

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

October 3, 2019

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Fleshman called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 3, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Snodgrass, Fire Chaplain

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Horn

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

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Fleshman motioned to approve the following meeting minutes:

- *September 3, 2019 – Special* *September 4, 2019 – Special*
- *September 5, 2019 – Regular* *September 13, 2019 – Special*
- *September 19, 2019 - Regular*

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

With no Board discussion Fleshman introduced the guest speaker.

Guest Speaker

Janine Lovelace, Co-founder of Ohio Youth Development and advocate for establishing an international community garden in the Havenwood Townhome Community.

Lovelace explained how establishing a community garden would be a key component to bringing exposure to gardening to underprivileged children and families. The garden would provide an opportunity for a “Soil to Stove Program” to be created where families can use receipts containing foods from the garden. The Havenwood International Community Garden would provide unity as food is common ground even with language barriers, said Lovelace.

Fleshman thanks Lovelace for her presentation and agreed that people take pride in things that they build/grow with their own hands.

Fleshman motioned to accept the invitation for further discussion of establishing a community garden in the Havenwood Townhome Community by working with the Township Administrator, the legal team, County zoning and the department heads. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, absent. The motion was passed.

Old Business

Resolutions:

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Resolution 19-189

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves bills in the amount of \$136,741.92 and payroll in the amount of \$188, 933.10 for a total of \$325,675.02 from check number 60937 through 61064 and electronic checks from 19-282 through 19-287.

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, absent. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-188

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board nominates Aryeh Alex as a representative on the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) Board of Trustees.

With no further discussion Fleshman moved to new business.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Police Chief, Byron Smith had nothing to report.

Fire Department Report:

Assistant Fire Chief, Charles Adams had nothing to report.

Road Department Report:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens asked the Board if he can extend the summer help program until 10/29/2019.

Fleshman made the following motion to extend the summer help program for the Road Department until 10/29/2019. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, absent. Motion passed.

Horn asked Stevens how the neighborhood clean initiative is going. Stevens said with the help of the Franklin County Cleanup Crew each Thursday it is helping to clean up the Township. This program does require one member of the road department to be available each Thursday to assist with the County program, Stevens explained.

The County Clean-up Crew has covered many areas of the Triangle, Broadlawn and today the crew was in Mon-E-Bak, said Stevens.

Stevens explained that he would come back to the Board at the end of the month on a staffing update within the road department.

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Stevens said he was approached by the block watch in the Ongaro neighbor if the Township can close down Ongaro Drive from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 26, 2019 for their annual Fall Harvest Parade. The rain date would be the same time but on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

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, absent. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-190

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Road Department to close Ongaro Drive between Wilson and Trabue Roads on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 5pm to 7pm (rain date of October 27, 2019 – same time) for the annual block watch Fall Harvest Parade.

CST Utilities (Chuck's Septic Tank) will be installing the sewer and water lines into the modular. The City of Columbus requires the Township to tap into the main line at the curb. The total cost for this installation is \$5,850.00 to complete the entire installation. The City of Columbus is willing to waive the tap-in fee typically required for such service installation, Stevens explained.

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, absent. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-191

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves CST Utilities to excavate and connect the water and sewer lines from the modular to the City of Columbus main line at the curb not to exceed \$5,850.00.

Chief Adams thanked Administrator Potts on his efforts on various projects.

Fleshman asked the Police Chief if it would be possible for a public open house at the modular on October 30, 2019 following the Regular Meeting. The Police Chief agreed an open house could be scheduled.

Fiscal Department Report:

Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris – absent no report provided.

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins had nothing to report.

With no further discussion, Fleshman moved to reports from the trustees and the administrator.

Trustee Report:

Trustee John Fleshman:

Fleshman provided an update on the Mon-E-Bak/Brown Road sanitary sewer project. Those households who qualified for the financial assistance program for this project will be receiving a contract in the mail as well as a community meeting is tentatively being scheduled for some time in November.

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Trustee Ralph Horn:

Horn stated he had nothing to report.

