Chairman Cook called the regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 P.M. September 8, 2016 at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Cook gave the welcome.

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

Chaplain Womach of the Franklin Township Police Department led in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Cook made a motion to suspend 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 table the minutes of August 11 and August 25, 2016. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Police Chief Byron Smith swore in Pastor Timothy C Womach as the Chaplain of Franklin Township.

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

**RESOLUTION # 16-281**

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of Trustees of Franklin Township Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves payroll in the amount of $131,807.38 and bills in the amount of $130,454.60 totaling $262,261.98 from check #40750 to check #40841.

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

EMS: 16-542 Fed-Ex-shipment of merchandise for ems use and tracking $22.05, Fire Department: 16-114 T & T Service-193 hydrant pump repair $21.94, 16-115 Phoenix-Piper Fire Boots $160.00, 16-544 Horton-M193 light $45.75, 16-113 Finley-SCBA parts $201.58, General Fund: 16-080 Paygov-Title change $16.00, 16-081 Structure Marketing inc-Envelopes $662.00, Police Department: 16-080 LAPG-Rep shirt Smith $50.16, 16-81 Galls-Badge holder-Chaplain $21.39,Road Department: 16-97 Southeastern Equipment-cutting blades for flail mower $69.38,

**Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**Resolution # 16-282 thru # 16-290**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves the HB50 for the monies to be assessed from the property tax for the mowing of the following properties.

1976 Marsdale

3284 Dover

911 Marsdale

1970 Marsdale

1657 Eastbrook

1729 Eastbrook

1790 Richmond

1651 Eastbrook

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 # 16-291**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves to pay Toole and Associates for July and August services in the amount of $2,686.93

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 # 16-292**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves to pay Brunner Heating and Cooling for repairs at station 192 in the amount of $1,563.32.

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 # 16-293**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves to pay Brosius, Johnson and Griggs for August services in the amount of $4,974.22.

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 # 16-294 thru # 16-296**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves the HB50 for the monies to be assessed from the property tax for mowing the following properties.

462 Prospect

1513 Little

2474 Wynwood

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

Building Department: Melissa Schopp presented the estimates for the Township to tear down properties. The cost will be lesser if the Township tears the properties down themselves. The cost will be assessed from the property owners taxes. The board agreed.

Vice-Chairman Fleshman made a motion to authorize the road department Jim Stevens to tear down the two homes. Chairman Cook seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Melissa informed the board that she would have four more homes to add to the list of homes to be torn down in about two weeks.

1243 Richter

3369 Dover

3520 Dover

1765 Marsdale

Melissa Schopp signed an agreement with a new supply company; Premier Paper. Melissa announced we would no longer be using Sam’s Club. The Fire department and the board have agreed to the new supply company. There are two contracts that need signed by the board. The board agreed to sign the contracts.

**Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**Resolution # 16-297**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves to enter into an agreement of a two-year contract with SCA Tork Advantage.

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 # 16-298**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board agrees to go into a contract with RB professional Lysol.

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

Fire Department: Chief Adams gave the run numbers for the month of August. The Fire Department was on the scene of the Valley View fire for 19 hours and there was no equipment damage. There was exposure to ammonia all the Fire Fighters where checked out and released.

Chief Adams has a resignation letter from Greg Schlabach.

Greg Schlabach

Firefighter/Paramedic

Franklin-Twp. Station 193

1 Unit

Dear Chief Welch and Assistant Chief Adams:

Please accept this as my formal letter of resignation from my position as a Franklin Twp. Firefighter. I would like to make Tuesday the 20th of September my last day on company. It is with a heavy and full heart that I do this. The past nine and a half months have been the best months of my life and that is not an exaggeration. I have never felt so accepted and as much a part of something as quickly as I have working at Franklin Twp. I have gained invaluable experience time and limited exposures since I have been an employee at your department, experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my career. It is rare that a fire departments name carries the respect that Franklin Township Fire does. I would like to thank you Chiefs for the opportunity of employment and the training I have received as well as Lt. Graham and all the guys on 1 unit.

Sincerely,

Firefighter Greg Schlabach

Chairman Cook made a motion to accept Greg Schlabach’s resignation effective September 20, 2016. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook,yes, Horn, yes.

Assistant Chief Adams informed the Board the Fire department would be going through the process of hiring another firefighter to replace Greg Schlabach. He was a safer grant firefighter. The board agreed.

