

Minutes of Franklin Township

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

April 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Don Cook at 6:30 P.M. April 23, 2015 at 2193 Frank Road.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Cook gave the welcome.

ROLL CALL: Don Cook, yes, John Fleshman, yes, Tim Guyton, absent.

MINUTES

Chairman Cook moved to dispense with the reading of the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2015. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Cook, yes, Fleshman, yes.

Chairman Cook moved to take the March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes off of the table. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Cook, yes, Fleshman, yes.

Chairman Cook moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2015, as typed. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Cook, yes, Fleshman, yes.

Chairman Cook moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2015, as typed. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Cook, yes, Fleshman, yes.

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

RESOLUTION # 15-056
BILLS AND PAYROLL

The Board approves payroll in the amount of \$100,840.02 and bills in the amount of \$88,981.25 totaling \$189,821.27 from check #36786 to check #36892.

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

Vice-Chairman Fleshman read the purchase orders:

Fire Department: 15-062 NAPA – Blanket P.O. for vehicle maintenance \$500.00, 15-063 Eitels – Medic 193 tow \$265.00, 15-065 Appliance Parts Center - Refrigerator shelf \$27.09, 15-066 Quala-Tel – Repair two headsets and extra straps \$273.23, 15-067 Ohio Fire Academy – Safety Officer Class for Lt. Adams \$75.00, 15-068 Earls – Repair leak for Extra-Medic 193 \$614.85, 15-070 Finley – New hydrant wrench \$58.00. Road Department: 15-34-R Sutherlands – Motor Mix for catch basin repair \$21.96, 15-43-R Goodyear – Tire repair on F-550 \$33.22, 15-44-R Home Depot – Hot glue and glue sticks for repair of brine tank bolts for installing bumper stops at Station 192 \$40.13, 15-45-R Hilliard Lawn & Garden – Oil filter for maintenance on Zero-Turn Mower \$21.90, 15-46-R Auto Zone – Switches and wire for repair of safety lights on F-150 \$40.93, 15-47-R Kimball Midwest – Shop supplies and degreaser \$103. Facility Maintenance: 15-07-F Sutherlands – Security door lock and keys for

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back door for Township Hall \$40.71, 15-10-F Home Depot – Lockset for back door coming into Township Hall, keys and latch guard plate \$63.02. Fiscal Office: 15-001FO County Treasurer’s Education Fund – CPIM Certification fee \$100.00.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / CHIEF HOWARD

Chief Howard said the Board of Elections did an inspection of the Station 192 building. Chief said due to the noise, the conditions of the building, and the concern if the Station would be open because of the Fire Levy failing. Chief said Station 192 would not be a Voting Polling Station for future elections.

Chief Howard said Firefighter / Paramedic Nick Schirtzinger is requesting eight weeks of FMLA time for surgery starting May 8, 2015 and he is expecting to return about July 3, 2015.

Chairman Cook made a motion for Nick Schirtzinger to use an estimate of eight weeks of FMLA leave effective May 8, 2015. Vice-Chairman Fleshman seconded the motion. Vote taken: Cook, yes, Fleshman, yes.

Chief Howard said due to staffing with the amount of people leaving the Fire Department to secure a job and since we are moving into the summer months with the men using vacation and sick time, Chief said he does not have the resources to replace these men. Chief said when manpower drops to five men; Chief will be consolidating the manpower to Station 193 and closing Station 192 for the safety of the residents. He does not want to put his men in harm’s way by not properly staffing the facility and equipment. He said this is not a permanent closing. Chief will work with Jim Stevens for printing of two signs to post on the doors at the closed Fire Station to say “Station is closed today; call 911 for Emergency”.

Chief Howard said he has been working on collecting the information for the insurance services organization for the last two to three months for the ISO reporting. Chief Howard said ISO dictates and rates businesses for insurance purposes. Chief said the Fire Department is rated 4 out of 10 for staffing and the availability of equipment to respond. Chief said since the staffing may change in the Fire Department, our ratings may change. The Board and Chief Howard discussed the changes in the Fire Department and how it will affect the ISO Reporting.

Chief Howard read his retirement letter. Chief has had thirty-six years of service with the Franklin Township Fire Department. Chief said he should be retiring by the end of June of 2015. The audience applauded.

Firefighter / Paramedic Ron Delozier thanked Chief Howard for everything he has done. Ron said Chief Howard has been an asset to the Franklin Township Fire Department and he will sadly be missed. Chairman Cook said Chief Howard has always been for the Township and he has been someone Chairman Cook has been proud to work with.

Jim Stevens said Chief Howard took him under his wings when he came here and helped him with his budgets in the Road Department. Jim feels that the Township is losing an extremely important asset. Jim doesn’t think there is any individual in this

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Township that knows the numbers inside and out, what it takes to run this Township, and what it takes to retain this Township better than Chief Howard.

Chief Howard and the residents in the audience discussed the possible closing of one of the Fire Stations if the Fire Department falls short on manpower with vacations and sick time. Chief said it would not do any good to bring more trucks to Station 193 because there would not be enough men to drive the equipment. Chief Howard said it was not definite that a Station would have to close, but he wanted to mention it in case there is a shortage of manpower.

ROAD DEPARTMENT / JIM STEVENS

Jim Stevens was contacted by COCIC (The Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation) about mowing a lot on Georgesville Road. Jim said COCIC would like us to sign a contract to mow a seven acre lot on Georgesville Road as well as other lots where houses have been demolished in the Township. Jim said he would charge the same rates that he charges for House Bill #50 properties. Jim said he would like the Board to sign an agreement because COCIC has helped us with cleaning up the Township. Jim said we would bill COCIC on a monthly basis. Chairman Cook made a motion to go into an agreement with COCIC / Land Bank to mow grass on a COCIC property and charging rates that are used for House Bill #50 properties.

