

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Held at 2193 Frank Road**

**September 20, 2018**

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 20, 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.

Horn opened the meeting with a welcome to the guest speaker, Dr. Wise, Superintendent of the Southwestern-City School District. Dr. Wise began by educating the Board and the audience of the “No New Millage Bond” levy (Issue 7) which will be on the ballot on November 6, 2018. Dr. Wise explained that Issue 7 is a renewal levy which will allow the school district to build new schools, upgrade existing schools as well as other capital improvements with the same millage voters approved in the past.

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-181**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board supports Southwestern-City School District “No New Millage Bond” Issue 7, which will be on the ballot on November 6, 2018.**

Dr. Wise took questions from the Board and the audience.

Audience member, Janet Ward asked how the district would be able to help her nephew with autism and his (2) two-hour bus ride to school. Dr. Wise said he would be happy to speak to Ms. Ward after his presentation to gather more details on her specific situation.

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Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris asked if the district sees ever having a specialized high school for at-risk students. Dr. Wise replied, that based on budget restraints there are no plans in the future for a specialize high school.

Trustee Fleshman asked what would be the cost to the taxpayers for the new schools who are projected to be built. Dr. Wise explained that this levy is a renewal levy which means the taxpayers would not see an increase in new taxes so their tax expenditure for the district would remain the same. Fleshman commended Dr. Wise on his diligence in ensuring the children in our district had state-of-the-art learning environments which is a asset to the Township especially when made of the schools in the City of Columbus still do not have air-conditioning.

Audience member, Linda Mercer asked why the inside lights are on all night at Harmon Elementary School. Dr. Wise stated that Harmon Elementary School is on timers so the lights should not be staying on all night. Dr. Wise mentioned that he would reach out to the school principal to check.

Horn thanked Dr. Wise for his presentation and shared that the Township is still interested in working with Southwestern-City School District. Dr. Wise concluded his presentation.

Horn invited Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens to come to the podium for a special presentation. Jim Stevens then asked Harold Aldrich, Township Road Worker to come forward. Stevens presented Harold Aldrich with a special years-of-service plaque for his 38 years of service to Franklin Township. Harold Aldrich's last day before retirement was on September 18, 2018. The Board thanked Mr. Aldrich and photos were taken to commemorate his honor.

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Horn made a motion for the following minutes to be approved. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, abstain; Horn, yes, Alex, yes.

- Special Meeting on August 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting on August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting on August 23, 2018
- Regular Meeting on August 23, 2018
- Regular Meeting on September 6, 2018
- Special Meeting on September 6, 2018

Fleshman made a motion for the Board to receive the final version of the meeting minutes to review by 10:00 a.m. the Wednesday before the meeting. Alex and Horn agreed that a motion was not necessary since it's a procedural request. Fleshman withdrew the Motion.

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

## **Resolution 18-178**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves payroll dated September 21, 2018 in the amount of \$172,811.46 and bills dated September 21, 2018 in the amount of \$118,846.01, for a total of \$291,657.47. From check number 47892 to check number 48036.**

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**Resolution 18-160**  
**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 2872 El Paso Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005129-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-161**  
**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 2889 El Paso Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005142-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-162**  
**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 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-163**  
**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 Blvd, Parcel ID: 140-003505-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-164**  
**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 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-165**  
**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 1081 Harrisburg Pike, Parcel ID: 140-002999-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-166**

**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 1025 Geneva Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-005501-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-167**

**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 1630 Rosemont, Parcel ID: 140-000685-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-168**

**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, Parcel ID: 140-003489-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-169**

**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 Eureka Avenue, Parcel ID: 141-000088-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-170**

**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 1060 N. Hague Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-005119-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-171**

**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 2889 El Paso Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005142-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-172**  
**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 Blvd, Parcel ID: 140-003505-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-173**  
**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to remove trash from at 1684 Frank Road, Parcel ID: 140-005303-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-174**  
**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to remove trash from 1706 Frank Road, Parcel ID: 140-005786-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**



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**Resolution 18-175 (originally 18-138, in error)**

**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 1619 Harrisburg Pike, Parcel ID: 140-000979-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-176 (originally 18-139, in error)**

**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 1949 Westfield Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005635-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

**Resolution 18-177 (originally 18-140, in error)**

**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 2872 El Paso Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005129-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Assistant Fire Chief, Charles Adams reported to the Board that the backup engine E193 (1995 Pierce) has been sold for \$1.00, to the Village of Hollansburg Volunteer Fire Department in Darke County, Ohio.

Alex moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

### **Resolution 18-182**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Fire Department to sell the 1995 Pierce Fire Engine to the Village of Hollansburg Volunteer Fire Department for \$1.00.**

Chief Adams invited everyone to Firehouse 192 on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to witness the swearing in of several new firefighters.

