

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

October 20, 2016

Chairman Cook called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 P.M. October 20, 2016 at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Cook gave the welcome.

Reverend Snodgrass led the township meeting in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes

Chairman Cook made a motion to suspense the reading of the minutes. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes

Chairman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, September 22 Regular Meeting. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Chairman Cook made a motion to table the minutes of October 17 Special Meeting. The minutes are not ready. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 16-321
BILLS AND PAYROLL

The Board approves payroll in the amount of \$93,306.06 and bills in the amount of \$115,270.71 totaling \$208,576.77 from check # 41106 to check # 41222.

Chairman Cook seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Purchase Orders: EMS: 16-558 Bayden Chandler-Reimbursement \$80.60, 16-556 Ohio Cat-Medic 193 belt install \$290.26, Fire Department: 16-111 Quality Rubber Stamp-accountability engraved tags/Girardi, Helmet nivyl arched name panels J. Mattia, Girardi, First Class mail shipping \$18.72, 16-124 Phoenix-Girardi Boots \$160.00, 16-127 Goodyear-XE193 flat repair \$38.40, 16-125 Finley-Helmet shield \$74.18, General Fund: 16-090 The Daily Reporter-Public notice Question of Adoption of Township Limited Home Rule \$261.00,

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolution # 16-322 - # 16-328

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board hereby declares its intent to remove the Structures listed below. As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.86, the Board directs the Chairman of the Board and/or his designee to obtain a title search for the Property and to further notify the Owner and all lienholders of the Property as listed in the title search that the Structure thereon has been found to be structurally defective, insecure and unsafe by

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the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department and unfit for human habitation by the Franklin County Board of Health.

3519 Plainview	1243 Richter	3364 Dover	1513 Little
1765 Marsdale	2010 Whitehead	3520 Dover	

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.
Resolution # 16-330

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves to pay OR Woodyard in the amount of \$750.00 for indigent burial fund for Jerry Franklin.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.
Resolution # 16-331

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves FMLA for Road Superintendent Jim Stevens.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the Resolution. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Administrative Assistant Melissa Schopp was out so Chief Byron Smith updated the community of some other properties that are added to the process of being torn down. These homes will be torn down by Jim Stevens and the road crew. They are in the 60-day process. 2010 Whitehead, 3519 Plainview, 3255 Dover, and 3698 Plainview. The Township is only allowed to tear down homes that are structurally unsound and abandoned. Notices will be posted on the homes 30 days prior to tear down. Robyn Watkins asked the Board about the addresses that were going to be torn down. Chief Smith informed Robyn that; Melissa will have those addresses, he does not have those. Barry a resident is interested in the process of purchasing some of the properties that will be torn down. Chairman Cook stated the houses are in the land bank at this time. Randy Adams and Randy Fought are both interested parties to the property. Vice-Chairman Fleshman stated the Township would have to put rules on the purchase of the property. He does not want an eyesore still sitting in the community. Therefore, there would be strict guidelines on the purchase of a home. One of the homes has a squatter. The squatter must be evicted by the state before the property can be torn down.

Police Department: Chief Byron Smith reminded everyone of the Clean-up day Saturday, October 22, 2016. The drug drop off will be nine am until noon. The trash will be from nine am until one pm. The audience asked questions about dropping off tires, and electronics. Jim Stevens asked about collecting trash. Ralph said no we are not collecting trash this year. Police Chief gave the monthly stats for September

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Accident reports: 46, citations: 138, Warnings: 42, Reports: 110, Dispatched Runs: 780, Pick Up Runs: 307, Miles Driven: 6,935, Court Cases: 53, Officers Called In: 0, Auto Impounds: 47, Released: 44, Junked: 9.

Chairman Cook asked Chief Smith what is the progress on the junk cars. Chief informed the Board that he was out when Sergeant Jeff Francies had left for the day so he was unable to get updates. The Board said Ok.

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Adams announced the service contract of Time Warner Cable has changed. We would be paying a lot less on the monthly service. This service will include phones, and internet. Chief Adams has a new contract that needs signatures for Time Warner Cable that pertains to the new agreement. Station 192 will pay \$99, Station 193 will pay \$99, and 1963 will pay \$119 for a total of \$319 per month. The Board agreed to the contract changes.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.
Resolution # 16-333

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to contract with Time Warner Cable for three years or thirty-six months.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Trustee Fleshman thanked the Fire Department for doing such a wonderful job saving the Township money. He commended them for always looking out for the people of the Township.

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Chaz Adams has information that the community needs to be aware of, this letter tells the truth.

“The Blatant Lies of Tim Guyton”

Tim Guyton *was* a trustee for Franklin Township for 24 years. He loves to tell you this. He doesn't like to mention that, during his tenure; we lost half of the police department, laid off firefighters and closed a fire station due to lack of staffing, gave away hundreds of thousands of dollars to the City (thanks to his back door deals with the Casino), and he wanted to spend \$400,000 of your tax dollars on trees and flowers around the casino while we were laying off firefighters and police! He claims to “always look out for the best interests of the Township”, however, **the facts DO NOT support his claims**. He has circulated another sheet of lies trying to get you to vote against the fire department. This one has gone well beyond stretching the truth and has landed in the “blatant lies” arena. Please let us give you the absolute truth about his “fact sheet”.

FACT- We are losing \$100,000 more a year, EVERY YEAR, until 2021. By 2021, we will be losing over \$1,000,000 per year from local government funding from the State of Ohio. As of 2016, we have lost over \$500,000 per year and will keep losing another

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\$100k per year until 2021. This equates to a total of ¼ of the total fire department budget.