Trustee Aryeh Alex:

Alex absent – no report provided.

Administrator Mark Potts:

He shared that he attended a Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) collaboration meeting last week at Station 192. He was pleased to see ten (10) jurisdictions represented at the meeting.

With no further discussion Fleshman, moved to speaker cards.

Speaker Cards:

Tim Chaney of Coolidge Avenue shared that there are issues at the African restaurant at the corner of Coolidge and W. Broad allowing semi-trucks with trailers to park in their parking lot and then attempt to make a left hand turn from the parking lot onto Coolidge to turn onto Broad Street. When semi-trucks attempt this turn they block the entire intersection causing traffic to back up on W. Broad Street. Someone is going to get hit from the rear as the traffic backs up on Broad Street, said Chaney. The Township needs to erect a no left turn sign (from the parking lot to Coolidge) Chaney said.

Chaney also asked the Board to consider a “No Knock” ruling in the Township. This would allow for proper enforcement of soliciting if the ruling was established, said Chaney.

Chaney shared that at his last block watch meeting Sargent Pollock explained that he would only be permitted to attend each block watch meeting for fifteen (15) minutes. Many residents are complaining this is not enough time to spend with the Sargent. Last month Pollock offered to host trainings to the block watch members and now this month he only has fifteen (15) minutes. How can proper trainings be conducted with such limited time for the Sargent, said Chaney?

Mary Rhinehart of Clime Road thanked Administrator Potts and Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins for scheduling time to meet and go over some questions with her.

With no further discussion, Fleshman moved to comments from the audience.

Mike Blevins asked the Road superintendent if he planned to replace the full-time position vacated due to retirement of Tommy Chesshir this summer. Stevens said he is evaluating his summer help staff within and will report this to the Board at the end of the month.

Blevins asked the Police Chief if he would be hiring within to replace the Lieutenant position with the recent retirement of David Ratliff. Smith said, he will be short a Lieutenant for sixty (60) day but anticipates David Ratliff to be rehired and return as the Lieutenant by the end of the calendar year.

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Robbyne Chaney asked if there were any updates on the redevelopment of the former Westland Mall site? Horn said that him and Potts met with the mall owners a few months ago and the owner agreed to keep the Township abreast of any redevelopment conversations. To date there has been no notification from the mall owners, said Horn.

Fleshman said Franklin County will be instrumental in retaining the former mall property within Franklin Township.

Mary Rhinehart asked if Potts would be the point person for communication related to the redevelopment of the former mall site. The board concurred.

Mike Blevins shared that there will be a gun show on October 18th and October 19th in the old Sears building at former Westland Mall site.

A member of the audience asked with the high volume of opioid overdoses in our community what is the Township doing to battle this epidemic. Assistant Fire Chief Adams shared that the Township has received over \$40,000.00 in naran from Franklin County Public Health in 2019. The Township plans to offer another naran training in November 2019 with the support of Franklin County Public Health, said Adams.

Potts presented the Board with a memo of understanding between Franklin Township and David Ratliff that he will pay out-of-pocket for his health insurance premium for the months of October and November with anticipation of being re-hired in December of 2019. Also, he is requesting under the MOU that if he is rehired he would retain his current comp time balance of 42.5 hours and hours of vacation balance of 97 hours. If he is not rehired he would then be paid out for those same hours as previously stated.

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, absent. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-192

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the memo of understanding between Franklin Township and David Ratliff pertaining to him paying the full amount of health insurance premium for the months of October and November. As well as retain his comp time balance (42.5 hours) and vacation balance (97 hours) if rehired. If not rehired those same hours would be paid out to Ratliff.

Terry Williamson, member of the audience asked the Assistant Fire Chief where the heroine on the street is coming from. There is no identified source but we do know that heroine is cheaper than cigarettes on the street.

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*At 7:52 p.m. with no further discussion from the board or comments/
questions from the audience Fleshman adjourned the meeting.*

Signature on file with original
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature on file with original
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

ABSENT
Aryeh Alex, 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 10/30/2019