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Franklin County, Ohio

Regular Meeting

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Call Meeting to Order:

Horn called the (in-person) regular bi-weekly meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 7, 2021. The meeting was also available virtually on ZOOM. Login information was provided on the agenda.

Opening Prayer: Led by Trustee Fleshman

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Alex

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

Motion to Approve Prior Meeting Minutes:

MOTION

Horn made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- *Special meeting on September 21, 2021*
- *Regular meeting on September 23, 2021*

Alex seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Old Business:

MOTION

The Fiscal Officer recommended the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves accounts payable from September 30, 2021 through October 7, 2021, in the amount of \$107,769.33 and payroll paid on October 1, 2021, for \$147,824.06 for a grand total of \$255,593.39. From check number 66957 to 67055 and electronic vouchers from 1103-2021 to 1178-2021.

Alex accepted the motion, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

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RESOLUTION 2021-156

A RESOLUTION APPROVING OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

Horn made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, *The board of township trustees, in Resolution 2021-083, authorized the township fiscal officer to approve/incure obligations of ten thousand dollars or less on behalf of the township in accordance with Section 507.11 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,*

WHEREAS, *pursuant to the provisions of Section 507.11(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the obligations approved/incurred by the township fiscal officer must be subsequently approved by the adoption of a formal resolution of the board of township trustees.*

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

SECTION 1, *The obligations authorized/incurred by the township fiscal officer as presented in Exhibit A attached hereto are hereby approved.*

SECTION 2, *That all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution, were passed in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

SECTION 3, *That this Resolution, shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.*

Alex seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Alex explained that the board recently interviewed a strong candidate for the position of township administrator and that he would like to make a motion to extend an offer of employment to this candidate.

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Resolution 2021-161

Extended an Offer on Employment to Steve Mazer

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to extend an offer of employment as the Township Administrator to Steve Mazer.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Lt. Ratliff asked the board if the police department could begin charging a \$5.00 fee for public record requests involving any police body camera footage. Ratliff explained that extracting the body camera footage is a very time-consuming project and the township could benefit from this revenue.

Resolution 2021-162

Approving a \$5.00 fee for Public Record Request of Police Body Camera Footage

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to implement a \$5.00 fee for public record requests involving police body camera footage, effective immediately.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Ratliff shared that the annual Truck and Treat will be held on October 23, 2021, at Central Baptist Church.

Ratliff stated that the Franklin Township Police Department's online newsletter is going well and encourages the public to go online and sign-up. Alex praised Ratliff for a job well done on the newsletter. Fleshman asked Ratliff if the newsletter could be translated into Spanish. Alex shared that Franklin County can assist municipalities with translating services.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the fire department.

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Fire Department Report:

Captain Arnold asked the board for approval to hire Taner Smith as a Firefighter I, effective October 14, 2021.

**Resolution 2021-157
Hiring Taner Smith as a Firefighter I, effective 10/14/21**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to hire Taner Smith as a firefighter I, with an annual salary of \$49,784.02, effective October 14, 2021.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Captain Arnold explained that his promotion to Assistant Fire Chief has allowed for some additional promotions within the fire department.

Arnold asked the board to approve the promotion of Aaron Wilbur from Lieutenant to Captain effective October 13, 2021.

**Resolution 2021-158
Promote Aaron Wilbur Captain**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to promote Aaron Wilbur to Fire Captain at an annual salary of \$93,789.74, effective October 13, 2021.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Arnold asked the board to approve the promotion of Nicholas Schirtzinger from a Firefighter IV to Lieutenant effective October 13, 2021.

**Resolution 2021-159
Promote Nicholas Schirtzinger to Lieutenant**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to promote Nicholas Schirtzinger to Fire Lieutenant at an annual salary of \$83,740.03, effective October 13, 2021.

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Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Arnold asked the board to approve the promotion of Eric Pierce from a Firefighter IV to Lieutenant effective October 13, 2021.

***Resolution 2021-160
Promote Eric Pierce to Lieutenant***

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to promote Eric Pierce to Fire Lieutenant at an annual salary of \$83,740.03, effective October 13, 2021.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the road department:

Road Department Report:

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent submitted a list of all of the properties within the Township that the road department mowed under O.R.C. 505.87 (House Bill 50) in 2021.