Assistant Chief Adams updated the board on the Ohio insurance. Chairman Cook informed the community that there would be a meeting with Brian Savage from the Ohio insurance company. He will be coming out on October 6th, to discuss the insurance. There will be a special meeting posted.

Road Department: Jim Stevens informed the board that there were over 100 homes that were mowed this year. This is more than was mowed last year. Jim updated the board on the 550 dump truck and the 350 pickup. These trucks will be on display in Madison County at the Farm Science review on September 19. The board agreed to allow Jim Stevens to display the trucks at the Madison County farm Science review.

**Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.**

**Resolution # 16-271**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County Ohio that the Board approves the Police Ride-a-long internal policy.

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

Ride Along Policy

The below listed policy will be adhered to in regards to any (civilian, non-township Policeman) that is riding along with a township officer.

* Participants shall wear professional casual clothing. Shorts, sleeveless shirts, and t-shirts will not be acceptable attire. Participants should also not dress in a like manner to the officer.
* Participants shall be under the direct control of the police officer.
* Officers will not allow participants to enter private homes or other areas where a citizen has a reasonable expectation of privacy without the explicit consent of the citizen. Participants will also not be allowed to photograph and/or videotape within these same areas.
* Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.
* Participants shall not interfere with police officers while in the performance of their duties.
* Participants shall not perform police duties. In an emergency, they may take appropriate action to protect themselves and/or officers.
* The Police Chief shall have the option to deny an individual’s request to participate in the Ride Along Program.
* Participants shall not carry weapons while they are participating in the Ride along Program. (The ONLY exception is if the participant is a commissioned police officer in the state of Ohio).
* No person under the age of 18 years will be allowed to participate in the Ride Along Program
* Ride Along participants are not authorized to operate any Township equipment.
* Failure to comply with the directives of the officers, or improperly getting involved in a situation, will end the Ride Along.
* Officers may terminate a Ride Along at any time.
* The Ride Along shall be required to wear a seat belt at all times when in the cruiser.
* Ride Along participants are prohibited from using any type of tobacco products while in township vehicles.
* Participants are observers. They will not exit a police vehicle during any police activity unless directed to do so by a police officer. They will refrain from direct involvement in police functions or conversation with violators, suspects, arrestees, witnesses, complainants, or other members of the public encountered during the source of the official duties of the police officer with whom the participant is riding
* During the course of the Ride Along, the participant may be exposed to privileged information. The participant WILL NOT divulge any of the privileged information they are exposed to.

Officers found in violation of this policy will receive progressive discipline. Participants violating this directive will be banned from future Ride Alongs and may be subject to criminal actions.

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Chief Smith would like to place signs in mon-e-bak informing the community of the block watch program. There will by three signs to post. The board agreed. Chief Smith asked about forced entry into a house. Chief would like to put together a forced entry kit for at least three cars.

Chairman Cook made a motion to authorize Chief Smith to put together three force entry kits and not to exceed the amount of $450.00. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Fleshman, yes, Cook, yes, Horn, yes.

Chief Smith also informed the board the ride along would be limited to one a month and there has to be an appointment scheduled with Melissa prior to the ride-a-long. The board agreed.

Mary Neymeyer discussed a vacant house at 1233 Brown Road. She is concerned with the property. Police department Chief Smith will look into the safety of the home. The board asked Jim Stevens and Melissa Schopp to look into the property. They have agreed.

John Fleshman had nothing.

Don Cook discussed the impact of home rule. How it would benefit the Township. Home rule will be on the ballot. The agreed home rule would be in the best interest of the Township. There will be a park out by Havenwood Apartments off Industrial Mile road. The property has been deeded to the Township. The Township will care for the park starting next year. There was a notice sent to the Township about trash not being picked-up by the trash company. Chairman Cook informed the community of the contract and the trash company is supposed to pick it up per contract. Chairman Cook will contact the Township attorney to speak with local waste pertaining to the contract. Fiscal Officer Lisa Morris asked could the road department pick up the trash from properties and assess the fees from the tax of the property owner. Jim Stevens made it very clear that if the Township has to pick up the trash it would cost more than the monthly bill of trash services. The road department would consider this approach. Discussion was had. No decisions have been made.

Trustee Horn discussed the issues with the trash. No decisions have been made at this time.

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 7:33 pm

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Don Cook, Chairman

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John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

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Ralph Horn, Trustee

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Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer