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

Regular Meeting

July 1, 2021

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. in person on July 1, 2021 at 2193 Frank Road.

Opening Prayer: Led by Trustee Fleshman

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Alex

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Horn made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of 06/17/2021. 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:

Horn invited Janine Lovelace as the first speaker. Janine introduced herself as Executive Director of Ohio Valley Youth Development. She wanted to make the Board aware that Havenwood Garden was started in June of 2020 however has suffered from vandalism and their team needs to build a fence around the property. She mentioned reaching out to Franklin County Zoning but not hearing back from them as of yet. She stated that a fencing company is donating the materials and also will teach the youth how to build a fence. She mentioned also wanting to build a shed within the fence.

With nothing further, Horn moved to the next item on the agenda.

Fiscal Officer Nick Dunn recommended the following resolution:

Resolution 2021-089

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves accounts payable through 06/30/2021 in the amount of \$241,897.09 and payroll paid on 06/11/21 in the amount of \$144,599.10, payroll paid on 06/25/21 in the amount of \$140,401.25 and payroll paid on 07/01/21 in the amount of \$8,616.93 for a total of \$535,514.37. From check number 66498 to 66645 and electronic vouchers from 458-2021 to 604-2021. (See Exhibit)

Alex made a motion to accept the recommended resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

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Fiscal Officer Dunn recommended the following resolution:

Resolution 2021-090

A RESOLUTION APPROVING OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, The board of township trustees, in Resolution 2021-083, authorized the township administrator to approve/incur 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 administrator 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 administrator 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 made a motion to accept the recommended resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

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

Resolution passed.

Horn introduced Realtor/Broker Laura Esterline from *Heart of it All Realty*. Horn explained to those present the role Laura plays in assisting Franklin Township with regard to clearing and selling distressed properties within the township.

Laura mentioned a property at 1765 Marsdale listed at \$7,500, Lot #140005822-00.

She stated she has received offers for \$5,000, \$7,000, \$10,000 and \$11,000. She stated that the gentleman offering \$11,000 has built houses within Franklin Township and has plans to build on this property within 90 days of receiving his permits.

Alex made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2021-091 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER OF \$11,000.00

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FOR 1765 MARSDALE AVENUE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to accept the offer of \$11,000.00 made for the property located at 1765 Marsdale Avenue (parcel ID: 140-005822-00). The selling of the property is being handled by broker/realtor Laura Esterline of Heart of it All Realty.

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

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

Resolution passed.

Laura asked if the Board would consider making approving a resolution to reduce the listing price of the property located at 777 Brown Rd (parcel # 14-002912-00).

Alex made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2021-092

REDUCE LISTING PRICE OF 777 BROWN ROAD TO \$9,500.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to reduce the listing price of 777 Brown Road (parcel ID: 140-002912-00) to \$9,500.00. The listing/selling of the property is being handled by broker/realtor Laura Esterline of Heart of it All Realty.

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

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

Resolution passed.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to New Business.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Lieutenant David Ratliff inquired if the Board wished to attend The Havenwood Townhomes “2021 National Night Out” event.

Alex stated that the Board was not interested in Franklin Township hosting the event but felt that the Franklin Township Police Department could attend and represent the township at Havenwood.

Fleshman made a motion that the Board approves the Franklin Township Police Department may attend a “National Night Out” event hosted by Havenwood Townhomes on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Alex seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Alex made a motion to adopt the follow resolution:

Resolution 2021-093

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03(B)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Board") provides police services through the Franklin Township Police District ("Police District"), which services the **unincorporated** portions of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Board is the taxing authority for the Police District; and

WHEREAS, Township voters approved a 4.1-mill levy on May 2nd of 2017 for a five (5) year period for the purposes contained in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Franklin Township and its Police District and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of that limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy outside the ten-mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Franklin County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township (**unincorporated areas only**) and (ii) and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the Section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. The Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Franklin Township and its Police District.

Section 2. The Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Franklin Township (**unincorporated areas only**) and its Police District for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5701.19(J). The sections of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(J), 5705.191, and 5705.25.

Section 3. The Franklin County Auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify to the Franklin Township Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of Franklin Township (**unincorporated areas only**) and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the following levy:

4.1 mill replacement levy with a 3.0 mill increase to constitute a tax of 7.1 mills.

Section 4. The above-referenced proposed levy would be a renewal with an increase upon the **unincorporated** territory of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, for a period of five (5) consecutive years, to be placed upon the ballot of the general election to be held on November 2, 2021, and submitted to the **unincorporated** territory of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio. The proposed levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate of 2021 for collection of 2022, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 5. Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio only has territory in Franklin County, Ohio.

Section 6. The Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor and the Board of Elections of Franklin County, Ohio.

Section 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in

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compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time provided by law.

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

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

Resolution passed.

Deputy Travis Carter of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) gave the stats for Franklin Township for the past two weeks.

Carter did mention that the FCSO has switched over to the Matrix reporting system, therefore what he is giving is a basic number of runs (not exact).