FACT- The fire department paid back every penny it has borrowed from the general fund to keep the doors open. **This is all public record**, please see the minutes from the March 9th, 2016 Trustee meeting.

FACT- Your firefighters *HAVEN'T* had a raise in 7 years; **and they have done that on purpose**. We are actually taking home **LESS money per pay** than we were in 2008. We could have gone to arbitration, but having the proper number of firefighters and paramedics to respond to your emergencies has always been more important to YOUR firefighters! And the “lump sum” raise is actually a \$400 “years of service pay” for members that have served over 5 years at your department. **This “years of service pay” was negotiated by former trustee Tim Guyton over twenty years ago.**

FACT- The fire department budget was not raised \$700,000 but was brought back to its 2014 numbers due to being awarded a \$1.4 million dollar grant, over two years, to assure that Franklin Township had enough firefighters to respond to your emergencies. The Federal Emergency Management Agency saw that you were not properly covered in case of emergencies due to staffing cuts. This is only a two year Band-Aid that is ripped off in November 2017. FEMA just doesn't hand out millions of dollars on a whim. This shows how serious the staffing levels were, and will be, without a levy. **Also, Tim voted AGAINST accepting this grant that keeps you and your neighbors safe!**

FACT- Folks, the City isn't going to contract our services for free! They spend approximately \$10 million per firehouse! They want much more than our \$2.5 million of property taxes to run firehouses in Franklin Township. Tim tried to sell them on this in 2014 and they refused to even talk to him again. We appreciate our partnership with the City's fire department. You are getting the services of 36 firehouses for the price of TWO! Tim likes to say we get nothing for taking these runs into the city, well... we get \$800,000 a year from EMS billing from City runs. If we don't take runs into the city, we lose another \$800,000! Also, when we are on an emergency, The City sends one of their trucks so that we are assured that our residents are safe! This only happens due to our agreement that we will take runs for them if they take runs for us!

FACT- If this levy fails we are closing the Station on Frank Rd. This is not a “scare tactic” or a threat. Station 192 on Sullivant Ave is the most centrally located fire station within Franklin Township that would be able to respond to all areas of the township. We are sure our residents that live on North Hague, for example, don't want to wait on the trucks from Frank Road if they are having a heart attack or their house is on fire! No matter what, response times to your house will **drastically increase** with one less fire station, no matter what part of the Township you live in!

Ladies and Gentlemen, the fire departments' only agenda is helping others. That's why we do what we do. We aren't trying to get rich, we just want to make sure our residents and firefighters are safe. What's Tim's agenda? Why is he trying to sell you

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out? Why does he want the Township to fail? We are an open book, please call us at 614-279-0089 or stop by one of your fire houses if you ever want to hear the FACTS about your fire department. Thank you and be safe.

Sincerely, ***YOUR*** Franklin Township Firefighters

Assistant Chief Adams wants to make it clear to the citizen's that they are being lied to by the former Trustee. The Board agrees.

The Trustee is passing out paper work to the community that he knows is a lie.

The Trustee budget is set by the State of Ohio. NO one can give them a raise. Every Trustee makes the same amount of money. Chairman Cook said that we have lost a lot over the past few years because of backdoor deals of previous Trustees. Chairman Cook encouraged the audience to look at the Open Checkbook. All the money the Township spends is available on this website. It is open to the public. He also reminded the audience of the lives that were put into danger the last time a firehouse had to close. The Board agreed.

LIMITED HOME RULE

Limited home rule will be on the November 8th ballot for Franklin Township. The passage of LIMITED HOME RULE will result in NO ADDITIONAL COST to the residents of Franklin Township. The passage of LIMITED HOME RULE will enhance the ability of Franklin Township to promote economic development in both the Westland area and throughout the Township.

WITH LIMITED HOME RULE:

- 1 . Trustees cannot create new laws which conflict with Ohio's general laws;**
- 2 . Trustees cannot create new taxes except for those already authorized;**
- 3 . Trustees cannot change or modify the structure of government;**
- 4. Trustees cannot create criminal offenses or impose criminal penalties;**
- 5 . Trustees cannot impose fines other than authorized under O.R.C. 504;**
- 6 . Trustees cannot establish or revise building standards or building codes; and**
- 7. Trustees cannot adopt regulations affecting the possession, use or sale of firearms.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CALL

[614-279-9411](tel:614-279-9411) Ex. 0

Vice-Chairman Fleshman discussed the time levy. Chairman Cook offered to stay after the meeting and show the property owners exactly how much they would be paying a year extra on their tax. Robyn also wanted to inform the homeowners that she had called her homeowner insurance company (State Farm), and asked them if this levy fails how it would affect her homeowner's insurance premiums. They gave her an estimate that was 3 times higher than the 68 dollars a year that she would pay for a tax increase based on the value of her home.

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Road Department: Jim Stevens has nothing on the agenda; however, he wanted to remind the Board he will be off for two weeks due to his surgery. Jim said he would be available by telephone if anyone needs assistance from him, other than that he will be leaving Tom in charge. Tom is the lead man.

Nick Dunn had concerns about the cars driving on Eastfield Drive without headlights. He is afraid of a head on collision in this area. There are no lights, you cannot see around the curve and the street needs painted. Jim Stevens knows where Nick is talking about and Jim will see what he can do to get a proposal together for the Board to review. The Board agreed.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman had nothing.

Trustee Horn had nothing.

Chairman Cook discussed the paper that was passed out to the audience.

Doug Tomlinson stated that the fire department has really covered all the questions that he had to ask the Board.

Randy Adams said they also covered his questions from the fire department.

Chairman Cook made a motion with no further business to discuss to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Don Cook, Chairman

John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

Ralph Horn, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer