

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Franklin Township
Franklin County, Ohio

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

December 12, 2019

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 19-262

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board allow the Fire Department to contact Bruner Corporation to repair furnace at Station 192 at a cost not to exceed \$1,392.79.

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 19-263

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board the approves payroll in the amount of \$174,807.38 and bills in the amount of \$80,576.79 for a total of \$255,384.17 from check number 61365 to check number 61575 and electric payments from #19-271 through 19-346 for Friday, November 29, 2019.

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 19-264

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to renew the 2020 membership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) with annual dues not to exceed \$5,685.03. The Administrator will operate as the main contact between the Township and MORPC.

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 19-265

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board the approves payroll in the amount of \$276,227.61 and bills in the amount of \$172,308.98 for a total of \$448,536.59 from check number 61577 to check number 61762 and electric payments from #19-352 through 19-362 for Friday, December 13, 2019.

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Real Estate: Laura Esterline

Esterline said she would like to recommend the board consider adjusting the price on four (4) parcels (no structures) which are currently listed on the market. Esterline presented the following parcels and her proposed adjustment.

	<u>Currently Listed</u>	<u>Adjusted Price</u>
1295 Marsdale Avenue	\$13,500.00	\$9,500.00
1207 Hart Road	\$14,500.00	\$9,800.00
1765 Marsdale Avenue	\$17,000.00	\$12,000.00
1884 Little Avenue	\$12,000.00	\$9,500.00

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 19-271

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to adjust the current market selling price for the following parcels of land (no structures) per the recommendation of Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker for Franklin Township:

Parcel ID: 140-001748-00	1295 Marsdale Avenue from \$13,500.00 to \$9,500.00
Parcel ID: 140-004177-00	1207 Hart Road from \$14,500.00 to \$9,800.00
Parcel ID: 140-005822-00	1765 Marsdale Avenue from \$17,000.00 to \$12,000.00
Parcel ID: 140-003229-00	1884 Little Avenue from \$12,000.00 to \$9,500.00

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 19-272

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board accepts the offer of \$9,500.00 for parcel ID# 140-003229-00 located at 1884 Little Avenue.

Esterline then explained to the Board her intent with Board approval to list the following parcels on the market and their market listing price.

	<u>Listing Price</u>
1249 Richter Road	\$9,000.00
3506 Brookside Blvd	\$28,00.00 (three lots) 1.5 acres
3303 Brookside Blvd	\$11,500.00
3464 Dover Road	\$11,500.00
125 Florence Avenue	\$5,000.00
777 Brown Road	\$25,000.00
1091 Searles Avenue	\$7,500.00

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Lindbergh Drive	\$5,000.00
1523 Little Avenue	\$10,000.00
Valleyview Drive	\$7,500.00

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Resolution 19-273

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker to list the following parcels on the market at the stated listing price:

Parcel ID: 140-000123-00 at 1249 Richter Road listing for \$9,000.00
Parcel ID: 140-001868-00 at 3506 Brookside Blvd listing for \$28,000.00 (3 lots)
Parcel ID: 140-001885-00 at 3303 Brookside Blvd listing for \$11,500.00
Parcel ID: 140-001934-00 at 3464 Dover Road listing for \$11,500.00
Parcel ID: 140-002802-00 at 125 Florence Avenue for \$5,000.00
Parcel ID: 140-002912-00 at 777 Brown Road for \$25,000.00
Parcel ID: 140-003002-00 at 1091 Searles Avenue for \$7,500.00
Parcel ID: 140-003455-00 on Lindbergh Drive for \$5,000.00
Parcel ID: 140-004247-00 at 1523 Little Avenue for \$10,000.00
Parcel ID: 141-000047-00 on Valleyview Drive for \$7,500.00

Esterline distributed the proper paper for the Board to sign which is needed to proceed with the above resolutions. Esterline said she is hoping that buyers will build on the land and the Township would then begin to see a lot of newer homes/new builds in the area. I personally took a tour of UniBuilt Custom Homes. This is the company who is working to redevelop and build smaller homes in the neighborhoods around Children's Hospital, Esterline shared.

