

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

October 18, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 18, 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.

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

- Special Meeting on October 3, 2018
- Special Meeting on October 4, 2018
- Regular Meeting on October 4, 2018

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 18-198

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves payroll \$144,922.05 and bills in the amount of \$35,537.49, for a total of \$180,459.54 from check number 48227 to 48354.

Horn 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 18-199

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to accept the 2017 tax revenue as reported by the Auditor of the State of Ohio.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Byron Smith was absent so no report was provided. Linda Mercer, a member of the audience requested that the Board inform the Police Chief to schedule a house watch for J. Kaufman's home for an indefinite period.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief James Welch reported that the Township came in with a mid-three rating from the Insurance Service Office (ISO), which is an improvement from the last rating assessment.

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Welch stated that the current EMS software the Township is using is very outdated and critical data is not being received. Welch recommended that the Township explore the option of purchasing new software to ensure data compliance. Welch suggested ESO Solutions, which is a national fire incident reporting system software used by other townships as well as area hospitals. He also shared that there is an advantage to utilizing ESO such as the Township would be connected to the hospitals and other townships in their run communication system including specific data allowed under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The Board asked what the difference in cost would be from our current software costs to transferring to ESO. Welch explained that ESO is significantly higher in cost but provides an increase in information which will make run reporting more efficient and improve customer service. The cost breakdown is as follows:

Current cost:	\$11,500.00 annually
ESO cost:	\$30,890.00 for the first year
	\$25,069.00 annual after first year

ESO also includes in the software reporting data collection for the Building Department which would be an addition to the Township that we currently do not have, said Welch. The Fire and Building Departments can both include ESO software costs in their 2019 budget. Fleshman asked if there was an “out clause” in the contract in case the Township could no longer afford the cost. Welch stated that in most contracts there is a 30-day notice required.

Alex made a motion for the Board to approve Fire Chief Welch to begin negotiation talks with ESO Solutions. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Welch continued by updating the Board that Rodgers Technologies asked the Township what they wanted to do with the new firewall installed at 1963 Harrisburg Pike since the property has been vacated. Welch stated that the firewall is new and could be utilized at Station 192.

Alex made a motion for the Board to approve Rodgers Technologies to remove the existing firewall located at 1963 Harrisburg Pike and reinstall it at Station 192. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

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

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent was on vacation so there was no report given.

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

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FISCAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins asked the Board how they would like to handle the utility expenditures at 1963 Harrisburg Pike since the property has been vacated by all departments.

Alex made a motion for the Board to approve all utility expenditures at 1963 Harrisburg Pike to be paid out of the General Fund. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Ms. Watkins asked if the Board would like her to reach out to both the internet and trash carrier to suspend service at 1963 Harrisburg Pike.

Fleshman made a motion for the Board to approve the Fiscal Department to cancel both the internet and trash service at 1963 Harrisburg Pike until further notice. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes, Alex, yes.

Ms. Watkins shared with the Board that the most recent invoice from Rodgers Technologies included 3.5 hours of service provided on September 27, 2018. Ms. Watkins is questioning the timeframe being invoiced. The Board instructed Ms. Watkins to inform Chief Welch of the issue and he can confirm with Scott Rodgers of Rodgers Technologies.

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice presented the Board with the first of six contracts for the properties the Township requested to be placed on the market to sell.

Horn 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 18-200

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to place 1439 Little Avenue on the market for \$39,900.00.

Footnote: At the November 1, 2018 meeting a motion will be made to withdraw this resolution.

Fleshman and Alex both indicated that they were not notified as well as not prepared to review and sign real estate contracts at this meeting. Fleshman shared his hesitation in signing contracts in which he has not had time to thoroughly review. Fleshman continued by stating that he was under the impression that the Board discussed previously holding the sale of any Township owned property until Jim Stevens had discussions with the adjoining property owners. Horn stated that the Board passed Resolution 18-122 to

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partner with a realtor to place specific properties on the market and he feels that this is what is being proposed tonight. In frustration, Horn stated this is just to allow the properties to go on the market as previously approved by the Board he does not understand what the issue is in moving forward.

Alex and Fleshman agreed that time will be needed to review each property's contract to ensure it frees the Township of any liability, etc. The Board tabled the property conversation until a future meeting can be scheduled. Ms. Rice asked if she could put a date on the calendar tonight for this meeting. Alex stated this discussion would have to take place after the November 6th election. No meeting date was put on the books by the Board.

Ms. Rice said that the Ohio Department of Transportation, Prairie Township and the Central Ohio Community Improvement Council (COCIC) is waiting on Franklin Township to see if they are willing to join them in a maintenance agreement for the I-270/W. Broad Street corridor. Improvements are planned for the exit/entrance ramps of W. Broad Street and I-270, but before the development can begin a maintenance agreement must be in place to ensure upkeep. The Board made no commitment and asked that Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens attend the next maintenance agreement meeting to obtain the plans and expectations of the proposed improvements and maintenance.

Tim Chaney, audience member asked the Board what they planned to do about 61 Volney and the illegal squatters living on the property. Mr. Chaney explained that these individuals are violent and are a threat to the community. Mr. Chaney also shared that these individuals are illegally burning every evening which is a nuisance to the neighboring properties.

Alex stated that the Township must rely on the County for their expertise and resources when it comes to residential zoning violations. Alex feels this discussion needs to be tabled until Police Chief Smith is available. Horn said he would reach out to Officer Pollock and the Franklin County Zoning Officer, Paul Ebert to see if they can meet with Tim Chaney to discuss the issues at 61 Volney.

With no further questions from the audience, Horn moved to Trustee Reports.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Horn had nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman Alex had nothing to report.

Trustee Fleshman had nothing to report.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Jim Dowd, audience member asked what the Township could do about the high volume of noise coming from a business located at 1616 Brown Road. The Board said that the Township's noise ordinance is for residential. Alex stated the Township can look into what the County sound ordinance covers as well as what jurisdiction the Township has over businesses related to nuisance complaints.

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Horn stated he will contact the Township attorney to see what the Township can do legally if anything to enforce businesses who are a nuisance to the residents.

The Board discussed a photo provided to them by a resident on Clime Road of rats at 3411 Clime Road. The home has been reported to Franklin County Public Health previously, according to Alex. The Board agreed that the Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens and Franklin County Zoning, Paul Ebert should meet to discuss this property and next steps.

Linda Mercer, audience member shared with the Board the J. Kaufman is moving to Perrysburg, Ohio to be closer to family.

With no further business to discuss, Fleshman made a motion for adjournment. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

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 11/1/18