

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

November 29, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 29, 2018, at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Womack, Police Department Chaplain led prayer.

Chairman Horn led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Horn made a motion to approve the following minutes. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Alex, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

- Regular Meeting on November 1, 2018
- Special Meeting on November 9, 2018
- Special Meeting on November 14, 2018
- Regular Meeting on November 14, 2018

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 18-239

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves payroll in the amount of \$151,877.78 and bills in the amount of \$168,796.20, for a total of \$320,673.98 from check number 48674 to check number 48805.

Alex 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, yes.

Resolution 18-240

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the reimbursement from the Building Department to the Fire Department for services provided by the Fire Prevention Officer in 2018, in the amount of \$34,206.00.

Police Department Report:

Chief Byron Smith shared that 284 speed violations have been generated from the speed cameras. Fleshman asked if the Township has received any calls from any violators who received a citation. Chief Smith said, the camera company GATSO is fielding all calls. Alex asked how the police officers were

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doing with the new camera program. The police officers like the equipment, replied Smith.

Smith asked for Board approval to sell the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria.

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Resolution 18-243

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to sell the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria – Serial # 2FABP7BV6BX180259 on GovDeals or offer to a local government for a \$1.00 donation.

Chief Smith reminded the Board of the annual Kira's Kindness toy & food drive which began this week. This annual drive has been successful in the past and the Chief is looking forward to another successful year.

Fleshman asked the Chief if he spoke to the officers about moving to 2173 Frank Road. Chief Smith said, the officers requested to remain at 2193 Frank Road until a modular unit with a bathroom is available. Smith has reached out to a modular company to see what costs may be incurred. There is also the option for the plot of land next to Station 192.

Fire Department Report:

Chief James Welch informed the Board that Fire Fighter Thomas Mattia was out on injury leave as of 11/15/18.

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Resolution 18-244

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Thomas Mattia of the Fire Department to be on injury leave effective November 15, 2018. Injury leave will be paid as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

Welch shared that the fire department is in need of purchasing small equipment for the new fire engine.

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Resolution 18-245

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approved the Fire Chief to purchase small equipment for the new fire engine, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Welch updated the board on Engine 193 and the repair status. Welch shared, that the truck is currently 7 to 8 years old and the current repairs are estimated at \$25,000.00. Fleshman said it important for the Board to decide when replacement trumps repair costs. Currently, this truck has exceeded the value in repair costs, said Welch.

Welch said he reached out to the Township attorney on next steps on candidates for Township Administrator. The attorney's office is working to create a job posting/description identical to Clinton Township. A professional packet will be put together for the Board to review before outreach begins.

Chief also shared that he spoke with Paycor (an outside payroll company) to discuss options for payroll services. He is going to see if he can schedule a representative from Paycor to attend an upcoming public meeting to present their services to the Board.

Road Department Report:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens shared the status on the environmental issues at 1963 Harrisburg Pike. Ohio Basement Authority came today and provided a quote to repair the ongoing water issue in the basement of 1963 Harrisburg Pike, said Stevens. The quote did not provide a solid solution to the problem based on the information submitted to Stevens. Mr. Stevens said, he has The Basement Doctor scheduled to come out next week to access the house and provide an estimation of services. The mold cannot be treated until the water issue is resolved, stated Stevens.

Stevens asked for the audience members to be patience as the Road Department is doing all they can to keep up with the leaf pick-up. The pick-up will continue as long as the weather cooperates.

Stevens requested the Board to consider a salary increase of James Timmons of the Road Crew. Timmons has brought a wealth of resources and knowledge to the Township. With Board approval within the language of their collective bargaining contract, Stevens asked the Board to move Timmons from a Level B salary rate of \$18.36/hr. to a Level C salary rate of \$20.11/hr.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Road Crew member James Timmons to move from salary Level B of \$18.36/hr. to Level C of \$20.11/hr. effective November 28, 2018.

Audience member Nick reported that there is an ongoing issue of standing water on the roadway on Eastfield Drive. Stevens said, he was unaware of the issue but would assess the situation immediately.

Fiscal Department Report:

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins asked the Board if they would be willing to reimburse Erin Crome for the holiday decorations on display in the Township meeting room. The existing decorations were broken and a few new items needed to be purchased to brighten up the hall for the holidays, said Watkins.

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, yes.

Resolution 18-246

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to reimburse Erin Crome \$34.30 for purchase of holiday decorations for the meeting hall at 2193 Frank Road.

Watkins announced the staff holiday potluck luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 21, 2018.

Trustee Reports:

Horn reported that the Township has not secured a single-hauler for trash collection for 2019. Residents will remain using their hauler of choice at this time. Alex shared that the SWACO attorney indicated that Local Waste would not raise their rates in 2019. Horn said he has nothing in writing from Local Waste to validate the SWACO attorney comment.

Janet Ward, audience member asked that is she is able to find a new trash hauler since she is unhappy with the services provided by Local Waste. Horn confirmed that all residents may select their hauler of choice.

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Horn updated the audience that the last Regular Board Meeting of 2018 will be on Thursday, December 13, 2018. There will be no meeting on Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Alex said that Franklin County Public Health held narcan training on November 27, 2018 in the Village of Valleyview. *Alex* was pleased to see over 35 people attend the training.

Fleshman provided an update on the sanitary sewer projects within Franklin Township. The Franklin County Commissioners and the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer will be hosting public meetings in hopes of more households qualifying for financial assistance in the project.

The County indicated that there would be public meetings scheduled beginning in Mid-January 2019 with some of the meetings being held in the afternoon and evening hours, stated *Fleshman*.

Fleshman distributed (2) two Township logo samples created by students at Franklin Heights High School. The samples were discussed, but no decision was made. *Fleshman* would like to reach out to Finland Middle School as well to gauge their interest in the project.

Mike Blevins, audience member said he would connect with a family member who works and Finland Middle School to get a name of the principal or someone at the school *Fleshman* can talk with about the project. *Fleshman* said he is happy to work with someone at Finland Middle School.

Alex made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.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 12/13/18