Fleshman turned the meeting over to Administrator Potts.

Potts distributed a notice from the court system where five (5) parcels did not sell at a recent Sheriff's auction. There are several parcels on Rae Avenue as well as one parcel off Briggs Road.

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 19-274

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board allows Administrator Potts to send a letter to the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) to transfer the following parcels to the Township upon receipt of clean deed.

Parcel ID# 140-001482-00	2047 Rae Avenue
Parcel ID# 140-001480-00	Rae Ave (Lot 40)
Parcel ID# 140-001481-00	Rae Ave (Lot 41)
Parcel ID# 140-001483-00	Rae Ave (Lot 43)
Parcel ID# 140-007405-00	Briggs Road (OQ 1000 Entry 971)

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Potts gave an update on 714 N. Hague Avenue which is currently owned by COCIC. The greening process is currently in progress since the house has been torn down. Once the greening process is complete COCIC plans to transfer the deed to Franklin Township, said Potts.

Horn reminded the trustees that much of the land the Township owns we are responsible for the tax bill. These properties are not exempt so the Township will need to pay the tax bill in 2020, Horn explained. Horn said the Township needs to establish a process to dispose of properties which do not sell to avoid incurring the annual tax bill. Fleshman shared his opinion that the properties are given to the Township at no cost so he sees no issue in the Township paying the annual property taxes. The Township receives revenue when the land is sold which is more than the property taxes, said Fleshman. Horn said he understands Fleshman's position but he does not want to get into specifics but the Township needs to establish a process in the future.

Police Department Report:

Lieutenant Ratliff shared that two (2) of the part-time patrolmen have completed their training and are now out on patrol. This means more officers on the streets, said Ratliff.

Ratliff distributed a job posting for a new investigator position within the police department. This position would focus on misdemeanors and low-level felony crimes, conduct interviews and investigations which would be a more personal service to the residents of Franklin Township, said Ratliff.

Alex confirmed that this is a new position but not a new expense. The Township plans to hire within and replace the patrolman position with the investigator position, Ratliff explained. Horn believes this will be a great utilization of our existing police force with their training and familiarity of the Township.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will be offering a training program for the new investigator as well.

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 19-275

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approved the police department to post a lateral position of Investigator as outlined in the job posting. This position will replace a full-time patrolman position upon hire.

Ratliff asked the audience if anyone lived in the Mon-E-Bak area and was familiar with the speed radar device sitting on Plank between Dover Road and Plainview Avenue. There was no one from Mon-E-Bak present in the audience.

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The Assistant Fiscal Officer said the device has been there for several weeks and it seems to be working, traffic is slowing down.

Chief Smith asked Administrator Potts if a resolution had previously been read to make David Pollock the permanent Sargent on 2nd shift. Potts stated that this action is listed on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

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 19-272

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves moving David Pollock from acting Sergeant to permanent Sargent on 2nd shift effective immediately.

The Board agreed they could not imagine a better person for this position. Horn shared that he is pleased to be able to continue to work with Sargent Pollock on the block watches within the Township.

Smith shared that on Saturday, December 14th, 2019 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm will be the annual toy drive. The toys will be distributed to families within the Township and westside, shared Smith.

Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Ronk had nothing to report.

Fire Department Report:

James Welch, Fire Chief explained that the telephone system blew at Station 192 on December 11, 2019. The Chief was able to locate a Samsung expert to fix the issue and get the telephone system up and running. The company charges \$80.00 an hour without requiring a contract. This company can provide services to meet both the fire department and the administrative side of Township, said Welch.

The Fiscal Officer explained that the bill was paid and the system went down due to technical issues.

The Fire Department has partnered with a local business (Fat Baxter's on W. Mound Street) along with a Township resident Angie Scolieri-Gray in donating funds for the fire department to buy canine/feline oxygen masks (various sizes) to properly treat animals impacted by smoke inhalation or other breathing issues.

