

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

July 12, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 12, 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.

Trustee Alex made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 28, 2018. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Trustee Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-098

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll for July 13, 2018 in the amount of \$194,440.26 and bills for July 13, 2018, in the amount of \$31,902.24 for a total of \$226,342.50 from check number 47159 to 47352.

Trustee Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolutions (18-099 through 18-113). Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-099

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 2474 Wynwood Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-003489-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-100

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1240 Eureka, Parcel ID: 140-003505-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-101

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1760 Richmond Road, Parcel ID: 140-002235-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-102

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at a vacant lot on Hopkins Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-002347-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-103

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 40 Broadlawn Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-002850-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-104

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3548 Plainview Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-002036-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-105

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1871 Eastfield Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005774-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-106

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1711 Eastfield Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005876-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-107

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1651 Eastfield Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005794-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-108

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1926 Little Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-003223-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-109

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road

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Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1670 Little Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-002311-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-110

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1810 Ransburg Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-005103-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-111

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at a vacant lot on Whitehead, Parcel ID: 140-003907-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-112

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 822 Josephine, Parcel ID: 140-004981-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

RESOLUTION 18-113

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3487 Plainview, Parcel ID: 140-002046-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50.

Fire Department Report: Chief Welch was not present. With nothing to report and no comments from the audience Chairman Horn moved to the Police Chief.

Police Department Report:

Chief Byron Smith began by asking the Board, once Officer Jeff Francies retires, may he purchase his weapon from the Township for \$1.00?

Trustee Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-114

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to allow the Police Chief to sell to Jeff Frances upon his retirement, his issued service weapon (Serial #TY04072) for \$1.00 (one dollar).

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The Chief then shared that the next step in implementing the new traffic cameras is to establish a fine schedule for citations specifically generated from the new cameras.

Trustee Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-115

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Police Chief to implement a fine schedule pertaining to all citations issued through Synsys Gatso USA to be at a fixed rate of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars). Effective immediately following the completion of citizen notification and education including road signs, brochures and media.

The Chief shared his plans for an award banquet for the police department. The banquet is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2018, at Central Baptist Church from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. An RSVP will be distributed as a means to gauge how much food will be needed.

He then asked the Board for approval to purchase items for National Night Out to hand out to children in attendance, not to exceed \$200.00.

Trustee Alex made a motion to approve the Police Chief to utilize \$200.00 from the Police Department budget to purchase items for the 2018 National Night Out event for the children in attendance. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The chief continued by indicating that the garage at the Township O'Hanlon Administrative Building aka 'the white house' located at 1963 Harrisburg Pike is in need of being cleaned out. He shared that there are many items which can be sold and/or donated such as filing cabinets, office equipment, and various other items.

Trustee Fleshman made a motion to allow the Police Chief to go through the garage at the Township O'Hanlon Building located at 1963 Harrisburg Pike and inventory the contents. The inventory list will be shared with the Board upon completion. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The chief informed the Board of the poor condition of the existing copier machine located in the Police Department. Alex recommended the chief get with the Fiscal Department with estimated cost and see what funds are available for a future copier purchase.

With no questions further business to discuss, Chairman Horn moved on to the Road Department.

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Road Department Report:

The Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens was not in attendance. All he had to share was the House Bill 50 properties which were addressed earlier in the meeting with Resolutions 18-099 – 18-0113. With no other business for the Road Department, Chairman Horn moved on to the Fiscal Department.

Fiscal Department Report:

The Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins had nothing to report. With no business to discuss from the Fiscal Department, Chairman Horn moved on to the Building Department.

Building Department Report:

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice reported that food donations are still needed for the 2018 Nation Night Out event. Resident Linda Mercer, Treasurer for the Eastfield Block Watch shared that volunteers are still needed for the event as well. Juanita Kaufman, Coordinator of the Eastfield Block Watch spoke on the progress of donations for the event.

Trustee Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-116

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves a donation of \$200.00 from the General Fund line item appropriated for contributions and donations to the 2018 National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, specifically for food.

Rice distributed several proposals from realtors related to potentially selling township owned properties. The Board agreed that the material distributed was extensive and they needed time to review before action could be taken. Horn with agreement from Alex and Fleshman said that the Board would take action at the next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 26, 2018.

Ms. Rice continued with informing the Board that the deadline for the SWACO grant is September 14, 2018. The Board agreed that Jessica Rice and Robyn Watkins would work together to complete the grant based on their experience.

Jessica updated the Board on the new Township website status. She indicated that the new website should be ready to go soon upon Board review. Jessica shared her desire to obtain photos of employees, department heads, and the Board of Trustees.

Horn confirmed that once the new website is up and running that the old website will be phased out.

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The next area of discussion for Rice was the Broadlawn Community Garden and her concerns related to the lock on the gate as well as the “No Trespassing” signs posted on the perimeter. She stated that a sign is needed to educate the citizens on the community garden on how one can participate as well as the rules of use at the garden. Rice distributed a photo of a sign erected at a Franklin County Community Garden as a sample for the Board to review.

Resident and Coordinator of the garden, Tim Chaney shared his position on the reason for the locked gate and the signage. Mr. Chaney said the lock and the signs are used to deter unwanted people into the garden and is used as a security measure. The garden is unlocked and opened from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, per Mr. Chaney. Fleshman recommended that as the Township learns more about operating community gardens more adjustments will be made and additional conversations will occur.

Trustee Fleshman made a motion to allow the Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice permission to research the pricing on community garden signage including lettering. Once the research is complete Ms. Rice will then present the results at a future Board meeting. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

With no further business to discuss with the Building Department, Chairman Horn moved to the audience.

Resident Mike Blevins asked the Board if the Township is ever going to make their own decisions versus always looking at what other townships and communities are doing. Mr. Blevins indicated that the Township tends to make comparisons of other townships and then base their decision from the actions of other townships and feels Franklin Township should be their own trailblazer with their own ideas. Fleshman commented by sharing how important it is for Franklin Township to be open to ideas from other townships as it relates to the Broadlawn Community Garden since this is the first garden for Franklin Township. Fleshman did agree that the Township does need to utilize their own ideas but feels this will come over time once more gardens are established in the Township. A memo of understanding will be created with future gardens within the Township, said Fleshman.

Mike Blevins continued with a second question as to how successful other community gardens are without access to water. Resident Tim Chaney, interjected by saying that he was under the impression that Franklin Township would ensure that the water storage tanks at the garden would be replenished with water as needed. Chaney indicated he has asked the Board and the Fire Chief when water would be replenished and no action has been taken from the Township. With the recent hot temperatures the gardeners have been carrying their own water to the garden, said Chaney. Chaney continued to say that if he had prior knowledge of the Township not replenishing the water he would have worked to obtain a grant for a rain catch system in the garden.

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Trustee Fleshman made a motion to allow the Coordinator of the Broadlawn Community Garden, Tim and/or Robbyne Chaney permission to come to Fire Station 192 for water for the garden until Township equipment is available to provide water in 2018. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Alex commended Tim and Robbyne Chaney for the commitment and dedication to implementing a community garden in the Broadlawn area. Being the first garden for the Township has come with some challenges and the Chaney's have endured the growing pains that come with establishing anything new for the first time, said Alex.

Ralph Horn, Chairman had nothing to report.

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman had nothing to report.

John Fleshman, Trustee had nothing to report.

Fleshman made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signature on file

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Signature on file

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

Signature on file

John Fleshman, Trustee

Signature on file

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 7/26/18