

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Held at 2193 Frank Road**

**September 6, 2018**

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Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 6, 2018, at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn gave the welcome.

**Opening Prayer:**

Pastor Womack, Police Department Chaplain, led the opening prayer.

Chairman Horn led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Horn introduced Ted Beidler from the Franklin County Engineer's Office as a guest speaker. Horn provided background on the purpose of Mr. Beidler's attendance by explaining that the Township will be impacted by a series of road improvement projects throughout the County.

Mr. Beidler began by explaining the \$2M road improvement project at the Havenwood Apartments. There are grants for the Township to apply for through Ohio Public Works Commission which equates to \$1.5M. Funds will need to be available during the project to cover various construction costs. The County Engineer's Office provides the engineering services at no cost to the Township. The Township will only be responsible for a small percentage of the overall cost of the project.

*Fleshman made the following motion to approve the expenditure of up to 15% of the cost of the Havenwood Road improvement project. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.*

Horn resumed the conversation from the previous Regular Meeting from August 23, 2018, related to moving the Fiscal Department back to 2193 Frank Road. Horn also stated he would like to ultimately see the police department moved back to 2193 Frank Road as well. Horn feels the Township has incurred costs with obtaining the property at 1963 Harrisburg Pike (White House) and vacating the building will save the Township money.

Fleshman encouraged additional conversation about the move. Fleshman reminded the Board that the property at 1963 Harrisburg Pike was donated to the Township at no cost. The intent of the donation was for the Township to utilize the structure for Township offices. Eventually, when additional capital improvements are made which would allow for all Township staff to work under the same roof, 1963 Harrisburg Pike could be used as commercial rental space for the Township to generate revenue, stated Fleshman.

Alex agrees that it would be most effective if all administrative staff could be housed under the same roof. With that being said, the space at 2193 Frank Road is not adequate for the staff we have. If the Township keeps moving staff around it is only placing a Band-Aid on the space issue we are experiencing. There is no solution for this issue at this time, said Alex.

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Horn made the following motion to move the Fiscal Department back to 2193 Frank Road. There was no second. A vote was not taken due to the lack of a second. The motion died due to no second.

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 18-150**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves payroll dated September 7, 2018 in the amount of \$133,233.25 and bills dated September 7, 2018 in the amount of \$18,266.83, for a total of \$151,500.08. From check number 47780 to check number 47891.**

Horn 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 18-151**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to reimburse the Fiscal Officer \$7.62 for an out-of-pocket expenditure for the Township in mailing a certified letter to the Internal Revenue Service. A receipt is on file in the Fiscal Office documenting the expenditure.**

**Road Department Report:**

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens asked the Board for a series of resolutions for House Bill 50 properties which the lawn has been or is scheduled to be mowed by the Township.

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 18-138**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1619 Harrisburg Pike, Parcel ID: 140-000979-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-139**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1949 N. Westfield Drive, Parcel ID: 140-005635-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-140**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1866 Linnet, Parcel ID: 140-001063-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-141**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1598 Ransburg Avenue, Parcel ID: 140-000677-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-142**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1081 Harrisburg Pike, Parcel ID: 140-002999-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-143**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at an empty lot on Whitehead, Parcel ID: 140-003907-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-144**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 901 Josephine, Parcel ID: 140-005014-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-145**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 1322 Harrisburg Pike, Parcel ID: 140-003271-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-146**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3712 Plainview Drive, Parcel ID: 140-002014-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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**Resolution 18-147**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3481 Brookside Blvd., Parcel ID: 140-001905-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-148**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 3548 Plainview Drive, Parcel ID: 140-002036-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

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 18-149**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Department to cut the grass and weeds at 664 N. Wilson Road (lot), Parcel ID: 140-004299-00 and to assess the cost to the property taxes as outlined in House Bill 50 legislation.**

Stevens asked the Board for approval to host a retirement luncheon/meeting for Harold Aldrich who is retiring on September 18, 2018 with 38 years of service to the Township.

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 18-152**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves expenditure up to \$250.00 (pending guidance from the Auditor of State's Office) for the Road Department to host a retirement luncheon/meeting for Harold Aldrich who is retiring on September 18, 2018, after 38 years of service to the Township.**

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**Resolution 18-153**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to hire James Timmons as a member of the Road Dept. effective September 19, 2018, pending pre- employment testing. His starting pay will be at Level 2 - Pay Grade B.**

**Fire Department Report:**

Fire Chief, James Welch reminded the Board that it is time for him to upgrade the Township's antivirus computer software. The upgrade will cost \$614.95 to complete. This is a standard upgrade which has a resolution on the books.

