

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

May 17, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 17, 2018, at 2193 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, yes.

Chairman Horn made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes: Special Meeting on April 19, 2018 and Regular Meeting on April 19, 2018. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The (2nd) Quarterly Meeting on April 26, 2018. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, abstained; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The following resolution was motioned by Fleshman. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-066

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll for May 18, 2018 in the amount of #138,739.98 and Bills for May 18th, 2018, in the amount of \$146,179.00 for a total of \$284,918.98 from check number 46631 to 46764.

The following resolution was motioned by Fleshman. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-065

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll for May 4, 2018, in the amount of \$184,299.24 and Bills in the amount of \$146,549.94 for a total of \$330,849.18 from check number 46510 to 46629.

The following resolution was motioned by Horn. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-059

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the renewal of the Township OTARMA insurance for 2018, in the amount of \$60,770.00.

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Police Department Report:

Chief Smith began by asking the Board if a special meeting can be scheduled to discuss the next steps with contracting with Gatso for hand-held speed camera devices. The Board asked the chief to ensure the 1 year opt-out language is included in the contract before a meeting is scheduled. The chief continued his update by sharing that the Narcan training for the officers is complete. All officers are now carrying narcan. So far (1) one officer has already had to administer Narcan to revive a citizen. A new drug box is being examined to be placed at the Township office for citizens to submit unused/unwanted drugs from their homes. The specifications for the drug box is that it must be secured to the floor. The Chief complimented Officers Sheridan and R. Myers for their heroic efforts on the officer involved incident on May 12, 2018. Awards will be presented to those officers at a later date. Horn explained the Township is limited on what they are able to share with the public due to the investigation which is being handled by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

Fire Department Report:

Assistant Chief Adams shared with the Board that he was able to partner with the Columbus Police Department (CPD) to distribute infant cribs to needy families who do not have a bed for their child. There has been an increase in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Franklin Township. When firefighters notice a home where a child does not have a crib they are to notify Chief Adams and a crib will be provided to that family at no cost.

The firefighter's narcan training is on hold due to waiting on a response from the County Health Department.

Chief Adams commended the firefighters who responded to the officer involved shooting. Their response time to the scene and transporting the officer to Grant Hospital was less than 13 minutes. The Chief received many calls indicating the transport time of less than 13 minutes have saved this officer's life. Fleshman recommended the firefighters who responded to the officer involved shooting be awarded for their efforts as well as saving the officer's life due to their training and timely transport.

Chief Welch asked the board for a motion from the Board to accept firefighter George Hess' resignation as of May 29, 2018. Alex made a motion to accept the resignation of George Hess. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Welch also asked the Board for a resolution to sell the 2005 foam trailer. He evaluated the trailer and it was determined that the trailer is too big for the Township and there is no use for the trailer.

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RESOLUTION 18-067

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the fire department to place the 2005 foam trailer on GovDeals to sell.

Chief Welch let the Board know that as the firefighter's are conducting their Spring cleaning at each fire house it has been determined that the kitchen floor at Station 192 needs to be resealed. He then asks the Board for a resolution not to exceed \$1,000.00 to repair and reseal the kitchen floor at Station 192.

The following resolution was motioned by Alex. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-068

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the fire department to purchase poly-seal for application on the kitchen floor at Station 192. The application will be completed by the firefighters no cost in labor to the Township.

Horn asked Chief Welch, Fleshman and Scott Rodgers about the M: Drive (shared drive) for the Township. There was a concern about a missing file folder on the M: Drive. Scott Rodger suggested he secure the file folders to ensure no files are deleted and/or moved. Once minutes are approved the files will be placed on the website and save them as a read-only in a PDF in the M: Drive.

Alex made a motion for Scott Rodgers, the Township contracted IT support to secure all drives on the server where they cannot be moved and/or deleted, pending an adoption of a Township retention policy. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Fleshman made a motion for Scott Rodgers, the Township contracted IT support to fix the Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn's Watkins email so that it is no longer be attached to a former employees email. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Scott Rodgers of Rodgers Technologies, shared that the Township Secretary can no longer have access to a former employees email. Those files will be moved to a shared drive.

Road Department Report:

The Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens shared with the Board that it is time for the Township to go into contract with ODOT for road salt for the 2018-2019 winter season.

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RESOLUTION 18-025

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the road superintendent to go into contract with ODOT to secure 225T road salt for the 2018-2019 winter programs.

