

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

July 25, 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 July 25, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road

Opening Prayer: Neither chaplain was available.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Horn

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

Announcement:

Fleshman shared that as of this morning the Township lost a very special lady, Juanita Kaufman passed away at age 97. She has been an advocate for Franklin Township with her block watch for over 20 years, said Horn.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Fleshman motioned to approve the following meeting minutes. Alex seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

- *Regular Meeting on July 11, 2019*

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to old business.

Old Business

Annual Juanita Kaufman Award Nominations:

The Administrator opened all nominations then read the names of each individual who was nominated. Mike Blevins and Patricia Davis have been nominated the Administrator stated.

The Board took a moment to read each nomination and voted privately then gave the Administrator their vote. The Board agreed the winner would be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

With no further discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to resolutions.

Resolutions:

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 passed.

Resolution 19-128

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the January 1, 2020 tentative budget to be filed with the Franklin County Budget Commission no later than July 30, 2019.

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Resolution 19-129

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the motor vehicle license tax for bills and payroll.

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 passed.

Resolution 19-130

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$15,000.00 from the general fund to the gasoline tax for bills and payroll.

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 19-131

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to transfer \$20,000.00 from the general fund to the road and bridge tax for bills and payroll.

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 19-132

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves bills in the amount of \$112,240.97 and payroll in the amount of \$156,647.92 dated July 26, 2019 for a total of \$268,888.89. From check number 51010 to check number 51128 and electronic checks 19-209 to 19-215.

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 passed.

Resolution 19-133

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fire Department to purchase a fire hose from All American Fire, not to exceed \$3,158.00.

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Resolution 19-134

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fire Department to have lettering/wrap installed on the new foam truck by Pro Sign Studio not to exceed \$2,500.00.

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 passed.

Resolution 19-135

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the purchase of a new desktop computer for the Police Lieutenant from Revolution Group not to exceed \$1,036.42.

Alex 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 passed.

Resolution 19-136

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Fiscal Officer provides an amended January 1, 2020 budget for the Franklin County Budget Commission to the Administrator for Board to review at the next regular board meeting on August 8, 2019.

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to new business.

New Business:

Fire Department Report:

Chas Adams, Assistant Fire Chief shared that the fire department distributed/installed over 60 smoke detectors in homes in the Davis Addition on last Saturday.

The Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is collaborating with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank to establish a free produce market in Franklin Township, said Adams. The public is welcome to join CHAT, stated Alex. Fleshman thanked Adams for his coordinative efforts in the CHAT program.

Fleshman asked if there were any questions for the fire department.

Mike Blevins, audience member asked Chief Adams that residents have asked him if the fire department will be offering rides to the election polls as they have at previous elections. Adams said that members of the fire union have offered residents rides to the elections polls previously on their day off in their personal vehicle. Blevins asked who folks can call if they need a ride to the polls and Adams stated they can call the fire house and asked to speak with the

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union president for specifics on if this service is still available. Horn said he has taken residents to the election polls in the past as well and offered to continue in the upcoming election.

Adams closed by saying the fire fighters are pleased with the new fire engine and very grateful.

*With no further Board discussion or additional comments from the audience
Fleshman moved to the police department report.*

Police Department Report:

Byron Smith, Police Chief asked the Board if they would consider approving the Township Administrator as the magistrate for the traffic camera appeal hearings per the Ohio Revised Code.

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 passed.

Resolution 19-137

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township,
Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Township Administrator as
the magistrate for the traffic camera appeal hearings.**

Smith said one of the activities identified under the Community Engagement Program will be a trash for cash initiative. The Township will work with community leader Fred Reiser to pay folks approximately \$10.00 an hour for (4) four hours of work to pick up trash in specified areas of the Township such as the Broadlawn and Mon-E-Bak neighborhoods.

Horn said that Brown Tires has been instrumental in many clean-up efforts in the Township.

Fleshman motioned to allow the Police Chief to utilize funds from the speed camera revenue for community engagement efforts including trash for cash. Horn seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Smith provided a status update on cruiser 305 which was involved in an accident a few weeks ago at W. Broad Street and Broadlawn. The review board accessed the accident and determined the officer was not at fault. The Township is still waiting for the insurance company.

Smith also shared that the modular should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Per Resolution 19-109 the Township is to pay the second half of the \$7,480.00 invoice to Trio Construction with a remaining total of \$3,740.00.

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Resolution 19-140

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to pay Trio Construction the remaining balance (2nd half) totaling \$3,740.00 from the original Resolution 19-109 (totaling \$7,480.00).

Smith shared that the Police Department has identified Westway Body Shop as the commercial entity to be identified as the Township's business of the year. They will be presented with a plaque at the National Night Out Event on August 6, 2019, said Smith.

Smith asked the Board when the next meeting with the Teamsters Union 413 was being scheduled. Fleshman said he thought the Board was waiting on the union to get back with them. The Township Administrator replied to Fleshman and said that the union was actually waiting on the Township. The Township attorney is clarifying some questions the Board had before scheduling another meeting, said the Administrator.