Welch informed the Board that the 1995 Pierce (extra Engine 193) is no longer in service. The chief is asking the Board for a resolution to formally decommission the engine with 312,000 miles on it.

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 18-154**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Fire Chief to decommission the 1995 Pierce (extra Engine 193) effective immediately.**

Assistant Fire Chief, Charles Adams distributed a quote from Blue Line Innovations, LLC for bullet proof vests for the fire department. Chief Adams explained that these vest are designed as a one-size-fits-all style which will save the Township money compared to buying vests independent to each staff member's body size.

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 18-155**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Assistant Fire Chief to purchase bullet proof vests for the fire department.**

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Police Chief, Byron Smith asked the Board to accept his recommendation to place Sargent Josh Edwards on injury leave.

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**Resolution 18-156**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves injury leave for Sargent Josh Edwards.**

Chief Smith provided *July 2018* stats as follows:

Accident Reports:	52
Citations:	63
Warnings:	24
Offence Reports:	120
Dispatched Runs:	976
Pick Up Runs:	240
Miles Driven:	9,239
Court Cases:	59
Officer Called to Court:	0
Auto Impounds:	42
Auto Impounds Released:	5
Auto Impounds Junked:	0

Fleshman stated that he has received reports of a motorists traveling down Maclam Dr between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at an estimated 45 mph. The motorist is traveling eastbound and the automobile has a loud exhaust system.

**Fiscal Department Report:**

Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris shared with the Board the specs needed to purchase a new laptop compatible with the Unified Accounting System (UAN) from the State Auditor's Office. The laptop must meet specific specs to be compatible with UAN.

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 18-157**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to purchase a laptop for the Fiscal Department compatible with UAN not to exceed \$1,500.00.**

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Ms. Morris stated that the Township received Group Retro from the Ohio Bureau of Workmen's Compensation (OBWC) which grants the Township a discount premium plan with OBWC.

The Fiscal Officer announced that the Township received the second draw from the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT tax) which equates to over \$230,000.00. Ms. Morris states that this tax revenue will be distributed between all of the departments.

### **Building Department Report:**

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice shared that Cycle Gear located at 3635 W. Broad is doing a tribute to first responders on September 11, 2018. This is open to the public.

Ms. Rice distributed information on House Bill 602 which supports access to safe and affordable water. The Township attorneys are also aware of this Bill as well as the County Prosecutor.

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, no.

### **Resolution 18-158**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board supports House Bill 602. The Township will send a letter of support to State Representatives and Legislators.**

Ms. Rice reminded the Board that the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) next meeting is September 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Rice updated the Board that the parcel of land on Valleyview Drive which she spoke of at a prior meeting has been surrendered to the Township by the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC).

Ms. Rice stated that the I-270/W. Broad Street Interchange Project hosted by Franklin County and Prairie Township is asking Franklin Township to partner with the redevelopment. The cost for the Township is estimated at \$7,500.00 for a start-up contribution and a commitment of \$4,500.00 per year for 20 years (renewable) for participation in this project.

Horn and Alex recommend that the Board table the topic until further discussion is made. Horn asked Ms. Rice to research the agreement with the City of Columbus to review the revenue stream. Fleshman shared the Franklin County Commissioners positive position on their support of economic development in the Township.

Ms. Rice revisited the request from the last meeting on 8/23/18 related to purchasing a headset for the Township secretary.



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**Resolution 18-159**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the purchase of a wireless headset for the Township secretary not to exceed \$150.00.**

Ms. Rice asked the Board if the Township has a Social Media Policy. Alex recommended Ms. Rice to refer to the Ohio Township Association for guidance.

Ms. Rice stated that property located at 2215 Big Run Road South has a court date scheduled for November 15, 2018. Horn asked if 1710 Eastfield Drive had been turned into County Zoning. Ms. Rice stated that the County is aware and is moving forward with the paperwork on the Eastfield property.

**Trustees Report:**

Chairman, Ralph Horn distributed a letter from American Electric Power (AEP) informing the public of the sub-station being built on Harrisburg Pike.

Trustee Fleshman updated the Board on the Township partnering with Franklin Heights to design a Township logo. Fleshman is still working to connect with the school for a meeting.

Vice Chairman Alex had nothing to report.

*Horn made a motion with no further questions from the audience and no other business to discuss to adjourn the meeting. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.*

*Signature on file with original*  
Ralph Horn, Chairman

*Signature on file with original*  
Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

*Abstained from voting and signing minutes*  
John Fleshman, Trustee

*Signature on file with original*  
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer or  
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 9/20/18