***Resolution 2021-139
House Bill 50 1948 Frank Road (Parcel 140-005686-00)***

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1948 Frank Road, Parcel ID: 140-005686-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2021-140

House Bill 50 1053 Brown Road (Parcel 140-000194-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1053 Brown Road, Parcel ID: 140-000194-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-141

House Bill 50 2899 El Paso Drive (Parcel 140-005142-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 2899 El Paso Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005142-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-142

House Bill 50 36 Coolidge Avenue (Parcel 140-002781-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 36 Coolidge Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-002781-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2021-143

House Bill 50 o Plainview Drive (Parcel 140-002066-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at o Plainview Drive, Parcel ID: 140-002066-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-144

House Bill 50 o Whitehead Road (Parcel 140-003907-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at o Whitehead Road, Parcel ID: 140-003907-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-145

House Bill 50 2035 Whitehead Road (Parcel 140-003903-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 2035 Whitehead Road, Parcel ID: 140-003903-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2021-146

House Bill 50 0 Plainview Drive (Parcel 140-002066-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 0 Plainview Drive, Parcel ID: 140-002066-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-147

House Bill 50 1053 Brown Road (Parcel 140-000194-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1053 Brown Road, Parcel ID: 140-000194-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-148

House Bill 50 1060 N. Hague Avenue (Parcel 140-005119-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1060 N. Hague Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-005119-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2021-149

House Bill 50 1976 Westfield Drive (Parcel 140-005665-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1976 Westfield Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005665-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-150

House Bill 50 2889 El Paso Drive (Parcel 140-005142-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 2889 El Paso Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005142-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-151

House Bill 50 3640 Plainview Drive (Parcel 140-002025-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3640 Plainview Drive, Parcel ID: 140-002025-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2021-152

House Bill 50 3640 Plainview Drive (Parcel 140-002025-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3640 Plainview Drive, Parcel ID: 140-002025-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-153

House Bill 50 1240 Eureka Avenue (Parcel 140-003505-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1240 Eureka Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-003505-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2021-154

House Bill 50 0 N. Wilson Road (Parcel 140-007382-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 0 N. Wilson Road, Parcel ID: 140-007382-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2021-155
House Bill 50 3522 Fisher Road (Parcel 140-003610-00)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3522 Fisher Road, Parcel ID: 140-003610-00, and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in the House Bill 50 (505.87).

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Fleshman asked Stevens if he knew the percentage of House Bill 50 properties mowed by the township was up or down from 2020. Stevens replied that the number of properties mowed by the township is down from 2020.

Stevens asked the board for approval to temporarily close Ongaro Drive in Western Estates for their annual harvest festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 2021, from 2 pm to 4 pm, and a rain date for Sunday, October 31, 2021, at the same time is scheduled, said Stevens.

Resolution 2021-163
Temporary Closure of Ongaro Drive

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Department to temporarily close Ongaro Drive on 10/30/21 from 2 pm to 4 pm and if needed on 10/31/21 as the rain date at the same time.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Stevens explained that he is applying for a grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for up to \$250,000.00 specifically to pave roads within the township. Stevens said he is purposing the repaving project be for the roads within the *Rosary Addition*. The township would need to pay \$6,095.52 upfront to move this grant forward. We met with Burgess & Niple (Engineers, Architects & Planners) and they are willing to do the work needed to execute this grant, said Stevens. Stevens asked the board for their approval to move forward with Burgess & Niple to apply for the 2021 ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant Application.

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Resolution 2021-164
Township to work with Burgess & Niple for the
2021 ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant Application

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved the Road Superintendent to work with Burgess & Niple at a cost of \$6095.52 to compile and submit the 2021 ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant Application. (Exhibit A)

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Horn: YES/ NO **Fleshman:** YES/ NO **Alex:** YES/ NO
Resolution passed.

Exhibit A

2021-164

BURGESS & NIPLE
Engineers ■ Architects ■ Planners

Scope of Work
Date: 9/30/2021
Project Name: 2021 ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant Application

Consultant Company Address:
5085 Reed Road
Columbus, OH 43220

Consultant Project Manager/Contact Information:
Aaron Lane, P.E.
Aaron.Lane@burgessniple.com
614.395.6030

Contract Amount: \$ 6,095.52
Duration: 1.5 months

Project Description and Assumptions:

B&N will complete the application for the ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant on behalf of Franklin Township. B&N will complete the online application, preliminary estimate, project schedule, photos, Pavement Condition Rating, Annual Average Daily Traffic, as well as two to three (2-3) additional exhibits identifying the proposed work limits. It is assumed that Franklin Township will provide the following: documentation of the right-of-way (proof that the project is in the township limits), the economic health of the township (unemployment rate), and a letter of support from the Franklin County Engineer's office.

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Stevens updated the board that he is hopeful to have bids available for the board to review for the heating & cooling unit for the maintenance building.

With nothing further to discuss, Horn, moved to the trustee report:

Trustee Report:

Aryeh Alex, the Trustee, reported that the Mid-Ohio Region Planning Commission (MORPC) said there are two seats available on their board (one seat from leadership and one additional seat) for Franklin Township. Alex said the board should decide at their next regular meeting who should represent the township on the MORPC board.