Road Department Report:

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent provided an update on the new salt barn. The salt barn is up and salt will be delivered soon. We came in under budget for the entire salt barn project, said Stevens.

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Stevens notified everyone that today was the last day for leaf pickup for the year. The leaf vac was officially disconnected and the road crew will focus on picking up brush and preparing for any upcoming inclement winter weather, said Stevens.

Fiscal Department Report:

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Trustee Report:

John Fleshman explained with a heavy heart that back on September 23, 2019, the Township Secretary, Erin Crome filed an affidavit against him stating he is a racist. Fleshman shared that he has never been called racist before. He then asked the Police Chief if the investigation was complete and if so, what was the outcome. Smith confirmed that the investigation was complete and there was nothing sustainable related to the allegations that could be proven. Fleshman said the reason he wanted to bring this up is because two (2) days before this affidavit was submitted Ms. Crome asked Fleshman if he was going to be helping Mrs. Rice in her election and Fleshman said that if Mrs. Rice needed help he would help her in any way that he could. The conversation continued and Ms. Crome asked Fleshman what his intentions were in his political career because if Fleshman chose to help Mrs. Rice in her campaign that Fleshman's career would be over or potentially could be over.

Fleshman said he was not sure what Ms. Crome's statement meant but two (2) days later an affidavit was submitted by Ms. Crome. The affidavit is based on a feeling Ms. Crome has because her children are bio-racial and that is the cause of the allegation of racist, Fleshman explained. It is hard to understand how an individual can be called racist especially someone who is the fabric of the Township and as an elected official, it is just wrong, said Fleshman. It's no different than if I was racist and called someone the "N" word it would have the same derogatory effect as it impacts me by labeling me a racist as an elected official, Fleshman continued. I wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board as well as everyone here because I know there has been whispers of this and that I have not put it out there. Andre Hill (present in the audience) and I have been neighbors for over 20 years and I don't think I have ever been racists to your sir, asked Fleshman. No, not at all, I have known Mr. Fleshman for 20 years and we are more than neighbors, we've always been good with each other, you're like a best friend or a brother to me, said Mr. Hill. As far as Franklin Township this process is finished but I will be taking this outside of here in the new year to make sure my name is cleared and not just a label, Fleshman explained. Fleshman thanked everyone for listening.

Steve Morris, member of the audience asked Fleshman why he waited so long to bring this issue up. Fleshman said he feels his reasoning is in the matter he just spoke on. Morris said that Fleshman had no right to bring this matter up in public. Fleshman said Sir, Sir. Morris said you just gave this gentleman (pointing at Mr. Hill) time to talk. Fleshman said yes and that is my privilege, moving on.

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Ralph Horn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I have appreciated working with everyone these last four (4) years and look forward to working with everyone in the new year. God Bless, said Horn.

Fiscal Officer Lisa Morris asked the Board and department heads to submit their bills and payroll to the Fiscal Department by the morning on Monday, December 23, 2019, to make sure everything is processed by the end of the year. *Fleshman* thanked the Fiscal Department for their hard work wrapping up the year end.

Aryeh Alex shared that the Township received a request from the Government Affairs Director for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners asking the Township to support an order signed by President Trump (Executive Order 13888) – On Enhancing State and Local Government Involvement in Resettlement. This would require local municipalities to send a letter to the Secretary of State, Michael Pompeo giving consent per the Executive Order 13888 by passing a Resolution.

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 19-277

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board gives consent to the Presidential Executive Order 13888 on Enhancing State and Local Government Involvement in Resettlement. Administrator Potts will send a letter of consent to Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo.

Alex notified the Board of an upcoming naloxone training on January 22, 2020 from 6pm to 8pm at 4100 Sullivant Avenue at Station 192. This is open to the public and each participant will receive two (2) doses of naloxone as well as training on how to administer when an overdose occurs. This training is at no cost. It comes through a grant provided by the Franklin County Board of Health, *Alex* shared.