Stevens let the Board know that the entire roof on the Township pole barn will be fully replaced by insurance due to wind damage. OTARMA will be notified to supply the check so quotes can be retrieved from local roofing companies.

He continued by asking the residents and the Board to be patience with the Road Department in picking up brush. The Road Department is down one full time employee and their to-do list continues to grow daily. Fleshman mentioned a service program hosted by Judge Hopkins office; he will provide additional information at a later date about this program for the sake of time.

The following resolution was motioned by Alex. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-069

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the road superintendent to place Ronald Beatty, on FMLA due to recovery from a workplace injury effective May 16, 2018.

A member of the audience complimented the Road Crew on their prompt response on the removal of the tree who fell across Big Run Road.

A resident on Eastfield/Westfield neighborhood shared their concern on high speed traffic. Stevens shared that the Township is unable to install speed-bumps or traffic calming devices on the road.

Fiscal Office Report

The Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris distributed the new mileage report forwarded to the Fiscal Office by the Auditors of the State as a recommended form.

Alex made a motion to accept the newly revised Township mileage form as recommended by the Auditors of the State. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

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RESOLUTION 18-075

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to purchase a new audio recorder not to exceed \$100.00.

Building Department Report

The Administrative Coordinator, Jessica said that 714 N. Hague is in discussion with COCIC and Rick Erby. The Township is interested in obtaining the property without any structures. Jessica distributed a quarterly report from COCIC indicating how many properties the Township owns. The lease on the cell tower is up in 2039 but there are interested parties who would like to buy the Township out. The Board indicated they are interested in what potential buyers have in mind as an offer. Jessica distributed the 1-270/West Broad Interchange project in Prairie/Franklin Townships. Prairie Township is asking the Township to contribute funds to support the project. Horn is concerned about the status of the general fund and is nervous about the Township financials. Horn is requesting a letter of support from Prairie Township.

The following resolution was motioned by Alex. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-076

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to commit to I-270/W. Broad Street Interchange Project from the Capital Improvement appropriation not to exceed \$7,500.00.

The printer for the Township secretary is going out. Jessica asked the Board is a new printer can be purchased.

The following resolution was motioned by Horn. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes (with letter); Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-077

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the purchase of a new printer/scanner for the Township secretary, not to exceed \$280.00.

Chairman, Ralph Horn

The chairman would like to set a special meeting to discuss COCIC properties. The board agreed they would meet on 8:30 a.m. on May 23rd, 2018.

The mailing address for the Township is to be 2193 Frank Road. The Fiscal Officer shared that the Auditors of the State recommend the mail which belongs to the fiscal office should be mailed directly to the Fiscal Officer.

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The department heads and the fiscal office will come together on how the bills should be handled for processing payment.

The Township will be switching from debit cards to credit cards with PNC Bank.

Vice-Chairman, Aryeh Alex

The chairman asked for a special meeting related to the hiring of a Township Administrator special meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee, John Fleshman

No comments

The following resolution was motioned by Fleshman. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-078

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to pay Individual & Group Health Insurance Agency \$25,000.00 (pre-load) into their financial institution to reimburse Township staff on their co-pays and deductibles.

Connie Price from the audience asked if the next newsletter if a survey could be included to ask for resident feed-back. She also shared that the clean-up in the homeless camp to the south of her neighborhood did not pick up all of the used needles. Ms. Price asked each trustee exactly what they do individually in their role as a trustee. Horn shared he works with the various outside entities such as the County Health Department, the Zoning Board, and various complaints from residents. Fleshman and Alex explained their role as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code.

Tim Chaney from the audience shared with the Board that a zoning permit is not needed to install a temporary fence around the community garden. The Friends of the Hilltop will be paying for the installation of the fencing around the garden. Franklin County Zoning oversees all zoning issues in the Township. 125 Florence Avenue is the location of the community garden.

Cody Compton from the audience asked the Board if they would consider transitioning the property at Westland Mall to a township hall building. The Board informed Mr. Compton that the Westland Mall property is owned by a private individual and the Township has no authority in that property. The Board then shared the difference in Franklin Township and Prairie Township such as utilizing a JEDD/JEDDZ as Prairie Township. Encourages the trustees to work together to trust each other and only good can come from this.

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Alex made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were Taken By: Lisa Morris
Minutes were typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes Approved by Board of Trustees on 06/28/18