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John Fleshman, the Trustee, encouraged Chairman Horn to view the body camera video (from Lt. Ratliff) as it relates to a letter that is going around. Fleshman said that at no time did he touch Horn and at no time did Horn swing his arms around or leave the building as outlined in the letter. Horn said to Fleshman that he would prefer not to discuss this matter at this time. Fleshman said he was discussing this not Horn. Horn said he was willing to discuss this individually with Fleshman.

Fleshman said he has the floor and is allowed to speak. Fleshman said he will be putting out a video to let the viewers make their own decision. Horn said he has not said anything publicly about this incident. Fleshman reminded Horn that he had the floor.

Horn said that the number of problems that Fleshman has caused this township, he is willing to go back and dig up Fleshman's past and the things he has caused since being elected. Horn said he has lots of things he can discuss related to Fleshman in public as well.

Fleshman said if anyone has any questions after viewing the video that he is open to entertain the conversation. Fleshman said he is unclear how the accusation came to be, but the video will clearly show the truth. The report submitted was not a police report, it was an incident report, said Fleshman.

Horn stated to the audience that he would be happy to come to their homes and explain to them the entire story of what happened before the meeting.

Ralph Horn, the Trustee, reported that the Village of Valleyview will be leaving Franklin Township (tax district) in early 2022.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the fiscal department:

Fiscal Department Report:

Nick Dunn, Fiscal Officer, explained that the current township mileage policy states that the mileage reimbursement will be determined by the Board of Trustees. Dunn asked the board to amend the policy to include the mileage to reflect the annual IRS mileage standards.

***Resolution 2021-165
Accept annual IRS Mileage Standards within
The Township Policy & Procedure Handbook
Section 6.01 Mileage & Parking Policy***

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved to amend Section 6.01 of the Franklin Township Policy & Procedure Handbook (Mileage & Parking) to include the mileage rate will be based on the annual IRS mileage standards, effective immediately.

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Horn: YES/ NO ***Fleshman:*** YES/ NO ***Alex:*** YES/ NO
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Dunn explained to that board that the Township is incurring a fee for the container sitting in the parking lot which is holding files. The record retention policy provides guidance to what files are to be retained as well as destroyed. Dunn asked the board to assist him in the retention and destruction process. If the board chooses not to assist then the files can be put back up in the maintenance building and leave them as they are. Dunn encouraged the board members to assist him in this process.

Fleshman agreed that if there are files that can be properly disposed of then we should do that. Alex asked if the resolution can be amended to update the record retention policy. Horn reminded everyone that they have to deal with Mark Long from the auditor's office on this stuff. Much of this is not in the hands of Nick and Robyn it's in the hands of the auditors, said Horn.

Dunn said the record retention policy that the board passed was a recommendation from the auditor's office. Dunn said his goal was to work together as a board and a fiscal department to go through these files.

Dunn asked the board to amend resolution 19-257 that identifies specific staff parking spots. Dunn expressed his concerns about staff safety and with the time changing and it getting darker much earlier. Currently, we have one staff member that is the last person to leave and this person should be able to park next to the building where they work. There was an incident last week where we found an individual wandering around in the parking lot. If this would happen later in the evening there is no one around to protect/assist an employee if they would be approached by a stranger.

When we have employees parking near the building the township experiences a lot more walk-ins to the window which increases revenue as many individuals need reports and other items which they pay a fee to obtain.

When there are no cars parked next to the building the township receives calls asking if we are open, said Dunn.

Fleshman said he is opposed to this, as the parking has worked out when the auditors are here. The reason the board moved everyone out there is that when you begin adding everyone who is parking here, there is no room for them to park or if we have a meeting here or we bring people in. Horn said essentially the only reason we (the board) moved it, was because Fleshman wanted it moved. Fleshman said the board passed a resolution. Horn said that the reason parking was moved was because Fleshman was mad because a staff member asked to park by the side door. Fleshman denied Horn's statement.

Horn said he was here and remembered. Alex said he is not at the township office every day, but stated that Nick and Robyn and everyone else are and if what they are saying is what we should be doing then that is what we should be doing. They are the ones who are here every day dealing with things, said Alex.

Dunn said he is talking about three (3) spots outside on the side of the building, and when the township has a meeting he is willing to move his car for the residents. Fleshman asked Dunn for clarity on who can park around the building. Dunn said he would himself, the assistant fiscal officer, and the administrative assistant to be able to park on the east side of the township

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hall. Fleshman said he would not be opposed to this if signage would go up identifying each parking spot. Horn said he would prefer the women to park near the door as it is going to get dark earlier.

The Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins stated that the signs are not necessary if each staff member knows where they are to park, then they do so accordingly. Having no signs then allows others such as the public to park in those spots when said employees are not in attendance at the township.

**Resolution 2021-166
Rescinding Resolution 2019-257**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved to rescind resolution 2019-257 now allowing staff to park on the east side of the administrative building, at 2193 Frank Road, effective immediately.

