

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

January 24, 2019

Chairman Fleshman called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 24, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Fleshman opened the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Womack, Police Department Chaplain

Fleshman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

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

- January 10, 2019 Special Meeting with SWACO
- January 10, 2019 Special Meeting with Local #1441
- January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Fleshman welcomed Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director of Franklin County Economic Development and Planning. Ms. Snapp began by thanking Franklin Township for their participation and support in the I-270/W, Broad Street interchange economic development plan. Ms. Snapp distributed documentation outlining the phases of the redevelopment plan at I-270/W. Broad corridor. She shared that the County has been made aware of how this area is currently not perceived as safe due to lack of lighting and high weeds, and grass along the exit ramps. The redevelopment of this corridor will bring a more visual appeal to the community including the next phase within the project being lighting, said Snapp.

The County is hopeful that Franklin Township would be willing to commit to assisting with the maintenance of the landscaping once the phase is complete, said Snapp. A document reflecting the other partners within the project was distributed to the Board of Trustees.

Fleshman made a motion to commit Franklin Township to maintain 50% of the landscape maintenance of the I-270/W. Broad Street corridor project. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Snapp said the County is partnering with the Neighborhood Design Center on creating sculptures for the project corridor. Fleshman asked if Snapp thought if the Neighborhood Design Center could help Franklin Township and their desire to establish a Township logo. Snapp said that the Neighborhood Design Center is an excellent resource and is very affordable. Snapp recommended Franklin Township reach out to the Neighborhood Design Center for guidance.

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Snapp asked the Board if their budget would support a contribution towards the lighting project at I-270/W. Broad Street corridor.

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 19-015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to contribute \$10,000.00 towards Phase II - Lighting Project of the I-270/W. Broad Street corridor redevelopment project.

Snapp also shared with the Board that the County as well as the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would like to resume the Street Scape project on W. Broad Street between Georgesville Road and Wilson Road. The Street Scape project would add lighting, islands in the middle, as well as landscaping in the area outlined above, said Snapp.

Fleshman thanked Snapp for her presentation and stated that Franklin Township is very excited about working with the County on future economic development projects.

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 19-012

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves bills in the amount of \$75,781.27 and payroll in the amount of \$141,534.90 dated January 25, 2019, from check number 49195 to 49324.

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 19-016

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to pay Schoedinger Funeral Home \$700.00 to cover indigent cost for Leland Stimmel.

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Resolution 19-017

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves payroll ending on January 11, 2019 in the amount of \$150,203.24 and bills in the amount of \$87,584.72 for a total of \$237,787.96 from check number 49101 to check number 49194.

Police Department Report:

Chief Byron Smith reported that Hart Road block watch would like to increase participation and asked if the Township can send a letter out to residents on Hart Road and Richter Road informing them of the block watch.

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 19-018

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to send an informational letter out to residents on Hart and Richter Roads of the block watch in their area.

The Hart Road block watch participants also asked what can be done with the delivery of The Bag being dropped on the ground. Leaving The Bag on the ground along the roadway is a form of littering according to the block watch participants, said Chief Smith.

Fleshman made a motion to allow the Police Chief to contact the Township attorney to determine if The Bag can be stopped due to being classified as litter when dropped on the ground versus being hung on doors/gates. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Chief Smith informed the Board that the County has not yet approved for block watch signs on Hart Road. The Hart Road block watch participants are willing to place a block watch sign in their front yard. The Road Superintendent said he would check with County zoning on signage zoning laws to ensure compliance.

Chief Smith said the residents within Havenwood Apartments have been made aware of the forthcoming paving project. Parking is going to be a challenge at Havenwood during the paving project, said Chief Smith.

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Chief Smith shared the stats for December 2018:

- 53 accidents
- 98 citations
- 79 warnings
- 136 Offenses
- 969 calls for service
- 260 self-initiated Runs
- 10,876 miles driven
- 42 court cases
- 53 impounds
- 32 impounds released

Mike Blevins, an audience member asked Chief Smith how the appeal process works for the traffic camera citations. Smith said a magistrate listens to each appealed case.

Horn shared that he attended the Broadlawn block watch on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. Horn stated that the block watch coordinator is requesting a meeting with the Township.

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

Road Department Report:

James Stevens, Road Superintendent distributed the 2019-2020 Mosquito Spray Contract between Franklin County Public Health and Franklin Township for the Board to sign.

Stevens reported that the Road Crew has worked 16 days straight clearing the roads from the past snow storms.

