Bank to partner with Franklin Township as their primary financial institution. He shared that Heartland Bank currently has many accounts with other townships locally and would like to be given an opportunity to talk more in the future.

**Question from the Audience:**

*Linda Mercer*, a member of the audience asked what the requirements would be of volunteering to work at the township food pantry once it is up and operational. Alex shared the township will be seeking volunteers to help unload produce and items from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank delivery truck, packing, organizing, registering patrons, as well and loading patron vehicles. There will be additional information on volunteer opportunities in the future, Alex said.

With no further discussion Alex adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

*Signature on file with original*  
Aryeh Alex, Chairman

*Signature on file with original*  
John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

*Signature on file with original*  
Ralph Horn, Trustee

*Signature on file with original*  
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer  
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken & typed by: R. Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 02/20/2020