Administrator Report:

Mark Potts, Administrator explained how the Township works with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) on various projects. The latest project is MORPC is asking their members such as Franklin Township to work with the U.S. Census Bureau to promote the 2020 Census, said *Potts*.

It is important that an accurate count is obtained when the 2020 census occurs to assist with funding and grants for the Township. I am asking the Board with their approval if the Township can host a hiring event for our region of the U.S. Census. There are various positions which pay anywhere from \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour working for the U.S. Census Bureau, said *Potts*.

Fleshman commended *Alex* on his work on the census.

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Alex made the following motion to authorize Administrator Potts to work with the MORPC and the U.S. Census Bureau to create a Franklin Township hiring event before January 31, 2020 and they can use Township resources and hall as needed. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

Potts continued by updating everyone on the Community Health Action Team (C.H, A.T.) and how they are working on developing a food bank/pantry in the Township. Our hope is to utilize space at Central Baptist Church on the fourth Saturday of each month to offer a food bank/pantry. Our area has been identified by the Mid-Ohio Food Bank as a priority area so there is no need to worry about impacting surrounding food banks/pantries, Potts explained.

Alex explained that adding this additional food bank/pantry would allow folks to obtain fresh fruits/vegetables every two weeks at Central Baptist Church. Horn thanked Pastor Womack for the use of church for community events such as these.

Potts thanked Representative Adam Miller for meeting with him and Trustee Alex to work on some special projects.

Speaker Cards:

Terry Williams, audience member distributed an ordinance from another Township which specifically addressing noise reduction as it relates to dogs barking. Fleshman thanked Williamson for this ordinance and asked Administrator Potts to reach out to this specific Township and to our legal team for guidance.

Questions from the Audience:

Mike Blevins, audience member asked the Board for an update on the Township logo. Fleshman said the Administrator is working with the Township attorney to gain permission legally to use the logo.

Blevins stated that he was promised a few meetings ago for a total cost of the new police modular now that the water/sewer lines are installed and the modular is fully operational. Fleshman recommended Blevins reach out to the Fiscal Department for a comprehensive cost analysis of the modular.

Blevins asked Administrator Potts based on the allegations which Fleshman stated earlier if the Township have proper procedures in place for this type of thing? Currently the Township has a sexual harassment policy in place and we are working towards creating other policies, said Potts. Blevins confirmed that based on this answer the Township currently does not have a racial discrimination policy in place. Not as of yet, said Potts.

Blevins asked for clarification on if the Township had hired an Administrative Assistant. This title was used in a recent Facebook posting so I wasn't sure if this was a new position, said Blevins. Administrative Assistant is just a more professional word for secretary, so this is not a new position/hire it's our Township Secretary we were referring to, said Potts.

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Blevins asked the Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris why there was a \$167,900.16 difference in the overall payroll from this time last year in 2018 until now in 2019. Morris explained that many of the employees are cashing out their unused holiday and comp time as outlined in their collective bargaining agreements.

December 2018: \$131,623.00
December 2019: \$299,523.16
Difference of: \$167,900.16 (higher in 2019)

Blevins asked if the budget is good, Morris deferred to Fire Chief Welch to explain. Welch explained that the fire department is 2% over in their salaries for 2019 due to high volume of firefighters who were out on injury leave. There were many occasions where firefighters worked overtime to cover those injured workers, said Welch.

Blevins said he appreciated knowing this information. I know the favorite saying around this Township is that I am a firefighter hater and I am not, shared Blevins. I am just asking a question, said Blevins. I don't think you're a firefighter hater, replied Welch.

Blevins thanked everyone for answering his questions and providing clarity.

Horn reminded everyone that state law prevails as it relates to harassment of any sort.

At 7:50 p.m., with no further discussion, Fleshman adjourned the meeting.

Signature on file with Original
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature on file with Original
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature on file with Original
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature on file with Original
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken & typed by: R. Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 01/09/2020