

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

**Held via Teleconference
COVID-19 Emergency Declaration
Ohio's Open Meeting Act**

February 3, 2021

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Horn called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2021, via teleconference (ZOOM).

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Alex

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Horn made a motion to suspend approval of prior meeting minutes. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Alex: YES/ NO

Fleshman: YES/ NO

Horn: YES/ NO

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart recommended the following Resolution:

Resolution 2021-020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A PAST OBLIGATION THAT FAILED TO HAVE PRIOR FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATION AND FUNDS FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, Section 5705.41(D), Revised Code, requires prior certificate by the Township Fiscal Officer that the amount required to meet an obligation in the current year has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances; and,

WHEREAS, If no certificate is furnished as required, the fiscal officer may certify that when the obligation was incurred and now that sufficient appropriations exist for that purpose; and,

WHEREAS, If the amount exceeds \$3,000, the fiscal officer shall obtain authorization, by resolution, from the governing board; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has received an invoice from Medical Mutual for health care benefits for March, 2019 that exceeds \$3,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1, the Fiscal Officer is authorized, to pay the outstanding obligation with Medical Mutual in the amount of \$79,223.87 for health care benefits provided in March, 2019.

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Fleshman asked Rhinehart, "are we doing this because this is what the standard or law is"?

Rhinehart replied "yes, it's a requirement that, for us to be able to pay it, we need to have an appropriation for the prior year so we have to follow this process."

Fleshman said he spoke to Brian today, who sent over some of the "clean-up" of people who are sending in EOB's.

Rhinehart said "we extended the deadline, it was supposed to be the 21st, we took it up to the 31st."

Fleshman asked if those were going out this week.

Rhinehart said "no, probably not. I have to check them against prior information provided by Linda and there is a problem with the dates of service, she didn't include those, so it's a little hassle but we are going to try to get them out this week".

Horn asked if this was an actual payment that was not made in March of 2019.

Rhinehart replied that was correct, "we were not aware of it, there was confusion surrounding it and we finally got the actual bill".

Horn asked if any of the trustees were aware of it. Alex said he was not aware of it. Rhinehart said "it just came about and we needed to bring it to the meeting since we just found out about it".

Fleshman asked how it affects the budget and if we can sustain it.

Rhinehart replied that it does affect the budget, it goes out the same way, divided through each department. She said it might affect us in the long run but the revenues look better than expected.

Alex asked if there were late fees associated with it. Rhinehart replied she did not see any.

With no further discussion, Fleshman made a motion for the adoption of the Resolution.

Fleshman made motion to adopt the following resolution. Alex seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

Alex: YES/ NO **Fleshman:** YES/ NO **Horn:** YES/ NO

Resolution passed.

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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

Motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, dismissal or compensation of a public employee; and per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning dispute involving the public body subject to pending or imminent court action.

MOTION: Aryeh Alex **SECOND: John Fleshman**

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Aryeh Alex **Yea** x **Nay** _____

Trustee John Fleshman **Yea** x **Nay** _____

Trustee Ralph Horn **Yea** x **Nay** _____

Franklin County Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session.

Chairman Horn moved for a motion to deny the claim that Officer Edwards submitted. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows.

Alex: YES/ NO **Fleshman:** YES/ NO **Horn:** YES/ NO

Motion passed.

Horn made a motion to accept the judgment by Attorney Tom Spyker regarding the case involving Officer Josh Edwards. Fleshman seconded the motion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows.

Alex: YES/ NO **Fleshman:** YES/ NO **Horn:** YES/ NO

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Motion passed.

With no further discussion, Chairman Horn asked Administrator Mark Potts if there were any questions from the public. No questions were received.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, Horn adjourned the meeting.

Signature on file with original _____
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature on file with original _____
John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman/Trustee

Signature on file with original _____
Ralph Horn, Chairman/Trustee

Signature on file with original _____
Assistant Fiscal Officer/Fiscal Officer