

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

December 30, 2019

Chairman Fleshman called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 8:03 a.m. on December 30, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

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

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

Present: Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Police Chief, Police Lieutenant and Township Administrator.

Purpose of the Meeting: *To discuss 1828 Harrisburg Pike, 2020 Advancement from the Franklin County Auditor, and to enter into in an executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the dismissal, discipline and/or employment of a public employee, and to take any other actions the Board deems necessary.*

Fleshman shared that the former gas station located at 1828 Harrisburg Pike is on the market for sale at a listed price of \$135,000.00. I asked the realtor if they can confirm if the underground gasoline storage tanks have been removed and if there are any liens on the property, said Fleshman. The location of the property could be a vital gateway for the Township for future development, Fleshman stated. Also, the Township has a couple of other options for the property until redevelopment plans are in place such as rent the building to an outside entity or the Road Department could utilize the building for working on their equipment, shared Fleshman. A discussion was opened up to the other Board members.

Alex stated he is concerned that the Township does not have the money to purchase and maintain the property currently. We are very tight going into our 2020 budget, said Alex. Fleshman asked the Fiscal Officer what funds the Township has left in the 2019-line item appropriated for the purchase of properties. The Fiscal Officer said she would have to run a report. Fleshman said he also asked the realtor if they would speak with the owners on if they are willing to negotiate the current market price and possibly schedule a meeting.

Alex said if the underground tanks have not been removed, the Township could be impacted by environmental issues which could cost thousands of dollars. If a new business would purchase the property this could increase revenue for the Township, said Alex.

The Fiscal Officer reminded the Board that the general fund is owed \$600,000.00 from the police and fire departments from previous advancements. Alex said these departments will never be able to pay those back. The Fiscal Officer said this will be determined once the auditors review the files and a possible payment plan may be put into place. Alex said the Board may have to forgive these advancements. I confirmed with the State

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Auditor's Office and they said the Board cannot forgive that amount, said the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer shared that the Fire Department is running very low on funds so low that they might not be able to meet their payroll. With that being said, the Board will need to pass a Resolution for the Township to submit documentation to the Franklin County Auditor's Office for an advancement on the March 2020 tax draw. We've done this in the past but in the most recent years we stopped asking for the advancement as the departments were not spending so much money, stated the Fiscal Officer.

Horn said we are paying out too much money at the Fire Department, we can't spend what we don't have. Horn said he can see layoffs coming soon if the levy fails.

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex 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 19-278

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to request an advancement of the first half of 2019 property tax revenue from the Franklin County Auditor's Office effective January 1, 2020.

At 8:25 a.m. Fleshman made the following motion to go into an executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the dismissal, discipline and/or employment of a public employee, and to take any other actions the Board deems necessary. Horn seconded the motion, a vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Present: Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Police Chief, Police Lieutenant and Township Administrator.

At 8:41 a.m. Fleshman made the following motion to come out of executive session. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

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

Resolution 19-279

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to terminate Erin Crome's employment as the Township Secretary effective immediately.

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Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. No second: Resolution died due to lack of a second.

Proposed Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Union Local 413 for clerical staff.

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex 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 19-280

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Administrator Potts to fill the position of secretary temporarily by contracting with a temporary staffing agency at \$16.00 per hour, while renaming and posting the position as an Administrative Assistant.

Alex made the following motion to set the first Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for January 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Administrator Potts requested that Ms. Crome is paid for today as well as any vacation time she has on her books. We need to make sure she has the opportunity to apply for unemployment.

Fleshman made a motion to allow Administrator Potts to offer Ms. Crome a compensation package of one (1) month of health insurance, and up to one month of salary. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes, Alex, yes. Motioned passed.

9:05 a.m. Fleshman adjourned the meeting.

Signature on file with Original
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature on file with Original
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature on file with Original
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

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

Minutes were taken by: Lisa Morris
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 01/09/2020