

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

May 30, 2019

Chairman Fleshman called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 30, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Fleshman opened the meeting

Opening Prayer: Not presented due to no available pastor

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Horn

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

Prior Meeting Minutes: No minutes presented for approval. Approval was tabled until next meeting on June 13, 2019.

Old Business

Resolutions:

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, absent.

Resolution 19-087

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to hire Simon Pierce as a member of the Road Crew as part-time summer help effective May 29, 2019 with a starting rate of pay at \$16.00 per hour.

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, absent.

Resolution 19-088

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to hire Hunter Braithwaite as a member of the Road Crew as part-time summer help effective June 3, 2019 with a starting rate of pay at \$14.00 per hour.

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, absent.

Resolution 19-089

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to purchase two (2) 8 GB/Windows 10 Dell Desktop computers including a three (3) year warranty for \$769.00 each plus \$10.00 shipping for a total of \$1558.00 from Revolution group.

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Resolution 19-090

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to purchase one (1) 12GB/Windows 10 HP laptop computer including a three (3) year warranty for \$1123.98 and \$15.00 shipping fee for a total of \$1138.98 from Revolution group.

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, absent.

Resolution 19-091

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the May 31, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$172,787.33 and bills in the amount of \$26,096.42 for a total of \$198,883.75 from check number 50425 to check number 50540.

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, absent.

Resolution 19-092

(AMENDING Res# 19-075)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board amends Resolution 19-075 from a \$575.00 advance to a \$1,668.52 advance.

With no questions from the audience, Fleshman moved to New Business.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Byron Smith, Police Chief updated the Board on the arrival date of the police modular to be Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Smith continued by saying that him and members of the Board of Trustees had the pleasure of presenting in front of students and faculty at Franklin Heights and Westland High Schools the names of the recipients in the first annual Franklin Township High School Scholarship Fund.

Each of the selected students had to meet a criterial established by each high school as well as Franklin Township (such as each student must live in Franklin Township). The money to fund the scholarships is possible due to a portion of the revenue generated from paid speed camera citations, said Smith. Fleshman said he is honored to be able to show that Franklin Township is making a conscience effort to invest revenue from the speed camera program

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back to the young people of our Township. The speed camera program has a wide range of impact on the Township from slowing drivers down to supporting high school students in their future education, commented Fleshman.

The students below were each presented with a \$1,000.00 scholarship to college:

- S. Smith: Franklin Heights High School
- W. Estep: Westland High School
- M. Mang: Franklin Heights High School
- M. Pemba: Franklin Heights High School
- L. Thang: Franklin Heights High School

Smith and Fleshman both thanked Franklin Township resident Mike Blevins for suggesting the implementation of a scholarship fund program with revenue from the speed cameras. Fleshman recommended the scholarship be named the Blevins Scholarship Fund. Mike Blevins, member of the audience thanked Fleshman for the gesture and recommendation but kindly declined the offer.

Smith provided an update on the injury leave status of Officer Edwards. Smith stated that per Care Works Officer Edwards has been released and is scheduled to return to full duty on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Smith read the Board's response to the grievance filed by the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9 on April 12, 2019.

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Resolution 19-093

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board in response to a grievance filed by the Fraternal Order of Police Capital Lodge No. 9 on April 12, 2019. It is decision of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, OH that re-aligning the entire schedule of the Township Police Department would not be in the best interest of the officers/Township at this time. With that being said, the Board is open to negotiate changes in the contractual language of the new collective bargaining agreement that would allow for total schedule re-alignment on an annual basis.

Lieutenant Ratliff updated the Board on next steps on the modular installation. The Township will need to contract with a contractor who is on the City/County's certified contractor list to connect the septic system to the modular, said Ratliff. The Township will incur cost associated with this install and connection, confirmed Ratliff.

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Resolution 19-094

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Lieutenant and Road Superintendent to seek quotes from certified contractors for installation and connection of the septic system to the modular unit for the Police Department not to exceed \$3,000.00. If the quotes receives are higher than \$3,000.00 the Lieutenant will return to the Board with an update.

Linda Mercer, member of the audience asked Chief Smith if he knew when Frank Road is scheduled to be closed for construction. Smith said he did not know the date of the closure at this time.

With no further questions from the audience, Fleshman moved to the Fire Department.

Road Department Report:

Jim Stevens, Road Superintendent was absent so there was no report provided.

