Chairman Fleshman called the Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order at approximately 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Pastor Womack led the opening prayer.

Audience member Jann Legg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Old Business:**

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes from the August 10, 2023, regular meeting, and the August 17, 2023, special meeting as written. Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

**New Business**

*Patty Spencer, Southwest Area Commission (SWAC) Zoning Chairperson.*

Ms. Spencer announced that the City of Columbus is hosting an event called Rise Up CBUS! The event will be located at Central Baptist Church located at 1955 Frank Road., from 4 PM to 7 PM. Ms. Spencer asked the trustees if one of them was planning to attend the event to represent Franklin Township. Chairman Fleshman said he would attend.

Chairman Fleshman opened the floor for questions, with no questions, the floor was closed.

**Police Department:**

Byron Smith, Chief of Police, was not present.

Acting Lieutenant, Todd Moore provided stats from the speed trailer for the month of July 2023.

Audience member, Angela, asked Lt. Moore what type of speed trailer the Township is using. Lt. Moore explain the speed tracking device is on a trailer and is mobile. Angela recommended the Township invest in a smaller unit. Chairman Fleshman explained that the board would answer questions from the audience at the end of the meeting.

Chairman Fleshman asked Lt. Moore what the Police Department is doing to resolve the high volume of traffic on N. Hague Avenue and Chippewa Street. Chairman Fleshman explained that he has received concerns from residents about the traffic backing up in this area every day prior to the dismissal of school (Columbus Preparatory Academy - located at the end of Chippewa Street). Chairman Fleshman shared that he experienced the traffic congestion himself as he went to access the situation.

Lt. Moore explained that they Police Department typically has one or two officers on shift at any time and with the limited manpower/resources, this is a challenging issue. Even if the Police Department enforces the no parking signs along Chippewa Street, this does not fix the issue. The school needs to get involved and provide solutions for the parents, said Lt. Moore. Chairman Fleshman said the Township is getting inundated with phone calls, emails, and text messages from residents. Lt. Moore said, the school does not sit in the Township, it sits in the City of Columbus, so city zoning may need to get involved. Chairman Fleshman said the Township must find a solution. Administrator Mazer advised the board that he has a meeting scheduled with folks to discuss this matter.

Chairman Fleshman asked Lt. Moore how the traffic issue on Rae Avenue was being managed now that school has resumed. Lt. Moore explained that Sgt. Pollock attempted to go to West Mound Elementary School the day before school started by had no luck gaining access to the building. Lt. Moore continued to explain the Township is experiencing the same issue on Rae Ave as on Chippewa Street, parents are lining up two hours before school dismissal time, and parking on the roadway. Chairman Fleshman asked if the police had issued any parking citation. Lt. Moore said that no citations have been issued so far.

Administrator Mazer shared that he and Lt. Moore discussed a quote for body shields the Police Department can carry in their cruisers. Administrator Mazer confirmed that American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds can be used. Administrator Mazer said he could schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, to approve a supplemental appropriation to purchase the shields.

Administrator Mazer presented **Resolution 2023-175**, approving 80 hours of injury leave for David Ratliff, from August 16, 2023 – August 29, 2023, per the employee’s MOU. Administrator Mazer confirmed all required documents are on file for this employee at this time.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Deputy Hamilton from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was not present for comment.

**Fire Department:**

Fire Chief, Robert Arnold had nothing to report.

**Road Department:**

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens, explained to the audience the recent resolution (read in the special meeting on 08/17/23) for the purchase of a new leaf vac & trailer.

Administrator Mazer re-read Resolution 2023-156, approving the purchase of a new leaf vac and trailer to provide more details to the audience. Mr. Stevens explained that the old leaf vac will be used as a backup.

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-157**, approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 881 Joyful Avenue, Parcel# 140-004970-00, and assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-158,** approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 77 Broadlawn Avenue, Parcel# 140-002834-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-159,** approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1776 Little Avenue, Parcel# 140-002326-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-160,** approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 777 Brown Road, Parcel# 140-002912-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-161,** approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1726 Rosemont Avenue, Parcel# 140-000712-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-162,** approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 61 Volney Avenue, Parcel# 140-002861-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-163,** approving the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 2474 Wynwood Avenue, Parcel# 140-003489-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 legislation.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read, Trustee Horn seconded the motion.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Chairman Fleshman asked Mr. Stevens if he would collaborate with the Administrator to see if the vendor who mows other areas of the Township would be willing to cut a nuisance property on N. Wilson Road, Mr. Stevens said he would speak with Administrator Mazer.

Mr. Stevens provided stats for work performed by the Road Department.

**Fiscal Department:**

*Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer, read the motion to approve accounts payable from August 11, 2023 – August 24, 2023, in the amount of $113,626.14, and payroll paid on August 18, 2023, in the amount of $176,353, for a combined total of $289,979.26. From check numbers 69385 to 69452 and electronic vouchers 1350-2023 through 1424-2023.*

*Chairman Fleshman accepted the motion as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

**Administrator Report:**

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-178**, obligations approved by the Township Administrator from August 11, 2023 – August 24, 2023, totaling $81,268.10.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-176**, approving 64 hours of injury leave for Byron Smith from August 16, 2023, through August 29, 2023, per employee’s MOU.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-177** approving 32 hours of injury leave (retroactive) for Byron Smith from July 27, 2023, through August 1, 2023, per the employee’s MOU.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-164** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 78 Broadlawn Avenue, Parcel# 140-002843-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-165** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 1067 Forest Drive, Parcel# 140-000819-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-166** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 3277 Clime Road, Parcel# 140-000270-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-167** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 3431 Clime Road, Parcel# 140-006466-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-168** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 1837 Ransburg Avenue, Parcel# 140-005089-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-169** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 1637 Belmead Avenue, Parcel# 140-001335-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-170** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 1875 Jackson Road, Parcel# 140-000155-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-171** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 3597 Harding Drive, Parcel# 140-002866-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-172** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 3691 Harding Drive, Parcel# 140-002885-00, and Parcel# 140-002886-00, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-173** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 55 Coolidge Avenue, Parcel# 140-002741, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Administrator Mazer read **Resolution 2023-174** declaring motor vehicle(s) located at 1657 Eastbrook Drive, Parcel# 140-005793, a junk vehicle and providing for its removal pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871.

*Chairman Fleshman made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Trustee Horn seconded.*

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

*Motion approved.*

Chairman Fleshman asked Administrator Mazer for an update on the previous junk vehicle resolutions the trustees approved. Administrator Mazer said that residents are complying, on occasion the Township has had to tow a vehicle. If a tow is implemented there is no cost to the Township as Capital Towing hooks the cars and if not picked up from the impound, they recycle the vehicle, Administrator Mazer explained.

**Trustee Reports:**

Chairman Fleshman had nothing to report.

Chairman Fleshman returned to a member of the audience (Angela) to address her concern about the speed trailer. Administrator Mazer said that there are grants out there the police department can apply for to purchase a speed tracking device with a screen. The audience members shared that they know they make these devices which run by batteries or solar. Chairman Fleshman said that the data from these devises is critical. The audience member offered to help the Township look for grants.

Vice-Chairman Leezer was excused from the meeting.

Trustee Horn had nothing to report.

**Questions from the Audience:**

Jann Legg of Brownleaf Road asked about an update on the issues on her street and closed with sharing that she is now Cancer free.

With no further questions or comments, Chairman Fleshman adjourned the meeting at 1:25 P.M.

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Chairman John Fleshman

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Vice Chairman James Leezer

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Trustee Ralph Horn

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Fiscal Department/Officer