Fleshman made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Alex seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Fleshman asked the board to make a resolution stating that administrative staff will park in the last three (3) spots on the side of the building. Horn said another resolution was not necessary. Alex said that the board does not need to keep making resolutions as parking is not something the board should be dealing with.

Dunn said that upon review of pasted records he did not find a motion/resolution that permitted the fiscal officer to have a township paid cell phone. Dunn said that even though there was a cell phone available for him when he was appointed, he would ask for a formal motion for him to carry the township paid cell phone.

MOTION

Alex made a motion to approve the fiscal officer to have a township-paid cell phone for business purposes, effective immediately.

Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

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Dunn introduced the draft version of the fall/winter 2021 township newsletter for the board to review. Dunn asked the board if they had any additions or comments for the newsletter to get those to the fiscal department as soon as possible. Alex said the newsletter looked good.

Dunn asked the board how they would like the newsletter to be distributed to the residents such as electronic versus printing and mailing. Alex said that he would prefer to continue mailing the newsletter out to the residents. There are many residents in the township who do not have access to an electronic version. Alex and Horn expressed their desire to continue mailing the newsletter. Dunn confirmed the newsletter will be mailed as normal.

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins shared that since we now have help in the front office the township should be able to get future newsletters out timelier for the residents of the township.

Dunn stated that the Township internet has dropped and he has lost those who called into ZOOM for the meeting. Dunn reconnected ZOOM and opened the meeting back up to the callers.

Dunn introduced the Franklin County Tax Rates for 2022.

Resolution 2021-167 **Accept the Franklin County Tax Amounts and Tax Rates for 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approved to accept the Franklin County Estimated Tax Rates for 2022. (Exhibit A)

Alex made a motion to adopt the above-stated resolution, Fleshman seconded the motion; with no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Exhibit A

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2021-167

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES)
OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTIONS 5703.34, 5705.33

The Board of Trustees of FRANKLIN Township, Franklin County,
Ohio, met in Regular session on the 7th day of October,
(Regular or Special)
2021, at the office of Franklin Township with the following members
present:

Ralph Horn
Aryeh Alex
John Fleshman

Aryeh Alex moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of FRANKLIN Township,
Franklin County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously
adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Franklin County, Ohio, has certified its
action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of
each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what
part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of FRANKLIN Township,
Franklin County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget
Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township
the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation for tax year
2021 (collection year 2022) as follows:

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With no further discussion, Horn moved to speaker Janine Lovelace.

Janine Lovelace of Ohio Youth Development explained that her organization is in charge of the community garden located in the Havenwood Townhome community. She explained that she is applying for the Urban Grant this year (for the garden) and asked the board to sign an acknowledgment as the owner of the property.

MOTION

Alex made a motion to acknowledge and support the Ohio Youth Development in their efforts to obtain the Urban Grant for the community garden located in the Havenwood Townhomes Community.

Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the audience for questions/comments.

Questions:

Robbyne Chaney, attending via ZOOM asked Stevens to confirm that the grant he is applying for would provide up to \$250,000.00 to pave township roads. Stevens confirmed that \$250,000.00 was correct. Chaney explained that the roads in her neighborhood are really bad and many potholes need to be addressed. Stevens said he is aware of the condition of the roadways and there are plans to complete patchwork in Chaney's area.

Chaney continued by stating there still continue to be ongoing issues at the Speedy gas station at Broadlawn and W. Broad Street. The Speedway is out-of-hand not controlling the homeless and the ongoing trash issue said, Chaney.

Lt. Ratliff explained that just recently the corporate office of Speedway granted the Franklin Township Police Department permission to trespass and assist with the homeless. Just recently Officer T. Myers was dispatched to Speedway and he made the homeless clean up their trash and asked them to move along away from Speedway, Ratliff stated. Chaney said something needs to be done to report this business as a nuisance, same as what happened to the Speedway on Sullivant Avenue.

Chaney asked if it is illegal to have a household full-size refrigerator on your front porch with the doors still on it. Ratliff told Chaney she would need to contact Franklin County Residential Zoning.

Chaney also asked Stevens if he saw the graffiti spray-painted on the roadway in her neighborhood and Stevens agreed that this was reported to him just today.

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With no additional callers on ZOOM having a comment/question, Horn moved to the in-person audience.

Charlene Combs, an audience member approached the podium to express her disappointment in a letter she received in the mail that included a written statement from Chairman Horn. Combs read the letter and the information within Cook's mailer and asked for proof.

Combs accused Horn of dirty politics and lying to her and she did not like it. Combs stated that she thinks Fleshman has worked his bottom off for the township. Horn said he did not want to have this brought up in a public meeting. Horn offered to come to Combs's house to further explain his position.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to discuss and no further comments or questions from the audience, Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Attested on the 7th day of October 2021

Signature on file with original _____
Nick Dunn, Fiscal Officer