His list of runs included:

- 3 drug-related offenses, all overdoses
- 14 burglaries/breaking & entering
- 5 stolen vehicles
- 1 recovered stolen vehicle
- 16 weapon-related runs
- 2 robberies
- 18 thefts
- 9 firework complaints

Carter also reported 530 calls of service, 26 reports made and 36 arrests.

Fleshman inquired if there was an update on the suspicious activities occurring at Econolodge. Carter responded by stating the process is for authorities in the City of Columbus to send a nuisance letter to the establishment and they have a year to clean things up.

He also stated that if residents see anything they feel is suspicious, to call the police with that information.

Fleshman also expressed his concern regarding the holiday weekend and fireworks being set off.

Carter reminded the public to be aware of their surroundings while participating in celebrations that include fireworks.

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

Fire Department Report:

Chief James Welch asked for a motion from the Board to accept the resignation of Richard McMichael.

Alex made a motion to accept the resignation of Richard McMichael for the Fire Township Fire Department. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Welch recommended the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-094
Hiring of Jacob Hawkins as FFI**
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to hire Jacob Hawkins as a Firefighter/Medic I effective July 2, 2021. (contingent on passing pension physical)

Alex made the motion to allow Chief Welch to hire Jacob Hawkins as a firefighter/medic I effective completion of pension physical. Fleshman seconded the Resolution; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Welch recommended the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-095
Hiring of Michael Sorkin as FFI**
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to hire Michael Sorkin as a Firefighter/Medic I effective July 4, 2021. (contingent on passing pension physical)

Alex made a motion to allow Chief Welch to hire Michael Sorkin. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Welch recommended the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-096
Hiring of James Nann as FFI**
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to hire James Nann as a Firefighter/Medic I effective July 7, 2021. (contingent on passing pension physical)

Alex made a motion to allow Chief Welch to hire James Nann. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows:

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

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Resolution passed.

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

Road Department Report:

Superintendent Jim Stevens mentioned the discussions which occurred in previous meetings regarding heating and insulation of a building within the road department. He stated that he received an updated bid from Trio Construction and was surprised at the amount considering the increased cost of materials.

The Board agreed that the previous Resolution (2021-043) should be amended in order to reflect the new bid received from Trio Construction.

Fleshman made a motion to amend Resolution 2021-043 to reflect a new amount from Trio Roofing not to exceed \$15,380.50. 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

Motion passed.

Stevens mentioned an issue the Road Department has regarding a dead tree on El Paso along Interstate 70. He stated that renting a lift for a week to use in tree maintenance would cost less than hiring a company to help them.

Fleshman stated that in the next year or two, the Board should consider having enough in the budget to provide the Road Department with a bucket truck for tree maintenance.

Fleshman made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2021-097
Rental of Towable Boom Lift from Home Depot
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves to allow Road Superintendent to rent a towable boom lift from Home Depot to perform tree maintenance within the Township at a cost not to exceed \$1,128.00. (See Exhibit)

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

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

Resolution passed.

Stevens asked for a resolution in order for a Township resident to temporarily close their street for a holiday block party.

Alex made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2021-098
Temporary Closure of Belmead & Shady Lane on 07/04/21

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to temporarily close Belmead and Shady Lane on July 4, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for a block party.

Fleshman seconded the resolution; with no further discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows:

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

Resolution passed.

Stevens mentioned meeting with county engineers regarding Hopkins Avenue behind Walgreens where there is an issue with drainage. He stated that beginning July 12, 2021 with the county's assistance, they would be starting work. He stated he is hopeful they will not need to do any replacement of the drains.

Horn asked Stevens if he was aware of a road sign being down on Broad Street and a small fallen tree at Eastfield Drive.

Stevens stated that he was aware of both.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the trustee reports:

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Alex stated he had nothing to report.

Trustee Fleshman mentioned hearing of another accident at Forest and Hopkins and that he will continue conversations with the County to obtain a four-way stop at that intersection.

Trustee Horn recognized the staff at Franklin Township and their accomplishments over the last few years.

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

Fiscal Department Report:

Fiscal Officer Nick Dunn gave a reminder to the Board of a public hearing to be held on July 15, 2021 at 6 p.m. at Township Hall regarding the 2022 Proposed Tax Budget.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the administrator report:

Administrator Report:

Administrator Mark Potts reported that firewalls have been installed to improve security to Franklin Township computers. He stated that unfortunately the process did shut down the phone system which is currently being fixed.

Potts also mentioned that Facebook has been "shutting out" certain groups. He stated that he has been receiving messages from Facebook. He stated that he has been forced to post meeting notices on the Police page. He

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stated that the IT company's recommendation is to shut down existing Facebook pages and start new ones.

Potts stated that the Township's Twitter and Instagram pages are functioning. He stated that along with Fiscal Officer Dunn, they are trying to find a way to have in-person and Zoom meetings at the same time.

With no further discussion Horn moved to questions from the audience

Public Questions/Comments:

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, Horn adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Signature of file with original

Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature of file with original

John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman/Trustee

Signature of file with original

Ralph Horn, Chairman/Trustee

Signature of file with original

Nick Dunn, Fiscal Officer