

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

May 31, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 31, 2018, at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn gave the welcome.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Snodgrass, Fire 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 Executive Meeting and Special Meeting both on May 23, 2018. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; 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 18-080

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll for May 31, 2018 in the amount of \$134,086.03 and bills for May 31, 2018, in the amount of \$39,853.24 for a total of \$173,939.27 from check number 46769 to 46874.

Police Department Report:

Chief Byron Smith provided an update to the Board on the status of the police cruisers which are at two local body shops. Smith shared that both cruisers are scheduled to be completed this week and payment will be needed from the Township upon completion. Insurance will reimburse the Township for the funds paid out to both of the body shops.

Smith shared that (2) two of the older cruisers (both Dodge Chargers) were sold to the Village of Somerset for \$2,500.00 for both.

Fire Department Report:

Assistant Chief Adams asked the Board for a resolution to hire a new fire fighter.

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

RESOLUTION 18-082

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the hiring of fire fighter Cody McGirr effective June 1, 2018.

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Chief Adams stated that he reached out to the company which donated the foam trailer to the Township to inform them of the Township's decision to sell the trailer since the fire department determined that the trailer is much too large for the Township. The initial company approved of the Township selling the trailer. The revenue from selling the trailer will go towards purchasing bullet proof vests for the fire fighters.

Road Department Report:

The Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens is on vacation.

Linda Mercer from the audience asked the Board to let Jim Stevens know the US Flag at the cemetery on Frank Road appears worn and needs replaced. Horn agreed to inform Jim Stevens on the condition of the flag.

Building Department Report:

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice asked the Board if the Township has a professional government logo. Alex informed Ms. Rice to check with Franklin County because he believes they have a copy of the Township logo on file.

Ms. Rice let the Board know that the parcel of land owned by the Township located at 1661 Harrisburg Pike is in need of an established market value to sell the property. The Board discussed the variables of hiring a realtor to work on selling the numerous properties owned by the Township.

Also, Ms. Rice shared that the annual Juanita Kaufman Award nomination form is online and available at the Township office. The award will be presented at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Volunteers are still needed for National Night Out related to securing donations or assisting at the event.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

He asked the Fiscal Officer what exactly is the "bed tax" which the Township receives. The Fiscal Officer explained that this is the taxes which the Township receives from any hotel/motel which is located inside the boundaries of Franklin Township.

Mr. Horn inquired with Trustee Alex if he had any updated from SWACO on the potential of establishing a single-hauler trash haul consortium in 2019. SWACO had not provided any updates per Alex.

Mr. Horn expressed his concern about the status of the general fund and is asking all departments to hold their spending to a minimum until the Board can meet with the Fiscal Officer to evaluate the general fund.

Also, Mr. Horn asked why the camera located outside of the fiscal office is covered up. The Assistant Fiscal Officer explained that she asked the Board and the department heads at the most recent quarterly meeting about who was monitoring that camera and no one had an answer. Since no one currently

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knows who has access to that camera, the fiscal department covered the camera up until this issue is resolved. Mr. Horn asked the police chief to check with the Township IT support staff on who has access to monitoring that specific camera.

Mr. Horn informed the Board that PNC Bank will be transitioning the Township to credit cards versus the current debit cards. He also asked the Fiscal Officer to see if PNC offers any rewards for credit card purchases.

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

He informed the audience that the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Environmental Crimes Unit will be attending a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on June, 28, 2018, to share their latest initiative.

John Fleshman, Trustee

He stated that he will be attending a luncheon hosted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) on June 6, 2018, as well as other members of the Township staff.

Mr. Fleshman asked for clarification on the mailing address for the Township and if an address change had occurred. The Assistant Fiscal Officer explained that the Auditors of the State recommended that all bills/vendor invoices come directly to the Fiscal Department for ease of payment. The only address change which occurred was directed at bills/vendor invoices. The overarching Township mailing address has not been changed at the post office, only individual vendors were notified. Mr. Alex recommended that there be a secured/locking mailbox erected at the office of the Fiscal Department to ensure all bills/vendor invoices reach the Fiscal Officer timely. The Assistant Fiscal Officer offered to explore pricing on a secure/locking mailbox.

Alex made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 06/28/18