

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

November 14, 2019

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Fleshman called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 14, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Opening Prayer: No pastor available, moved to The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Horn

Roll Call: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Fleshman motioned to approve the following meeting minutes:

- *October 30, 2019 – Special October 30, 2019 – Regular*

Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

With no Board discussion Fleshman moved to the next order of business on the agenda.

Check Presentation by Police Chief Smith:

Chief Smith presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the non-profit organization Ohio Youth Development for their afterschool work in the Havenwood Townhome Community.

Check was received by founder and co-founder of Ohio Youth Development. Photos were taken and words of thanks provided by the Ohio Youth Development founder and co-founder.

Everyone took their seats and Fleshman moved on to the next order of business on the agenda.

Old Business

Resolutions:

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Horn seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-253

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the exchange of assets interdepartmentally between the Franklin Township Building Department and the Franklin Township Fire Department. The Building Department will exchange a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban and receive a 2012 Jeep Liberty. The Fire Department will receive a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban in exchange for a 2012 Jeep Liberty.

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Resolution 19-254

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the November 1, 2019, payroll in the amount of \$149,569.67 from check number 61242 to check number 61316.

Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Horn seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-255

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the November 15, 2019, bills in the amount of \$100,437.15 and payroll in the amount of \$299,523.16 for a total of \$399,960.31 from check number 61318 to check number 61453 and electronic checks 319 through 321.

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, abstained; Alex, yes. Resolution passed.

Resolution 19-257

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to move the existing assigned parking signs for the following staff positions from the parking lot immediately east of the Administrative Building to the west of the police modular and east of the parking island as soon as adequate lighting is installed:

**Township Secretary
Assistant Fiscal Officer
Township Administrator
Fiscal Office**

Once the above staff parking signs are relocated the parking spaces immediately east of the Administrative Building will be designated as public parking.

With no further discussion Fleshman moved on to the next order of business on the agenda.

Guest Speaker

Nathan Ralph, RS, Supervisor, Franklin County Soil & Water Quality Environmental Health Division of Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) provided material summarizing Franklin Township and their role in the 179 aeration treatment units within the Township which are in the Operation and Maintenance Program.

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Nathan Ralph explained how technology works to provide more accurate mapping of residential sewage systems. In closing, Mr. Ralph explained the importance of reporting failing household sewage treatment systems and provided information on the reporting process. Everyone was encouraged to report failing household sewage systems by calling 614-525-4787 as well as report any other water pollution issues by calling 614-486-9613.

The Township Administrator agreed to posted this information on the Township website.

Fleshman thanked Mr. Ralph for the information and with no further discussion, Fleshman moved on to the next order of business on the agenda.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Police Chief, Byron Smith announced the rehiring of retiree David Ratliff as the full-time Lieutenant of the Police Department effective December 1, 2019.

Deputy Ronk, Franklin County Sheriff's Office reported an increase in car thefts due to unattended cars being warmed up during the cold weather season.

Fleshman commented that it is illegal in the City of Columbus to leave a car unattended when it is running so he asked Ronk if using an electronic starter is illegal in Franklin County. Ronk responded that he is not aware of any such law prohibiting electronic starters.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief, James Welch updated the Board on the rust and corrosion on the underbody of Engine 193. Welch shared that Pierce Manufacturing came to Station 193 and inspected the nine-year-old fire engine. Welch said he reached out to other fire chiefs throughout the State of Ohio to see if they are experiencing similar rust and corrosion issues with their engines purchased from Pierce. The census across the State of Ohio is many fire departments are facing the same issues as we are, stated Welch. I have a phone conference scheduled tomorrow (11/15/19) with Pierce and will update the Board after the call, Welch said.

Fleshman asked Welch if Pierce would be willing to buy the fire engine back from the Township. Welch said he would inquire during the phone conference and report back to the Board.

Road Department Report:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens updated the Board on the status of the salt barn. The salt barn structure is scheduled to be delivered in the next few weeks, Stevens shared.

The ice storm which came through on the evening of November 11, 2019 and the early morning hours of November 12, 2019, the road crew came in at 1:00 a.m. to begin treating the roads for the morning commute, said Stevens.

The audience and the Board thanked Stevens and his crew members for always keeping the Township roads safe during all types of weather conditions.

Stevens shared that he and Administrator Potts met with representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation District 6 to discuss next steps on the W. Broad Street/Georgesville Road maintenance agreement.

Fleshman asked Stevens to order new lighting for the parking lot as well as for the road crew to move the current staff parking signs to the new location as outlined in Resolution 19-257.

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Fiscal Department Report:

Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris – had nothing to report.

With no further discussion, Fleshman moved on to the next order of business on the agenda.

Trustee Report:

Trustee John Fleshman:

Fleshman shared that he would like to work the Administrator to explore options related to the property located at 1963 Harrisburg Pike as an as is building and bring details back to the board.

Fleshman motioned to work with the Township Administrator to identify next steps on the property located at 1963 Harrisburg Pike and bring those details back to the Board. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Ralph Horn:

Horn thanked everyone who voted for him as trustee for the next four years.

Trustee Aryeh Alex:

Alex shared that he has been working with the Township Administrator in conjunction with Pace Financing to bring solar panels to some of the Township buildings. There is no out-of-pocket expenses as this will be an energy cost savings to the Township, said Alex.

North Shore of Cuyahoga County in Cleveland is currently implementing this program. There will be more updates on this project in 2020, Alex said.

Administrator Mark Potts:

Asked the Board if they would consider cancelling the November 28, 2019 regular meeting due to the fact it falls on Thanksgiving Day and many folks will be traveling.

Fleshman motioned to approve cancelling the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for Thursday, November 28, 2019 and resume with the next regular meeting scheduled on December 12, 2019. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Potts shared that he is working with each department as well as the fiscal officer to determine the needs of the Township in 2020 in preparation for the 2020 budget.

The Franklin County Township Association Fall Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019, said Potts. Fleshman asked Potts to notify the County on which staff members from the Township would be in attendance.

With no further discussion, Fleshman moved on to the next order of business on the agenda.

Speaker Cards:

Terry Williamson spoke on the nuisance of barking dogs from an adjoining neighbor. Williamson said he has called the police 50 to 60 times of this neighbor due to the barking.

Police Chief Smith said the officers must hear the nuisance noise (in this case barking) from 100 feet of the property line. Williamson stated that Officer Menshouse did hear the dogs barking from 100 feet of the property line the last time he was called to my home.

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Fleshman asked if the dog warden had ever been called to the said address where the dogs are located. Williamson said he is unaware of any contact being made to the dog warden. Horn said the Township should contact the dog warden and report the nuisance barking and request verification of dog license registration at this address. Administrator Potts said he placed a call to the dog warden this week and is waiting on a response.

With no further discussion, Fleshman moved on to the final order of business on the agenda.

Questions from the Audience:

The audience had no questions.

At 7:25 p.m. with no further discussion from the board or comments/ questions from the audience Fleshman adjourned the meeting.

Signature on File with Original
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature on File with Original
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature on File with Original
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature on File with Original
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken & typed by: R. Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 12/12/2019