

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

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

April 24, 2020

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Alex called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 3:30 p.m. on April 24, 2020, via teleconference.

Roll Call: Horn, no; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Alex made a motion to suspend the pledge of allegiance and any past meeting minutes. Fleshman seconded the motion. With no discussion a vote was taken as follows: Horn, absent; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes. The motion was passed.

Resolutions:

The Fiscal Officer recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 20-082

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves bills in the amount of \$167,976.14 and payroll ending on April 14, 2020, in the amount of \$186,304.38 for a total of \$354,280.52. From check number 62425 to check number 62950.

Alex moved, Fleshman seconded the motion, with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Horn, absent; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes. Resolution passed.

With no discussion Alex moved to the Fire Department:

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Welch recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 20-083

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Fire Chief to hire Jackson Blackstone as a Firefighter Level I, effective April 29, 2020.

Alex moved, Fleshman seconded the motion, with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Horn, absent; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes. Resolution passed.

Fleshman asked Chief Welch about the fatal accident which occurred at the intersection of Harrisburg Pike and Rosemont Avenue. Welch said he always notifies the Trustees via email at any time that there is a fatal accident in the Township.

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With no further discussion Alex moved to the Police Department:

Police Department Report:

Police Chief Smith recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 20-084

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to reimburse David Ratliff the medical deductible incurred during his retirement period of October 1, 2019 – December 1, 2019. As outlined in the Township's secondary benefit reimbursement plan contracted through The Individual and Group Health Insurance Agency.

Alex moved, Fleshman seconded the motion, with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Horn, absent; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes. Resolution passed.

With no further discussion Alex moved to the Road Department:

Road Department Report:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 20-085

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to allow the Road Superintendent to present road crew member, Ron Beatty with a retirement plaque dedicated to his 10 years of service and retirement effective April 28, 2020, not to exceed \$100.00.

Alex moved, Fleshman seconded the motion, with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Horn, absent; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes. Resolution passed.

At 3:45 p.m. Trustee Horn joined the meeting via teleconference.

Trustee Horn recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 20-086

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to provide Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris with a plaque dedicated to her 10 years of service to Franklin Township, as her term ended on March 31, 2020, not to exceed \$100.00.

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With no further discussion Alex moved to Trustee Reports:

Trustee Reports:

Horn discussed working from home versus working from the office. Horn shared that he wants to make sure everyone who is working in the office remains safe. Fiscal Officer, Mary Rhinehart explained that she and the assistant fiscal officer are working in separate offices and exercising the six foot social distancing requirements.

Alex asked Administrator Potts to explain the administrative coverage at the front desk. Potts shared that the administrative assistant is working in the office half day in the morning and working from home in the afternoon. Potts reminded everyone that at the March 19, 2020, meeting a work from home schedule was established. Horn said that he is still concerned about people working in the office full time. Potts explained that the former fiscal officer may have had a different work schedule than the new fiscal officer.

Horn said that he is very concerned about the Township budget and funding issues. There is a delay in government funding with a possible decrease of 20%. There is much uncertainty at this time, Horn said.

Horn asked Potts to provide a schedule of tasks which are being performed at the front desk including work performed at home. It is important to be able to justify the tasks versus wages since the Township is paying \$800.00 per week for a temporary staff member to cover the front desk, said Horn. Potts will gather these facts and have them available for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for April 30, 2020.

Fleshman said he has been listening to many teleconferences and heard that the County may release property tax revenue to local governments early to assist with the COVID-19 crisis.

Alex thanked both trustees for their comments.

Potts stated that there were no comments online from the public.

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With no further questions or comments, Alex adjourned the meeting at 3:55 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
Mary Rhinehart, Fiscal Officer