

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

June 14, 2018

Chairman Horn called the special meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m. June 14, 2018 at 2193 Harrisburg Pike.

Chairman Horn opened the meeting.

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

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

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss a potential contract between Franklin Township and GATSO.

Police Chief Byron Smith presented the Board with a written contract between Franklin Township and GATSO, a provider of speed cameras.

Trustee Fleshman shared his concerns about the language in the contract related to termination of the contract since this is a (5) year agreement/contract. Fleshman shared that if the Township would terminate the contract for no just cause, they would then have to pay a monthly fee to GATSO if poles are erected for camera usage. The contract states the Township will not be financially bound to GATSO if the Township utilizes only hand-held cameras.

The Assistant Fiscal Officer asked the Board if the Township should establish a new bank account or utilize the current Township bank account. Fleshman stated that he would prefer a separate bank account for GATSO. The Assistant Fiscal Officer asked the Board if she could reach out to the Auditors of the State for guidance and their recommendation on the best way to handle the funds from GATSO.

Trustee Horn asked the police chief if the Township would lose any funding due to establishing speed cameras. The chief indicated that the police department will not be impacted by any loss of funding but that he is waiting for confirmation on if the Township as a whole could lose funding. The GATSO representative stated, that if the Ohio House Bill 410 would pass this would be a valid reason to terminate the contract at no cost to the Township due to changes in Ohio law.

Fleshman asked the Board if could wait in passing a resolution in the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees which immediately following this meeting at 6:30 p.m. Alex reiterated that this existing special meeting with GATSO is a public meeting even though there is no one in the audience. Fleshman concurred that this is a public meeting but he would feel more transparent with the public if the Board utilizes the Regular Board meeting where more residents are typically in attendance. Alex supports conducting a informational public meeting for the residents.

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The Assistant Fiscal Officer asked GATSO how the maintenance plan works for preventative maintenance and repairs of the cameras to avoid down time with the cameras. GATSO said maintenance is scheduled and the down time would be minimal for both GATSO and the Township.

The Board agreed they would wait till the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. following this meeting.

Horn made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Horn, yes, Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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