

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Special Meeting**

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

**July 9, 2020**

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**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Alex called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 9, 2020, via teleconference.

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

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

**Purpose of the Meeting:** *Budget Hearing to Adopt the 2021 Tax Budget.*

**New Business:**

Alex welcomed Fiscal Officer Rhinehart to speak.

Rhinehart presented the Board with the Township 2021 Tax Budget and explained that this budget will change. It is a requirement based on statute that the budget be submitted to the Franklin County Budget Commission by July 20, 2020.

Fleshman expressed his concerns related to allowing the department heads to participate in reviewing this budget before submission. Rhinehart provided a detailed explanation as to the submission process, emphasized it is based on historical data and estimated revenues and expenses, and reiterated that the 2021 budget as shown today will change based on adjustments within the taxes. Each department head will have many opportunities to share their input in the future, said Rhinehart.

Fleshman said he felt comfortable with Rhinehart's explanation and would support adopting the budget. Horn said that this is the same process as handled by the previous Fiscal Officer but was referred to as a temporary budget.

Rhinehart recommended the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2020-133**  
**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TAX BUDGET FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP,**  
**OHIO**  
**FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND TO SUBMIT THE SAME**  
**TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS,** The Tax Budget for 2021 has been prepared as required by Section 5705.28, Revised Code; and

**WHEREAS,** Two copies of the tax budget were on file in the office of the fiscal officer for public inspection on June 29, 2020, and was available for public inspection as required by Section 5705.30, Revised Code; and

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**WHEREAS**, A public hearing was held by the FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OH, on July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call; and

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

**Section 1.** The Tax Budget for Franklin Township, Franklin County, OH, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated by reference, and is hereby adopted by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**Section 2.** The Fiscal Officer be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of said budget and a copy of this Resolution and to transmit the same to the Franklin County Budget Commission on or before July 20, 2020.

**Section 3.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that any and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution shall take effect and shall be in force immediately upon passage by Board.

Public Notice: June 29, 2020

Hearing: July 9, 2020

Passed: July 9, 2020

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

Alex asked Administrator Potts if there were any comments or questions from the public via email or social media. Potts said there were no comments from the public. Rhinehart said that a public records request had been submitted earlier in the week for the proposed 2021 tax budget.

With no further discussion, Alex adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Signature on original  
Aryeh Alex, Chairman

Signature on original  
John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

Signature on original  
Ralph Horn, Trustee

Signature on original  
Mary Rhinehart, Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken & typed by: R. Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 08/06/2020