

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

February 8, 2018

Chairman Horn called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 P.M. on February 8th, 2018 at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn gave the welcome.

Pastor Womack opened with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Chairman Horn made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of: Regular meeting December 13, 2017, Regular meeting January 11th, 2018, Special meeting January 11th, 2018, Quarterly meeting January 23, 2018, Regular meeting January 25, 2018 and Special meeting February 2, 2018. Trustee Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Road Department:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens provided the Board with written material related to the cost of purchasing a new 2018 Ford F-550 Dump truck. The total purchase price including chassis at \$42,366.00 from Byers Chevrolet/Ford and the dump body/equipment at \$26,480.00 from Kaffenbarger, the total cost would be \$68,846.00. Stevens explained that evening though the existing dump truck is a 2008 there is still a retail market for this 2008 model. The current sales market for the 2008 is between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00. With the 2008 sold within the range of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 the actual cost to the Township would be approximately \$43,846.00.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-031

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to purchase a 2018 Super Cab F-550 Dump Truck, not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Stevens reported to the Board on the low supply of road salt the township has in inventory. Stephens continued to report that there is only 45-50 ton of salt on-hand and the winter season is not over. He also shared as well that no contracts are being accepted from the salt supplier. Franklin County Engineers are in the same situation as the township, Stevens reported. Stevens is going to contact surrounding counties to see if road salt can be purchased from another county entity. Trustee Fleshman said, if a day comes when the township is able to build a larger salt storage facility this situation would not occur. Stevens shared that a new salt barn was recently built in Prairie Township. Due to the shortage of road salt the township can no longer salt the roads in the Village of Valleyview. The township can still plow the Village of Valleyview, but will be unable to spread salt. Stevens will contact the mayor of Valleyview of this salt shortage. If the township is able to obtain more salt then the salt service can resume in the Village of Valleyview. Vice-Chairman Alex

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inquired as to how much salt the Township uses in each snow event. Stevens answer indicated the salt usage is based on the type of weather event which occurs.

Stevens distributed written information and asked the Board for an executive session in the future to discuss the acquisition of properties. Vice-Chairman Alex and Trustee Fleshman complimented the road crew on the excellent job they did to clear the township roads on the morning of February 7, 2018. They also shared with the audience the passion Stevens has for the township and the hours he works to keep the roads cleared.

Resident Mike Blevins, of the audience ask Stevens what size engine will be in the new 2018 truck. Stevens answer was that a 6.8 diesel engine will be in the new dump truck. The administrative coordinator shared an email with Stevens from a happy resident on Geneva. The audience had no questions for the Jim Stevens.

Fire Department:

Assistant Fire Chief, Charles Adams indicated the fire department has a trailer which was donated by EMA. Adams shared even though the donation was a great gesture; it is not fiscally responsible for the township to keep the EMA trailer. Adams asked the Board for a motion to release the trailer to another entity.

The following motion was made by Vice-Chairman Alex for the fire department to release the EMA trailer. Trustee Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Adams then requested a motion from the Board to accept the resignation of fire fighter Tyler Piper.

The following motion was made by Trustee Fleshman to accept the resignation of firefighter Tyler Piper. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Adams asked the Board for resolutions to hire two new firefighters.

The following resolution was motioned by Vice-Chairman Alex. Chairman Horn seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-029

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the hiring of fire fighter Deante Drummer as of 2/14/18

The following resolution was motioned by Vice-Chairman Alex. Chairman Horn seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-030

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the hiring of fire fighter George Hess as of 3/9/18.

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The audience had no question for Chief Adams.

Police Department:

Police Chief, Byron Smith shared extra patrol has been focusing on drug houses and will have a formal report at the next regular board meeting.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office: Deputy Hamilton represented Deputy Ronk to report that Deputy Ronk has been working Little Avenue focusing on traffic speed.

The audience had no questions for Chief Smith or Deputy Hamilton.

Building Department:

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice reported 777 Brown Road is in the process of being transferred to the township from COCIC. Rice also shared that the township is being asked by COCIC to sign a letter indicating that the township will maintain the green space at 1513 Little Avenue. The property on Little Avenue is in the process of being demolished by COCIC then the property will be transferred to the Township.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Vice-Chairman seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-027

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the acceptance of property at 1513 Little Ave with the understanding the township will be responsible for greening the lot for beautification and maintain the landscaping.

Rice brought to the attention of the Board that the township does not currently have a bad weather policy related to staff and snow level emergencies. The board tabled this discussion to research what the County is currently doing and bring a decision back to a future meeting. Vice-Chairman Alex recommended the township review other policies which may need to be implemented at the township to mirror County policies.

Chairman:

Chairman, Ralph Horn expressed how busy the township has been since 2018 began. He shared other potential projects for 2018 such as increased block watch services, finishing up the Big Run bridge project, etc.

Vice Chairman

Vice-Chairman, Aryeh Alex indicated that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is hosting a State of the Region Conference on April 19, 2018 from 11am – 1:30p.m. Vice-Chairman Alex asked if the Board would be interested in purchasing tickets for the conference. He suggested it would be a nice idea to send Board members and department heads to the conference to mingle with their counter-parts. The administrative

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coordinator indicated a check was still needed by the township for the fee to join the MORPC group. The fiscal officer will prepare a check for submission.

Trustee:

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman to accept bills and payroll. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-028

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll in the amount of \$192,036.09 and bills in the amount of \$186,990.72 from checks 45390 to 45614 for a total of \$379,026.81.

Trustee Fleshman shared with the Board what he had learned at the recent Ohio Township Association Conference in January 2018. He also indicated he has been actively attending the Franklin County Commissioners weekly board meeting as a gesture of building a better relationship with the County.

SPEAKER CARDS:

Resident Roland Whittier of 1641 Westfield Drive shared the ongoing water run-off from the property to the west of the neighborhood which is where the new county morgue will be built. Whittier indicated he spoke to the individuals who were working on the underground drain pipes on this property notifying them that they had missed an underground water drain tile. Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens indicated he would reach back out to the Franklin County Engineers Office to explore this drain/water issue before the development begins on the property. Stevens offered Whittier his business card to stay in touch with him related to this issue.

Resident Mike Blevins asked when the police and fire union contracts were up for negotiations. Chairman Horn responded by sharing that the fire contract is scheduled to be re-negotiated by March 2018 and the police contract is due to be re-negotiated by June 2019.

Chairman Horn made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer

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