

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township Franklin County, Ohio Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road March 20, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 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.

Chairman Horn made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes for Special Meeting of March 7, 2018, and the Regular Meeting on March 8, 2018. Fleshman seconded.

Votes were taken Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Guest Speaker: Fred Reiser, Jordan's Crossing Foundation

Mr. Reiser provided a presentation on the first annual Trash for Cash initiative. The presentation included a slide-show of various photos of the March 15th initiative. Mr. Reiser praised the Township for their help in hauling away the trash. Vice-Chairman Alex shared his thoughts on how an initiative such as Trash for Cash can make such a difference in the entire community. Trustee Horn commended resident Tim Chaney on his collaborative efforts with Fred Reiser and the residents of the Broadlawn Block watch for assisting in the initiative.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Chairman Horn seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-045

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to donate \$700.00 to Jordan's Crossing Foundation.

Fire Department Report:

Assistant Chief Adams informed the Board on the status of the *LifePack 15* (heart monitors) that the Township currently utilizes on a daily basis. The new version of the *LifePack 15* will be implemented in 2019. The new version will make the existing heart monitors that the Township currently uses obsolete. With the typical cost of a heart monitor averaging \$30,000.00 a piece, the chief shared he has been actively looking for any cost-savings purchasing opportunities. The chief shared that Visio Control is able to offer the Township a new version *LifePack 15* for \$19,066.00 which is a significant savings for the Township.

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RESOLUTION 18-046

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Assistant Fire Chief to purchase a LifePack 15 (heart monitor) from Visio Control for \$19,066.00 as allocated in the Fire Department's 2018 budget.

Chief Adams continued by distributing to the Board a letter from the Union President, Ron DeLozier, explaining how maintaining each firefighter's physical health is important in their line of work as this pertains to replacing the existing treadmills at Station 193. The firefighter's utilize the treadmills on a daily basis multiple times a day and the two existing treadmills are very old and becoming very dangerous to operate. The chief provided pricing material on treadmills to the Board to show the range of pricing on the market. Chief Adams communicated that he was able to obtain a quote from G & G Fitness reflecting (2) two high impact top-of-line industrial treadmills for \$9,640.00 total for both. This cost does include delivery of the new equipment and removal/disposal of the old equipment.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-047

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to pay G&G Fitness \$9,640.00 for the cost of two (2) Life Fitness Integrity Treadmills including delivery, removal and disposal of old treadmills. This equipment will be utilized by the Township Fire Department to support the firefighter's physical health.

And lastly, the Chief informed the Board that the AED equipment which the Township currently uses is very outdated and has not been updated since approximately 2012. The chief shared that he was able to identify a company who was willing to update/upgrade all of the Township AED equipment for a total of \$492.00. This update/upgrade will include all new batteries and pads for each AED.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-048

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to allow the Assistant Fire Chief to contract with Visio Control to have all

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Township AED Equipment upgraded/updated, not to exceed \$492.00.

Chairman Horn asked the chief how often the AED equipment is used. The chief responded that with the current opioid epidemic in our community the Fire Department is seeing more usage of the AED equipment due to overdoses.

Tim Chaney, a member of the audience commented on how well the Fire Department handled the fire truck/medic which ultimately avoided a potential accident due to other drivers. Mr. Chaney indicated he witnessed the whole incident and was impressed how well the driver of the fire truck/medic handled the vehicle under such circumstances.

There were no further questions or comments from the audience for the Assistant Fire Chief.

Road Department Report:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens read a letter from the Franklin County Engineer's Office related to the traffic light located at N. Hague Avenue and El Paso Drive. The traffic light operation is being eliminated and Stop signs are now installed on El Paso Drive. The Township has no authority on county roadways such as N. Hague Avenue. Chairman Horn indicated he is not supportive of the traffic signal being removed but concurred with Jim Stevens that the Township has no jurisdiction over county roads.

