

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

April 5, 2023

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

Pastor Snodgrass opened in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by resident Jan Legg.

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

Old Business: Meeting minutes

Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the 3/23/23 regular and 3/23/23 special minutes.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

New Business: Southwest Area Commission

Patty brought pamphlets on breast cancer for distribution as well as a packet of community events and resources. The commission is hosting a meeting next Tuesday at the fire station. One thing they will discuss is potential roundabouts in the township including at Frank and Brown and Harding Parkway in collaboration with the Franklin County Engineers. They have lots of questions about this possibility.

Chairman Fleshman brought up that the matter should be added to the Facebook page for public comments.

Patty closed with mentioning a complaint regarding code violations from the Grove City mayor.

New Business: Police Department

Lieutenant Ratliff brought forward a new motion to extend injury leave another 80 hours for Officer Baldwin.

Chairman Fleshman questioned the time bank the hours were coming from and whether proper medical documentation had been obtained. Administrator Mazer confirmed that the needed medical records were received and Lieutenant Ratliff specified the hours were to come from injury leave and not Baldwin's PTO, and that it was just being made available even though he might not need all of it.

Chairman Fleshman made motion for resolution-2023-043 approving additional 80 hours injury leave for Norm Baldwin.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

Lieutenant Ratliff moved on to a resolution to donate five radios to Pickaway County from the thirty-five that were donated to the township last month from the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Chairman Fleshman made motion for resolution 2023-044 approving the donation of radios to Pickaway County.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

Lieutenant Ratliff concluded by reporting their department had 810 runs last month, but answered they don't have stats broken down by shift when asked about it.

New Business: Fire Department

Chief Arnold asked permission to sell a 2007 Chevy Suburban that was recently replaced with ARP funding for the EMS Coordinator. The township paid \$6,000 in 2019 to the City of Upper Arlington for the vehicle. The plan is to post it on govdeals.com which has been used in the past with success.

Chairman Fleshman made motion for resolution 2023-047 approving the sale of the 2007 Suburban.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

Chairman Fleshman mentioned that he had run into firefighter Taner Smith at a funeral this week and commended Chief Arnold on the public conduct of his firefighters.

New Business: Roads Department

Superintendent Jim Stevens has nothing to report other than cleaning up after the recent windstorms.

New Business: Fiscal Department

Fiscal Officer Trodden made a Motion for bills and payroll covering 3/23/23-4/6/23 totaling \$356,355.66.

Chairman Fleshman made a motion for approval.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

Fiscal Officer Trodden introduced resolution 2023-046 for Supplemental Appropriation #5 regarding funding for the new community garden the township had recently received a grant for.

Chairman Fleshman made a motion for approval.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

New Business: Administration

Administrator Mazer brought resolution 2023-045 regarding administrator obligations totaling \$40,280.75 per Ohio Revised Code 507.1.

Chairman Fleshman made a motion for approval.

Trustee Leezer seconded

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

Trustee Horn reported he had met with Robin Chaney and discussed 61 Volney Ave which is still a mess. Asked Administrator Mazer to work with him on finding solutions to the issues there. Trustee Leezer asked if that was the one that had been cleaned up a few months ago and had the camper in the back. Lieutenant Ratliff agreed.

Trustee Horn continued with reporting Robin Chaney will be moving soon. She had been tending a community garden and wants to now return it to the township's responsibility. Superintendent Stevens confirmed he will keep it mowed.

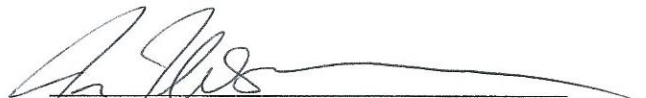
Trustee Horn also reported there was a complaint regarding changing the time of the public township meetings. A question had been raised on whether Zoom could be used to broadcast the meetings as they had in the past. Trustee Leezer answered that the township was not permitted to do a Zoom meeting any longer, that was only a special circumstance due to Covid.

Trustee Horn concluded with mentioning a mess on Brown Road that needed attention. Superintendent Stevens confirmed he was aware of it.

Township Resident Speakers:


- Cornelius Trodden: yielded his time.
- Julie Bruce: 3146 El Paso Drive- brought up an ongoing issue with drainage issues in her front yard next to the street and driveway for the last ten years. Superintendent Stevens has checked several times that the pipe is clear, has replaced storm drains, done an elevation survey and found that the property was at the lowest point in the surrounding area. In addition to the elevation issue, there is limited space to dig additional drains due to proximity of gas lines and heavy traffic quickly damaging the drain tiles that have been installed. It was decided after discussion amongst the trustees and Superintendent Stevens that the pipes would be scoped again and if any damage or obstruction found, it would be remedied. The Franklin County Engineers have already been contacted for additional assistance as the township's storm drains are connected to the city's and when Columbus' backs up, ours will as well.
- Julie had one other issue to discuss. Her neighbor has a station wagon sitting in the grass along with lots of other vehicles/ trailers all in his driveway. Asked Lieutenant Ratliff if the Police Department can something about this, he answered no, its private property.
- Jan Legg: thanked the first responders and Jim for cleaning up after the wind storms

With no further discussion Chairman Fleshman adjourned the meeting at 12:58PM.


Chairman John Fleshman

Vice Chairman James Leezer


Trustee Ralph Horn


Fiscal Officer, Marguerite Trodden

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