Horn did ask the audience to be patient as it relates to requests to the road department as they are still down one full time staff member.

With no questions from the audience, Fleshman moved to the Fire Department.

Fire Department Report:

James Welch, Fire Chief shared that the fire department is in need of stands for the Toughbook computers. Currently with the computers are not secure and the firefighters are holding the computers on their lap, a stand would make the job easier and protect the Toughbook from potential damage during transport, said Welch.

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Resolution 19-095

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fire Chief to purchase two (2) Toughbook computer stands from B & C Communications not to exceed \$2,400.00.

Welch reported that one of the medics was in a minor accident in the Doctor's Hospital (West).

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The new fire engine is scheduled to arrive at the Township in the coming weeks, said Welch.

Fleshman asked Chief Welch if he would submit to the Fiscal Officer an itemized list of participants who attended the Township community CPR training hosted by the Fire Department.

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Resolution 19-096

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to pay the invoice received from Response CPR totaling \$80.52 for supplies related to the community CPR training held on 05/08/19.

With no questions from the audience, Fleshman moved to the Fiscal Department.

Fiscal Department Report:

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer asked the Board to submit dates/times they are available to schedule a special meeting to discuss the 2015-2016 audit findings.

Mike Blevins, member of the audience asked the Fiscal Officer if she had an update on the pending information related to his public records request on the new fire engine. Morris stated that she is working with the Fire Chief to obtain a copy of the financial agreement on the new fire engine.

Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Office reported to the Board that Dearborn National the company providing life insurance to the Township is now providing coverage for spouses and domestic partners at a minimum monthly premium.

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, absent.

Resolution 19-097

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to participate in the Dearborn National life insurance program including spouses, children and domestic partners. The employee will be responsible for this additional premium via a bi-weekly payroll withholding.

With no further questions from the audience, Fleshman moved to Trustee Reports.

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Trustee Reports:

John Fleshman, Trustee provided an update on the Township logo project. The project is still moving forward encouraging residents to submit a sample for Board review as well as incorporating the Briggsdale House into the logo, said Fleshman.

Fleshman also updated the Board that the Franklin County Sanitary Engineers Office will be sending out letters to those residents approved for the financial assistance program for the Mon-E-Bak sanitary sewer project in the next two (2) weeks.

Ralph Horn, Trustee requested Fleshman to provide clarification on the Township logo initiative since a Township resident did submit a sample for the Board to review. Fleshman said the deadline for residents to submit logo samples has been extended. Horn said he thought the deadline had come and went.

Aryeh Alex, Trustee was absent so no report was provided.

Mark Potts, Administrator asked the Board if he would be able to explore an integrate time keeping system for the Township to better assist in the payroll process.

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, absent.

Resolution 19-098

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Township Administrator to explore the cost of implementing an integrated timekeeping system.

Horn recommended that Potts introduce himself to Alex Beres at Franklin County Economic Development office. Horn would also like to meet with Potts and Welch to go over the past actions related to the JEDD and next steps.

With no questions from the audience, Fleshman moved to speaker cards.

Speaker Cards

Carvel Mullins II, audience member distributed photos of an abandoned property behind his property (formally the free Christian drive-in). The property is a nuisance, said Mullins.

Fleshman assured Mr. Mullins the issue would be addressed. The Township will contact the clean-up initiative hosted by the County court system as well as the non-profit Jordan's Crossing for assistance.

Steve Morris, audience member asked the Assistant Fiscal Officer if the bills are being submitted internally on time to the Fiscal Department for payment.

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The Assistant Fiscal Officer said that the process has improved but that approximately 1/3 of the bills/invoices submitted to the Fiscal Department internally are past due or close to being past due upon receipt.

Mr. Roper, member of the audience asked the Board what the process is for him and his wife to de-annex from Columbus and return to Franklin Township. Potts said he would research the options on de-annexation.

With no more speaker cards, Fleshman moved to questions from the audience. A member of the audience asked the Board if the used car lot at the former Shell Station on Wilson Road is an extension of the existing car lot to the north of the property. Fleshman confirmed and said the business has been reported to the City of Columbus for non-compliance.

Fleshman asked the Franklin County Sheriff in the audience if he had anything to report to the Board. The deputy said he had nothing to report at this time.

With no further discussion, Fleshman made a motion to adjourn. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Signature on File
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature on File
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature on File
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature on File
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken & typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 06/13/19