

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Special Meeting**

**Held at 1955 Frank Road**

**November 9, 2018**

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Chairman Horn called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 11:00 a.m. on November 9, 2018, in the Community Room at Central Baptist Church located at 1955 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn gave the welcome.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Womack, Police Department Chaplain, led the opening prayer.

Chairman Horn led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Horn opened the floor to the Police Chief, Byron Smith to welcome Dorian Grubaugh from GATSO to lead in the traffic camera presentation.

Mr. Grubaugh began with a Power Point Presentation and shared with the audience the history of GATSO and the various components which the traffic photo enforcement can offer Franklin Township.

## COMPONENTS

- Each camera is a hand-held device only engaged by a police officer
- The Township currently has obtained (2) two hand-held cameras
- The program will not cost the Township any additional funds
- Services provided by GATSO:
  - Software
  - Cameras
  - Track and Process all violations (via mail) upon Township approval
  - Track and Process all violation reminders for non-payment
  - Process all necessary reporting
  - Process all violation payments owed to Township
  - Work with Township Fiscal Department on Banking requirements
- Revenue is only generated from paid infractions
- Revenue division:
  - 60% Police, 28% General Fund, 10% Road Department, 2% Community Scholarships

## CITATION SUMMARY

Each photo enforcement citation will include the following information to the Township to review the validity of the infraction.

- Photo of the vehicle including license plate and number
- Description of violation: speed
- Location of violation

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- Name of the officer who engaged the camera

Currently the Township has (2) two hand-held traffic photo enforcement cameras. GATSO offers a variety of other cameras such as pole, trailer, and mobile cameras.

## **TIMELINE ONCE CAMERA IS ENGAGED**

- The photo is captured and sent to GATSO immediately once trigger is engaged
- The Township is notified via email of all camera violations within 24 hours
- The Township will then review camera violations for validity (approve/reject)
- All approved violations are sent back to GATSO from the Township
- GATSO will mail violation to *vehicle owner* within (5) five days of infraction
- Violator can pay ticket via mail or online with GATSO

## **TYPES OF NOTICES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Notice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice
- Final Notice
- Contest Notice
- Receipt/Payment Notice

## **CONTESTING A TICKET**

A violation may be contested by calling the number on the ticket or going online to GATSO. The contested violation will be handled in a Civil Hearing similar to Mayor's Court, which will then be conducted by the Township Magistrate.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

A member of the audience asked Mr. Grubaugh what is the GATSO cut in each citation. GATSO will receive \$37.00 for every \$100.00 ticket paid. All citations/tickets issued with the camera will be at a cost of \$100.00 each. The audience member then asked the Board of Trustees if they had met with Franklin County and/or State Representatives due to overlapping roadways. The Board replied that they have met with Franklin County but have not met with any State Representatives.

Mike Blevins, a member of the audience asked Mr. Grubaugh if the traffic camera has the ability to detect if a license plate has a valid registration/sticker as well as how often are the camera calibrated. Mr. Grubaugh stated that the cameras do not have the ability to detect expired or unregistered vehicles. The cameras are calibrated a minimum of (1) one time per year by a third party provider, as well as each time the camera is turned on the system checks for proper calibration, per Grubaugh.

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Blevins continued with another question asking Mr. Grubaugh if he is aware of anytime where the names and addresses within the GATSO software system have been hacked or breached. Mr. Grubaugh stated that the GATSO software system is designed and protected under high security measures and that he is not aware of any time when data had been breached.

Robbyne Chaney, audience member asked Mr. Grubaugh if the laser on the camera can identify large vehicles versus smaller vehicles. The laser only picks up one vehicle (the fastest moving vehicle) at a time, it cannot detect vehicle size. The laser is engaged by the officer one vehicle at a time.

An audience member asked Mr. Grubaugh what if the owner of the vehicle chooses to do nothing with the citation. By state law it is up to the Township to take the owner to Civil Court in Downtown Columbus for non-payment.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Horn said, area schools are asking the Township to monitoring speeding especially during school zone times. Horn is pleased that the schools are supportive of the cameras.

Police Chief Smith shared that public awareness is crucial and was hopeful that more residents would have attended this meeting.

Fleshman stated the Township is using the cameras as intended, to slow vehicles down and make the roadways safer, not a money grabber.

Horn believes the camera project is going to help slow vehicles down and ultimately save lives.

*Fleshman said with nothing further from the audience he would motion for adjournment. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes; Alex, absent.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Ralph Horn, Chairman

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John Fleshman, Trustee

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Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer  
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 11/29/18