

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

2193 Frank Road

March 7, 2018

Chairman Horn called a special meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 10:31 a.m. on March 7, 2018, at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn opened the meeting.

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

Others present for the meeting: Police Chief, Byron Smith, Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris, Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins and guest speaker Dorian Grubaugh of GATSO USA.

Chairman Horn made a motion to suspend the Pledge of Allegiance, and not to approve any prior meeting minutes.

Trustee Fleshman seconded.

A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Chairman Horn handed the floor over to Police Chief, Byron Smith to begin the presentation. Chief Smith shared with the Board his position on the benefits of obtaining digital video cameras for the police department. He then welcomed Dorian Grubaugh of GATSO USA, Inc. to begin his formal presentation.

Mr. Grubaugh provided a PowerPoint presentation which began with the historical perspective of GATSO USA, and how digital video cameras evolved over time. He then shared the operational side of the business which included the steps it takes to purchase cameras, the installation, overall maintenance, data collection/reporting, security, ticket issuing, and finally how funds are received when tickets are paid.

Mr. Grubaugh continued with statistics stating that 15% to 17% of motorists travel at 10 miles per hour or above the posted speed limit. In the Township, this data acquaints to 1500 automobiles a day potentially in violation of the law. Another statistical fact that Mr. Grubaugh shared is with cameras installed accidents have been known to reduce by 20% to 50% in the first 5 years in other municipalities.

Chairman Horn explained how he is supportive of a safety initiative for the Township and how important it is to educate the public on the cameras when or if the Board chooses to implement such a system.

Trustee Fleshman asked what the cost would be for the Township if they would choose to make such an investment in digital/video cameras. Mr. Grubaugh explained that there is no out-of-pocket expense to GATSO USA (There is an expense for them, but at no cost to the Township) for implementing a camera system in the Township. There is no limit as to how many cameras the Township can obtain. GATSO USA makes their money by retaining 37% of each paid ticket. For example, on a \$100 ticket, GATSO USA would retain \$37.00 from the funds received from the \$100 ticket.

The following motion was made by Trustee Fleshman to grant the Police Chief permission to move forward in fact gathering with GATSO USA. The facts gathered would need to be enough information for the Board to allow them to make a resolution at a future date if necessary.

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Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Chairman Horn asked Mr. Grubaugh how the contract period works with GATSO USA. Mr. Grubaugh's reply was the standard is a five (5) year contract with two (2) one year renewal options for a total of seven (7) years. After the renewal period ends, renegotiation of the percentage retained on paid tickets would then take place.

Trustee Fleshman asked about the termination policy within the contract. Mr. Grubaugh indicated GATSO USA does incur a \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 cost per pole installation which these types of poles cannot be reused once installed. He confirmed that there are fees involved if a contract is cancelled which are clearly outlined in the contract. Chairman Horn agreed that the contract will need to be thoroughly reviewed by the Board and the Township legal team before agreeing to sign.

Chairman Horn thanked Mr. Grubaugh for his presentation.

Trustee Fleshman asked the Board where Resolution 14-004 came from.

Chairman Horn replied that he had provided both Trustee Fleshman and Vice-Chairman Alex a copy of the resolution as a reminder. The resolution outlines how only the Chairman of the Board is to be communicating with the Township attorney. Trustee Fleshman believes there is another resolution which supersedes Resolution 14-004. Chairman Horn asked the Fiscal Officer to look into this.

Trustee Fleshman made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Horn seconded.

A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken & typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees 03/20/18