Jim Stevens finished up by informing the Board of a work related injury involving Ron Beatty, a Road Department employee. Stevens continued to share that Beatty will be out on injury leave as outlined in his Teamsters Union contract.

All members of the Board welcomed Jim Stevens to begin looking for additional staff support during Beatty's leave as well as for the 2018 summer months. Stevens shared that he does have previously submitted applications from interested parties and that he will begin reviewing those applications and will keep the Board updated on his progress of securing another staff /personnel.

The audience had no questions or comments for Jim Stevens.

Police Department Report:

Police Chief, Byron Smith educated the Board on the high volume of resident complaints related to alleged drug houses throughout the Township. The police have made a concentrated effort to increase patrol time on Forrest Drive and El Paso Drive since those two streets have had the most resident complaints.

Chief Smith updated the Board that the traffic cameras have been ordered but have not arrived. The cameras are custom made for the Township which may cause a delay in their delivery.

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Hart Road resident shared that the police presence on Hart Road is making a difference.

Fiscal Office Report:

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins informed the Board that someone has gained access to the offices within the fiscal department and tried to login to the UAN computer (computer provided by the State Auditor's Office). Robyn Watkins asked the Board to consider upgrading the security of the office doors to a deadbolt versus a standard lock.

The following resolution was motioned by Vice-Chairman Alex. Trustee Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-050

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to allow for the purchase of (3) three deadbolt locks to be installed at the Fiscal Office not to exceed \$100.00.

Robyn Watkins informed the audience that a payment report reflecting all of the accounts payables was available on the table next to the meeting agenda.

There were no questions from the audience for Robyn Watkins

Building Department Report

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice reminded the Board and the members of the audience that all residential parking must be on an approved surface such as blacktop, concrete and/or gravel. Jessica Rice said there are many residential homes within the Township utilizing their yards/grassy areas to park their vehicles and that this is in violation of the county zoning laws.

There were no questions from the audience for Jessica Rice.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Chairman Horn seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-049

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll in the amount of \$164,667.31 and bills in the amount of \$74,455.21 for a total of \$229,122.52 from check numbers 46095 to 46219.

Chairman, Ralph Horn provided an update on the JEDD. A new local government has been identified for the JEDD and negotiations are currently underway.

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Vice Chairman Alex made a motion of support for the Township to expedite swiftly to move forward with the JEDD. Trustee Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Chairman Horn expressed his concern about the lack of integrity related to the Township telephone and email systems. Fire Chief Welch is currently the gatekeeper of the telephones and email systems with IT support from Rodgers Technologies (Scott Rodgers, owner).

Trustee Fleshman made a motion to allow Assistant Fire Chief Charles Adams to be the second contact for all telephone and IT related issues. Fire Chief Welch and Assistant Fire Chief Adams will be the contact for all Township staff and the chiefs will then contact Rodgers Technologies on as needed basis. No township staff will contact Rodgers Technologies without contacting one of the two fire chiefs as listed above. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

The Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins read a resolution providing a clearer definition related to the Township Secretary's office cleaning arrangement. The resolution includes attachments outlining all of the cleaning duties which will be conducted during the cleaning hours.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Chairman Horn seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-040

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to pay Erin Crome \$48.00 a week for 2 hours of cleaning at 2193 Frank Road. The cleaning duties to be performed are outlined on Attachment A and Attachment B including with the resolution. Two times a year (1 week in the Spring and Fall) a deep cleaning will be performed as outlined on Attachment B which will be paid at 3 hours. The hours for each cleaning will be noted separately on Ms. Crome's timesheet and/or timecard. The cleaning hours worked will be paid with a separate check on the last pay period of each month.

Chairman Horn and Trustee Fleshman acknowledged those individuals in the audience who are from the Hart Road block watch. Chairman Horn shared that the Hart Road block watch members are welcome to stay after the conclusion of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to have their block watch meeting.

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Trustee Fleshman made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were Taken & Typed By: Robyn Watkins
Approved by Board of Trustees on 4/5/18