With no questions from the audience, Horn moved to the Police Department.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Police Chief, Byron Smith reported that he will be hiring one part-time police officer to replace an officer who was promoted to full-time status.

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

### **Resolution 18-183**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Police Chief to hire Anthony LaRosa as a part-time police officer. Start date is yet to be determined.**

With no questions from the audience, Horn moved to the Road Department.

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Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens reported that the Village of Valleyview is requesting that Franklin Township resume leaf collection in the Village. Two members of the Valleyview council were in the audience and shared that the Village Council was holding a special meeting on September 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. if anyone from the Township would like to attend. They also shared that the Village has a website now at [www.valleyview.ohio.org](http://www.valleyview.ohio.org).

Stevens asked the two Valleyview council members if they would speak with their Mayor on if they would like Franklin Township to do snow removal during the 2018-2019 winter months. The Village Council members agreed they would speak with their Mayor.

Stevens continued by informing the Board of the poor outdoor security lighting at 2193 Frank Road. He stated he would like to replace all of the lighting with new LED bulbs to increase visibility.

With no questions from the audience, Horn moved to the Fiscal Department.

## **FISCAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris reported to the Board that per recommendations from the Auditor of the State's Office (ASO) the Township can request assistance in their monthly bank reconciliations and other fiscal reports. Ms. Morris asked the Board if the Township would be willing to allow her to inquire about the cost of the service. The Board requested Ms. Morris to bring estimates and/or contracts to the next Regular Meeting for their review.

Ms. Morris updated the Board on her search for a new laptop for the Fiscal Department. She indicated that she will be reaching out to Fire Chief Welch for suggestions and guidance on the purchase.

The Fiscal Officer asked the Board for an update on the draft employee handbook which was submitted to the Board for review in July. Horn said the handbook will be discussed in the quarterly meeting scheduled for September 26, 2018.

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Audience member Mike Blevins asked the Board if the check for Rodgers Technologies was still on hold per the Board at a previous Board meeting. Horn indicated that he had spoken with Mr. Rodgers to gain clarity on the issue at question and confirmed that the check had been placed in the mail.

With no further questions from the audience, Horn moved to the Building Department.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice indicated she had nothing to report.

Horn asked Ms. Rice for an update on the realtor working on the Township owned properties. Ms. Rice shared she would have an update at the quarterly meeting scheduled for September 26, 2018.

## **TRUSTEE REPORT:**

*Chairman Horn* asked Vice-Chairman Alex if he had an update from the SWACO attorney on a potential trash consortium beginning in 2019. Alex said he is waiting until September 24<sup>th</sup> to hear back from the attorney; otherwise he will reach back out.

*Vice-Chairman Alex* reported that Age-Friendly Columbus is expanding their initiative to include Franklin County and local townships. The City is asking for two representatives from each entity (township) as well as one local senior resident to participate. The Board agreed that Ralph Horn, Charles Adams, and Pastor Snodgrass would be our three representatives for the initiative.

Alex continued by reminding everyone of a levy which will be on the November ballot (Issue 3) supporting the area metro parks. The levy is an increase of \$13 a year based on the current tax millage. If the levy passes the funding would allow for new metro parks, improved trails, and maintenance to the existing 19 metro parks.

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Alex shared his experience in attending the most recent Franklin County Township Association Meeting by stating he enjoyed the presentations by both the State Fire Marshall as well as the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

*Trustee Fleshman* updated everyone on his progress in connecting with Franklin Heights High School in creating a Township logo. Fleshman provided a sample contract to the Board that he will present to the school. Fleshman recommended an incentive to be a \$250.00 donation from Franklin Township to the digital imaging class at Franklin Heights High School once a Township logo is approved. The incentive would also include a plaque to recognize the class, as well as a formal presentation by Franklin Township at the high school to recognize the students. Fleshman asked if the Board would be OK if Fleshman could schedule time to meet with the teacher.

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

### **Resolution 18-184**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves John Fleshman to meet with the teacher of the digital imaging class at Franklin Heights High School to discuss the Township logo initiative which includes a \$250.00 donation to the digital imaging class.**

Horn asked if there were any questions from the audience.

Steve Morris, of the audience asked the Board if any progress had been made on taking inventory of the contents inside the garage at 1963 Harrisburg Pike as discussed by the Board in a previous meeting.

Horn shared that Chief Smith was working on the inventory list identifying items to donate, recycle or destroy.

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With no further questions from the audience, Alex made a motion to adjourn. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Ralph Horn, Chairman

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John Fleshman, Trustee

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

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 10/04/18