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

Vice-Chairman Fleshman and Jim Stevens discussed a property in the Mon-e-Bak area that had a fire but Jim said the property taxes have been paid up and there is nothing we can do with that. Vice-Chairman Fleshman asked Jim Stevens, if his budget allows, if he would need to hire summer help. Jim said he is planning on helping more with the mowing and other projects to make up for the lay-off in his department. Jim said Franklin Township Road Department is the only Road Department out of seventeen Townships in Franklin County that does not have a Road operating levy. Jim said our Road Department is going to do the best that we can. He asked the residents in the audience to bear with the Road Department because with the wet spring weather the workload is already starting to increase.

Jim Stevens just received confirmation for the Sign Grant Award. Jim said he applied for a grant for the reflectivity signs from ODOT. Jim said the grant has been awarded to Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, for the 2015 Fiscal Year. Jim said the grant application will cover the materials listed in the grant application that total \$14,496.00. Jim said we have a year to install about 490 signs. Jim said we were allowed to include villages for signs that are within our Township with no cost to them so we were able to include Valleyview.

Jim Stevens said with splitting his staff into two groups, the Road Department is going to need to purchase another Zero Turn Mower. Jim said a company from Grove City will give us a \$1,000.00 trade-in for the purchase of a new Zero Turn Mower. Jim said since we work with this company often, they were willing to give us a discount on the new mower that would cost \$6,500.00 but with the trade-in, the final charge for the mower will be \$5,500.00.

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Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 15-060

THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR TO PURCHASE A BAD BOY OUTLAW XP WITH THE TRADE-IN OF THE WALK BEHIND MOWER. THE COST IS NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000.00. THIS WILL BE PAID FROM HOUSEBILL #50.

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

Jim Stevens and some of the residents in the audience had a discussion about some of the houses on Eastfield Drive that are boarded up. Jim Stevens has contacted Public Health about those houses.

Jim Stevens said there have been several meetings about sanitary sewers in Eureka Park and they are close to starting the paving in the area. Jim said there will be detailed meetings soon but he does not have official dates yet. Jim said they are working with Public Health to provide assistance to the residents for financing for the sanitary sewers.

Jim said they are going to be paving in the Broadlawn area soon. Jim said he may have a progress meeting next week for the Eastfield project. Jim said they are working in the Westfield division now and they should be preparing to connect to Frank Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT / CHIEF WHEELER

Chief Wheeler wanted the Board to make a Resolution tonight so Chief can start the process to put a levy for the Police Department in November of 2015. Chairman Cook said the Board and Chief Wheeler would need to talk about the Police Department’s budget and see what amount the Police Department should ask the residents to vote on. Chairman Cook said there were options in the Newsletter for the residents to respond about the Police Levy but we only have had one response.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 15-057
POLICE LEVY

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Township, and

WHEREAS, prior to making a determination of the necessity for a levy, the Township is required to certify a request to the County Auditor for certain information;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (the ‘Board’) that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

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The Franklin County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to the Board the current tax valuation of Franklin Township and the number of mills required to generate (A) \$400,000.00 (B) \$500,000.00 (C) \$600,000.00 or (D) \$700,000.00 tax levy for the purpose of placing a new and additional levy on the General Election to be held on November 4, 2015.

The proposed (A) \$400,000.00, (B) \$500,000.00, (C) \$600,000.00, or (D) \$700,000.00 tax levy would be authorized by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 (J) 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, or the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police department, 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 Revised Code.

The Fiscal Officer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Franklin County Auditor.

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

Chief Wheeler said we are having issues with false alarms at businesses and residences resulting from malfunctions of security alarm systems. Chief Wheeler asked the Board if they would pass a Resolution to start charging the owner of a business or a residence within the Township after our Police Department or the Franklin County Sheriff Department have answered a combined total of three false alarms in the same calendar year. Chief Wheeler will have further information on permit fees to discuss later with the Board after he talks to the Franklin County Sheriff Department.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 15-061

THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE ADOPTION OF OHIO REVISED CODE OF 505.511 AS A FEE FOR FALSE ALARMS RESULTING FROM MALFUNCTION OF SAME COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS.

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

Chief Wheeler said warm weather brings out thieves so keep your valuables out of sight in cars. Chief told the residents in the audience to keep your house locked and your garage door closed.

Chairman Cook said Phil Honsey who is working on the JEDD has had many meetings with the business people, as well as with Chief Howard and Phil says he is confident to say things are going well.

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 15-058

THE BOARD APPROVES PAYMENT OF \$1,667.08 TO ARROW, INTERNATIONAL FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

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

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 15-059

THE BOARD APPROVES PAYMENT OF \$2,489.23 TO INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO MEDIC 193.

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

Chairman Cook moved for the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION # 15-062

THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THE FISCAL OFFICER TO RENEW OUR INSURANCE WITH OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR \$50,806.00 EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 2, 2015 THROUGH ONE YEAR.

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

The Board had a discussion about hiring for the open Secretary position. They decided to find an employee from a Temporary Service. Vice-Chairman Fleshman would like the Secretary position to be supervised by the Police Chief and Chairman Cook agreed.

Chairman Cook made a motion to contact a Temporary Service to start the interview process for a temporary employee to replace the current Secretary to be a possible permanent fulltime position. This position would be under the supervision of the Police Chief.

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

Juanita Kaufman of 1835 Eastfield Drive announced that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 4th at Central Baptist Church on Frank Road. This is the 18th year for National Night Out. Flyers will be made up soon.

Chairman Cook moved with no further business to discuss to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Don Cook, Chairman

John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer