

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

June 13, 2018

Chairman Horn called the special meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. June 13, 2018 at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn opened the meeting.

Horn made a motion to suspend the Pledge of Allegiance, and the acceptance of any past meeting minutes. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

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

Purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the draft job description and responsibilities of a Township Administrator.

The definition of the responsibilities of a Township Administrator was provided by Trustee Alex. He then distributed a comprehensive discussion draft of the job description to the Board and members of the audience for review; he proceeds by asking the other members of the Board for their comments.

Trustee Fleshman commented on how well drafted the job description was written. He also asked that the potential Township Administrator only supervise the administrative staff and that the current department heads would remain reporting to the Board of Trustees. Alex concurred that the job description is written as such that the Administrator and department heads will report to the Board. He also shared that the current department heads will continue writing grants and would be encouraged to bounce ideas off of the Administrator as well as look to them for guidance.

Horn opened up the floor to the audience for comments. A sign-in sheet was distributed to the audience to track who was in attendance as well those who wanted to speak.

Mike Blevins, a member of the audience spoke on his concerns of the financial status of the Township since the Board does not want to talk about setting the salary as this is not the purpose of the Administrator meeting. He also asked why the department heads are not present for this meeting since they were listed in the Facebook announcement. Alex replied by stating that the department heads all had prior engagements this evening and were unable to be present at this meeting. Fleshman explained his historical perspective as a trustee in the last (5) years in his support of an Administrator. He shared how an Administrator can work diligently to secure more grants and well as securing funding for their own position. Alex explained how none of the current Township staff members are performing community/economic development duties. Fleshman is not 100% secure in the Township financially supporting the Administrator position but grants will be sought after to secure the salary of an Administrator for the first year.

Janet Ward, a member of the audience shared her concerns about how effective an Administrator position will be in securing economic development

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and securing properties from annexation to the City of Columbus. For an example, Westland Mall can be redeveloped but the Township has to protect the commercial businesses from annexation, Ward stated. She also said there is no way the Township can expect a person to work for an entry level salary for the expectations outlined in the job description.

David Donofrio, as Southwestern City School Board Member, explained how he supports a Township Administrator from the perspective of how a school board supports their superintendent. He shared how both the school board and the superintendent lean on each other to make rational, professional, sound decisions for the school district. He feels the Board of Trustees and a new Administrator could make huge strides in Franklin Township as well as in surrounding communities and businesses.

Dan Downing, President of the non-profit Friends of the Hilltop, spoke on how he believes a Township Administrator will bridge the gap between Franklin Township and community redevelopment. He explained how currently the Board of Trustees does not have the time to dedicate to community partners such as Friends of the Hilltop. He feels an Administrator would establish new relationships which would then allow Franklin Township to be more competitive in economic negotiations and redevelopment plans in the future.

Kristen Sammons, a member of the audience indicated this is her first meeting and wanted to know if there was any specific incident which occurred in the Township which made the Board decide that an Administrator is needed. Alex explained that when he was elected he sat down with each department head as well as community partners, business owners, and residents and found out that Franklin Township was not doing certain things as well as other townships in the area. An Administrator can be proactive and put Franklin Township in a better position in the future, Alex stated.

Janet Ward, a member of the audience asked if the Administrator would be required to live in Franklin Township. Alex explained that by law the Board cannot require any applicant or potential candidate to live in Franklin Township. He agreed living in the Township can be something the Board could prefer in a candidate but that it cannot be determining factor of employment.

Mike Blevins, a member of the audience asked Alex to explain his previous answer about when he determined Franklin Township was not doing certain things as other townships in the area. Alex explained that he began gathering information about an Administrator shortly after having conversations with various individuals and businesses in the Township. In January 2018 when he was officially sworn into office he immediately jumped in and began digging deeper into the exploration and research of a Township Administrator.

Al Borderline, a member of the audience shared his past experience with Franklin Township historically and how he was involved in the casino annexing into the City of Columbus. He stated that if an Administrator had been in place at that time the Township could have had a better chance to have retained the casino in Franklin Township.

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Horn, stated that he supports the idea of an Administrator but is uncertain at this time if the finances of the Township can support such a position.

Alex proposed revising the Administrator job description, then post the position, and begin researching for grant opportunities to fund the position. He recommended that the other members of the Board sleep on it and discuss action steps at a future open meeting.

A member of the audience, a business owner in Franklin Township who owns 200 acres off Frank Road informed the Board that his property is being converted over to an industrial park and potentially could generate \$20,000.00 annually for the Township. He distributed information about the industrial park and shared that development on his property will continue until the park is completely full of industry.

Horn made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Alex seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer or
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes Taken and Typed By: Robyn Watkins
Minutes Approved by Board of Trustees 06/28/18