

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

January 10, 2019

Chairman Horn called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 8:30 a.m. on January 10, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Horn opened the meeting.

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

Horn made a motion to suspend the Pledge of Allegiance and the approval of any prior meeting minutes. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The Purpose of this meeting: SWACO Consortium Discussion

Horn turned the meeting over to Trustee Alex who welcomed Andrew Booker, Program Manager from SWACO, Kyle O'Keefe, Director of Innovation and Programs from SWACO, and Joseph Durham, from Eastman E. Smith, Ltd.

Mr. O'Keefe distributed and reviewed the meeting agenda with all present. Mr. Durham summarized the prior single-hauler contract between Franklin Township and Local Waste from 2010 through 2017. Mr. Durham explained that during the contract period an estimate of only 70% of Franklin Township households participated in the mandatory single-hauler trash service. With only 70% participating this leave the remaining 30% of households disposing of their trash illegally, explained Mr. Booker.

Trash haulers are hesitant to partner with Franklin Township due to the low participation in the last consortium, said Durham. Also, if a hauler would be willing to provide service to the Township the cost per household would increase due to the low participation.

Trustee Horn mentioned that he received a verbal quote from Rumpke Waste & Recycling to service the Township at \$17.00 per month/per household for 2019. The Board currently has taken no action on Rumpke's offer, said Horn.

Alex asked Mr. Booker if the Township was to establish a short term Township wide single trash hauler bid for 2019, outside of a consortium, who would be responsible for the households who choose not to pay? The Township would need to handle the non-payers like they handle high grass and noxious weeds by utilizing House Bill 50 and attaching an assessment to their property taxes for the cost of the trash service including fees, replied Mr. Booker.

Alex said, currently with the Township not participating in a mandatory single trash hauler independently or in a consortium issues are beginning to surface. Alex asked SWACO representatives for their recommendation as next steps for the Township. Mr. O'Keefe recommended the Township begin the a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to see what interest in there and what the running rate will be for trash removal for the Township.

Trustee Fleshman said he believes the Board is in agreement that something needs to be done with a tax assessment as a long-term goal if participation does not increase.

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Public education is critical to make a mandatory single trash hauler contract successful. The residents of the Township need to understand the importance of the contract and the cost savings in the long run, said Fleshman. He has spoken to many Township residents who live on a limited income so it is important to ensure the contract does not cause a hardship on the taxpayers, Fleshman said.

Alex provided a summary of next steps for the Township:

- Begin the RFP process
- Gather public education materials
- Establish a stronger recycling program

With nothing further to discuss, Alex motioned for adjournment. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 1/24/19