The Township secretary Erin Crome is a member of the Southwest Area Commission (SWAC) and is asking if the Board would approve for her to attend the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference and pay the registration fee of \$150.00. The SWAC is paying all travel and food expenses for Erin to attend the conference. Alex said, he thinks this is a great opportunity for professional development for our staff and supports the request.

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 19-139

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves for employee Erin Crome to attend the 3 day Regional Neighborhood Network Conference. This includes paying the \$150.00 registration fee as well as paying for 16 hours of paid time and 8 hours of comp time.

Fleshman asked if there were any questions from the audience for the police department.

Mike Blevins, audience member commended Officer Woodie on his successful efforts to retrieve a reported stolen riding lawn mower from his neighborhood.

With no further discussion from the Board and no further comments from the audience, Fleshman moved to the road department report.

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Road Department Report:

James Stevens, Road Superintendent is on vacation so there is no report at this time but if anyone from the audience has anything they would like reported back to the Road Department we can take your questions/comments now, said Fleshman.

Mr. Ellis, audience member residing on Laurel Avenue notified the Board that when it rains flooding occurs in the alley behind his home. Since the surface of the alley sits higher than my yard the water naturally runs towards my house, Ellis explained. Ellis stated he had spoken previously with the road superintendent about this issue. Fleshman asked Ellis to give his telephone number to the Township Administrator. Now that the Board is aware of the situation we can begin to address the issue, said Fleshman. Horn said he would stop by Mr. Ellis' house to take a look at the alley.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience, Fleshman moved on to the fiscal department report.

Fiscal Department Report:

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to the trustee and administrator reports.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Fleshman provided three (3) submissions of sample township logos for the Board and audience to review.

Fleshman motioned that the Board will vote on a Township logo samples at the next regular meeting on August 8, 2019. Horn seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Trustee Horn said he's been working to help clean up neighborhoods.

Trustee Alex said it would be great to display the logo samples at National Night Out for the public to comment on.

Trustee Alex reported that the Township has created a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. The public is welcome to join the committee, said Alex.

Fleshman made a motion to add the Township Administrator to the distribution of draft meeting minutes. Alex seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

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Administrator Report:

Administrator Potts updated the Board on his various projects.

Potts said he is working with Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) and asked the Board if they would sign a letter of support to FCPH.

Fleshman made a motion for the Board to sign a support letter for Franklin County Public Health (FCPH). Alex seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Alex said that CHAT sent a letter of support as well to FCPH.

Fleshman stated that a representative from State Representative Adam Miller's office called him and wanted to speak with the Township about exploring home rule.

Fleshman made a motion for the Township Administrator to contact State Representative Adam Miller's office to discuss home rule options. Alex seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Horn reminded the audience of National Night Out on August 6, 2019.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to speaker cards.

Speaker Cards:

Fleshman told Mr. Blevins the Board would hear his comments for up to 5 minutes.

Mike Blevins of Ransburg Avenue expressed his dissatisfaction of how he was treated during the regular meeting on July 11, 2019. I was welcomed by the chairman to make my comment and after only speaking a few words the chairman shut me down to the point he threatened if I did not sit down and stop being disruptive that he (the chairman) would have the police chief remove me from the meeting, explained Blevins.

Blevins continued by saying that he spoke with the Township Administrator, the Police Chief and Trustee Horn on July 12th, 2019, and they all agreed that I he not being disruptive at the July 11th meeting. The police chief even told me I can only be removed from a meeting lawfully, said Blevins.

I believe John (Fleshman) that you think I have an issue with you when I truly do not. I feel you have an issue with me and it's personal, stated Blevins.

Blevins asked for Fleshman to make a public apology on his behavior at the July 11th meeting as well as asked Fleshman to step down as chairman. You use the position as chairman as an abuse of power, Blevins said. If Fleshman chooses not to step down as chairman Blevins requested Horn and Alex to ask Fleshman to step down or pass legislation to have him removed as chairman.

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Chief Smith notified Blevins that his 5 minutes was up. Fleshman approved for Blevins to continue his comments.

Blevins said he is 60 years old and has never had handcuffs put on and if he is ever handcuffed for speaking at a public Franklin Township meeting that this will be the day the Township is no longer called Franklin, it will be called Blevins Township. Blevins thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and returned to his seat.

With no further speaker cards Fleshman asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Linda Mercer, member of the audience asked the Board where the 2018 National Night Out picture collage she created to have displayed was. The Assistant Fiscal Officer said she knew exactly where the collage was and is working with Jim Stevens to have it displayed properly in the Township hall.

In closing the Administrator announced Patricia Davis as the winner of the 2019 Juanita Kaufman Award.

At 7:50 p.m. with no further discussion from the board or comments/questions from the audience Fleshman motioned to adjourn. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

signature on file
John Fleshman, Chairman

signature on file
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

signature on file
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

signature on file
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken & typed by: Robyn Watkins
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