

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

March 9, 2023

Chairman Fleshman called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at approximately 12:00 PM.

Pastor Snodgress opened in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by resident Jan Legg.

Roll Call: John (Chairman Fleshman)- yes, Ralph (Trustee Horn)- yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)- excused.

Chairman Fleshman opened the meeting by explaining how the Board of Trustees follows Robert's Rule of Order in their meetings and why he did not take a question from an employee at the regular meeting on February 23, 2023.

Old Business:

Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the 02/09/23 regular, 02/22/23 special, and the 03/02/23 special meeting minutes as written.

Discussion: The Fiscal Officer, Marguerite Trodden, was introduced to the audience via telephone. It was explained the Fiscal Officer Trodden was out of town but would be available at future meetings.

The 03/02/23 minutes were provided in two drafts. Draft 1 – a more extensive version of the meeting, and Draft 2 – a more summarized version of the meeting. The board agreed that Draft 2, the summarized version, would be acceptable moving forward. They would discuss the formatting in the future if deemed necessary.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Police Department:

Lt Ratliff provided the stats for the month of February 2023.

Lt. Ratliff explained to the board the importance of resuming the monthly online Police Department newsletter. The newsletter stopped due to a cost being charged by the hosting online site. Lt. Ratliff provided a hand-out to the board explaining the cost of resuming the newsletter.

Chairman Fleshman made resolution 2023-026 to allow Lt. David Ratliff to resume the monthly online newsletter at a cost not exceeding \$40.00. Lt. Ratliff will inform the board for future discussion if the cost should increase.

Trustee Horn: seconded

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Ratliff asked the board if he could, with review by the Administrator, resume the Police Department's Facebook page. The board agreed Lt. Ratliff could resume Facebook.

Lt. Ratliff explained the opportunity the Ohio Department of Taxation had given the Police Department in their offer to donate thirty-five (35) police radios.

Chairman Fleshman made resolution 2023-027 to accept the donation of thirty-five (35) police radios from the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Hamilton had nothing to report.

Chairman Fleshman asked Deputy Hamilton for the stats on stolen cars in Franklin County in 2023.

Deputy Hamilton: "97 vehicles have been stolen in 2023, with a 90% recovery rate".

Fire Department:

Chief Arnold shared the resignation of employee Cristian Santiago on March 8, 2023.

Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resignation of Cristian Santiago.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Chief Arnold explained a new hire Patrick Lundy to replace Santiago.

Chairman Fleshman made resolution 2023-024 to approve hiring Patrick Lundy as a firefighter under the SAFER grant, effective March 16, 2023. (Please check this date)

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Chief Arnold said Huntington Park had approached the fire department to be the EMS on site for Clipper's home games this summer.

Road Department:

Road Superintendent Jim Stevens distributed the 2023 road paving project assessment provided by the Franklin County Engineers Office. Stevens explained that there are five (5) roads identified. Four (4) out of the five (5) roads are in the 2023 budget, and the fifth road will be at the top of the list for 2024.

Chairman Fleshman made resolution 2023-028 to approve the paving of the roads as outlined in the 2023 Road Paving Project Assessment presented by the road superintendent.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

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Trustee Horn explained a resident on Eastbrook Drive is requesting a handicapped parking sign to be placed in front of their home due to parking issues blocking the school bus for their son.

Chairman Fleshman made resolution 2023-029 to approve the road superintendent to erect a handicap parking sign in front of _____ Eastbrook Drive. (Check with Jim Stevens for the address)

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Horn reminded Jim Stevens about the nuisance house on Eastbrook, and Jim Stevens confirmed that he had already taken pictures of the property.

Fiscal Department:

The Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins, asked the board if they had any questions regarding the UAN financial reports they received. Chairman Fleshman asked about a couple of the receipts listed on the revenue report, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Robyn Watkins explained the purpose of those receipts.

The Assistant Fiscal Officer read the motion for bills and payroll.

Chairman Fleshman accepted the motion.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Administrator:

Administrator Steve Mazer addressed audience member resident Carvel Mullins II about the installation of No Parking signs on Rae Avenue.

Administrator Steve Mazer read resolution 2023-025 accepting the obligation of the township administrator from 02/24/23 – 03-09/23.

Chairman Fleshman put the resolution on the table.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Administrator Steve Mazer read resolution 2023-031 accepting the revised employee policy and procedures handbook, reviewed by legal counsel.

Chairman Fleshman put the resolution on the table.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Administrator Steve Mazer read resolution 2023-023 to approve the purchase of five (5) computers and one (1) printer for the fire department with ARPA funds not to exceed \$4,500.00.

Chairman Fleshman put the resolution on the table.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

The Administrator and Lt. Ratliff explained the issue of illegally parking in the police department parking lot and gravel area east of the Township Hall. Lt. Ratliff explained that proper signage charges could have been filed against those who parked or came onto the parking lot. Ratliff provided examples of various incidents which have occurred in their parking lot.

Chairman Fleshman made resolution 2023-030 to allow Administrator Mazer to speak with legal counsel and develop the proper signage for the designated area.

Trustee Horn seconded.

A vote was taken Ralph (Trustee Horn) – yes, John (Chairman Fleshman)-yes, Jim (Vice-Chairman Leezer)-excused.

Questions:

Carvel Mullins, II – addressed with the Administrator earlier in the meeting.

Jan Legg, resident, thanked everyone.

Patty Spencer of the Southwest Area Commission shared that their next meeting is on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Township Hall.

Chip Tate, resident, thanked the road superintendent for cleaning up the alley off Rosemont and shared his plans to have an alley cleanup with the members of his block watch.

With no further discussion, Chairman Fleshman adjourned the meeting at 12:57 PM.

Chairman John Fleshman

Vice Chairman, James Leezer

Trustee Ralph Horn

Fiscal Officer, Marguerite Trodden

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