Stevens also reminded the Board and the audience that the residents in the Eastfield and Westfield Drives need to remove their cars from the street during a snow event of 2" or more.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Charles Adams, Assistant Fire Chief had nothing to report.

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

FISCAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins expressed her disappointment in the Board in their lack of action related to a meeting request the Fiscal Department submitted to the Board. Ms. Watkins said, no one member of this Board responded to the meeting request which is a poor reflection of the Board and is

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disrespectful. If the table was turned and the Board ask the Fiscal Department for something as was ignored, how would this make each of you feel, said Watkins.

Fleshman extended a sincere apology to the Fiscal Department not responding to the meeting request.

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer informed the Board that she will be sending out a meeting request to them to review a potentially new credit card policy for the Township.

Ms. Morris also reviewed the impact of increasing the dental insurance deductible to \$2000.00. There will be a 5% increase overall for this change, said Morris.

Mike Blevins, an audience member asked for an update on the firefighter who had the payroll overpayment. Fleshman stated that this question would be addressed at the end of the meeting.

With no further questions, Fleshman moved to Trustee Reports.

Trustee Report:

Trustee Fleshman asked the Board's position in purchasing new executive chairs for the Board table. Alex said, he does not have any interest in purchasing chairs with taxpayer dollars. Horn said, he is happy with the current chairs. Fleshman tabled the discussion for another time.

Fleshman said he is going to speak with Chief Welch about the phone system and the IT service currently provided to the Township.

Fleshman informed everyone that the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer's Office is hosting another round of sanitary sewer financial assistance application. A open house will be held on February 12, 2019 at Central Baptist Church for those eligible individuals impacted by the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East sanitary sewer project from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., said Fleshman.

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 19-019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Township staff who attend the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference to be reimbursed up to \$25.00 for lunch and \$15.00 for parking each day when attending the conference. Receipts must be submitted to the Fiscal Department to validate purchase and support the reimbursement. No reimbursement without support of receipts.

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Trustee Horn shared that a business is moving into the Township at 977 Frank Road. Road Master Driving School will be moving into the old Roadway Truck Terminal, said Horn.

Trustee Alex shared that Dan Denning from the Friends of the Hilltop called and that they were \$4000.00 over budget for the community garden in Broadlawn. Alex informed Mr. Denning that the Township is not liable for the cost. Alex stated that he expects the Board may receive a formal notice from the Friends of the Hilltop related to this topic.

With no questions, Fleshman moved to the audience for questions.

Questions from the Audience:

Mike Blevins, audience member asked the Fiscal Department what the status was on the firefighter with the overpayment in payroll.

The Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins reported that she submitted the data based on next steps which were outlined in the grievance meeting. The Fire Chief responded that the firefighter is not accepting this data. The Fiscal Department has removed themselves at this point since all steps were met based on the last meeting, said Watkins. Fleshman stated the Board will be handling this grievance moving forward

Horn stated that he is concerned about all of the grievances which have been submitted in the last few months.

Blevins said the former Trustee Don Cook gave him the Local #1441 contract dated 3/1/15-2/28/18 which explains the grievance process. Blevins stated that upon reading the grievance process in the contract (begins on page 10) the Fire Department has not been following their own grievance process. I was a union steward for 20 plus years, so I understand contracts and grievances, said Blevins.

Blevins asked the Board to read Local #1441 grievance process. Fleshman agreed that he would read the grievance process.

The Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris explained that the union steward lied to the Board about information which is available in the union collective bargaining agreement/ handbook. The union steward's behavior was unprofessional and he was wearing a Township uniform, said Morris. Chief Adams stated he was not there for the grievance meeting but indicated the union steward was representing the union and did not have on a Township uniform.

Steve Morris, audience member asked the Board what disciplinary action would be taken against the union steward who verbally attacked the Fiscal Department staff. Horn said, the firefighter should be spoken to about his behavior.

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Fleshman said he would contact the Fire Chief upon his return from vacation about speaking with the firefighter/union steward related to his actions during the last grievance meeting.

Mike Blevins, member of the audience asked Trustee Alex what his position is on this matter since he did speak up during the grievance meeting. Alex stated that he made his comment during the grievance meeting and that they should not be talking like that. This matter is for the Fire Chief to work with the union through the grievance process, not the Board, said Alex. Blevins stated that this individual was representing the union and the fire department and his behavior was disrespectful to the Board and to the audience members who witnessed this action.

With no further discussion, Fleshman motioned for adjournment. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Signature of File with Original
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature of File with Original
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature of File with Original
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

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

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 02/07/19