

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

June 13, 2019

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Fleshman called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 13, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Opening Prayer: Not presented due to no available pastor

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Horn

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

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Fleshman made a motion to approve the following minutes. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

- May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
- May 16, 2019 Special Meeting
- May 16, 2019 Special Executive Meeting
- May 22, 2019 Special Meeting
- May 30, 2019 Regular Meeting
- June 4, 2019 Special Meeting

With no Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to Old Business.

Old Business

Resolutions:

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 19-099

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fiscal Officer to transfer from the general fund of \$22,091.40 to be reimbursed to the Road Department for labor in preparing the property for the police modular. Funds will be placed in Dept. 2011 = \$1,700.00, Dept. 2021 = \$17,000.00, and Dept. 2031 = \$3,391.40.

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, yes.

Resolution 19-100

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the June 13, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$154,850.30 and bills in the amount of \$46,363.32 - for a total of \$201,213.62 – from check number 50636 to 50695 and electronic checks from 170-176, payroll 60549 to 60635. Checks reset in UAN to 50636.

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Resolution 19-101

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the bid from Trio Construction Services to treat the mold, haul away all debris from the basement at 1963 Harrisburg Pike. Please see attached procedural list which totals \$8,238.00. Deposit of \$4,119.00 due up front with remaining balance due at completion.

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 19-102

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the Agreement/Memo of Understanding (MOU) between Franklin Township and the Township Administrator, Mark Potts as written.

Fleshman moved to amend the resolution 19-062. Horn seconded the motion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Resolution 19-103

(Amending 19-062)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to spend up to \$8,000.00 (an increase from \$5,000.00) towards renovations needed to make the modular operational for the police department.

With no Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to New Business.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Byron Smith, Police Chief asked the Board for approval to increase the fee for special duty officers from \$46.00/hr. to \$48.50/hr. based on other law enforcement agencies in the County increasing their fee.

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 19-104

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to increase the special duty fee from \$46.00/hr. to \$48.50/hr. effective immediately.

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Smith continued by saying that the renovations on the modular are on schedule and a crew began today (06/13/19) installing the internal walls for the offices.

Smith provided an update on the two cruisers which were in accidents recently. Cruiser 302 was repaired and placed back into service within 24 hours, thanks to Westway Body Shop. Cruiser 305 was involved in an accident on June 8th, 2019 and may be a total loss, we are waiting on a response from our insurance company, said Smith.

The police chief also shared that he placed two (2) cruisers strategically in certain areas of the Township to monitor for illegal activity. The areas selected were based on comments and concerns from the community. The monitoring was a success and additional streets will be monitored as time permits, said Smith.

Smith shared that Care Works has recommend the Township settle a patrolman's workman's compensation claim. Settling this claim will save the Township money in the long run, said Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris.

Fleshman made a motion to accept the recommendation from Care Works to settle a patrolman's workman's compensation claim. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Smith finished up by sharing with the Board the concerns of the homeless population continuing to impede on the residents in the Broadlawn area. A fence would be a great deterrent along the railroad tracks located at the south side of the Broadlawn area. Trustee Alex agreed to reach out to Columbus Recreation and Parks since the Wilson Road Bike Trail runs along the rail road tracks in question. Trustee Horn and Administrator Potts will work together to contact the rail road directly.

Deputy Ronk from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) provided an update:

673 Calls for Service
58 Police Reports

Ronk said that drugs and thefts were the vast majority of the calls received. On June 19th and June 26th the FCSO will be working with the Drug Taskforce in Franklin Township, stated Ronk.

Horn asked if the alleged drug house on Jackson Road could be added to the list of properties to be monitored, Ronk and Smith both agreed.

Alex asked Smith to research if there is any link to crime and the high volume of household pets (particularly dogs) reported missing in the Township. Smith said he would work with Sargent Pollock on this.

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With no Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to the Fire Department Report.

Fire Department Report:

James Welch, Fire Chief shared that two firefighters returned back to work from injury leave on light duty effective June 10, 2019.

Welch said the new E192 arrived from South Dakota and is being prepped for service this week.

Welch shared that retired firefighter D. Miller passed away. D. Miller gave Franklin Township 23 years of service. Welch asked the Board if the fire department could take a fire engine to the funeral of D. Miller to show respect for his years of service.

Fleshman made a motion to approve the fire department to take a fire engine to the funeral of former employee D. Miller's funeral. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

With no Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to the Road Department Report.

Road Department Report:

James Stevens, Road Superintendent updated the Board on the mold removal and preventative treatment at 1963 Harrisburg Pike.

Stevens shared with the Board that he is looking for a (Ag-Pro) enclosed tractor for armed mower for safety reasons. Stevens said he will report to the Board an estimated cost for the tractor including trade-in at an upcoming meeting.

Stevens said the next steps on the building the new salt barn is to remove the debris from the rear of the property at 2173 Frank Road.

Fleshman asked if the Road Department is going to have time to work on the new salt barn. Yes, once the land dries up then the gravel can be laid, said Stevens.

The paving at Station 192 has been delayed due to the wet weather, Stevens commented.

Stevens said the Township is involved in two (2) large projects one at I-270 and W. Broad Street and the other at Havenwood Apartments. Stevens said he will be contacting Havenwood Apartments about the upcoming paving project so they can notify their residents and arrange alternative parking.

Horn asked Stevens if he has contacted the environment department of the County court system with assistance on cleaning up trash in the Township. Stevens said he not yet reached out to the County.

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With no further Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to the Fiscal Department Report.

Fiscal Department Report:

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Mike Blevins, member of the audience asked Morris if the contract from his public records request should have been housed in the Fiscal Department. Morris confirmed that all contracts are to be filed in the Fiscal Department.

Blevins asked Morris if there was any concern about the incorrect signatures on the financial documents for the new fire engine. Morris said this issue has been addressed with the Board of Trustees.

Fleshman commented that the Board learns from their mistakes and that the attorney said no further action is needed at this time.

Morris stated that upon reviewing the financial documents for the new fire engine the Township paid an invoice for \$99,000.00 for the 2019 payment which is more than the amount listed on the financial documents. If the contract had been filed with the Fiscal Department this over payment would have been avoided, said Morris.

With no further Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to Trustee Reports.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Horn shared his concerns about the increased cost of legal fees the Township has incurred in 2019. Horn will work with Administrator Potts on the existing resolution to amend as needed.

Horn said that the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is offering free home weatherization services to eligible home owners. Potts will add this information to the Township's social media page as well.

Trustee Alex had nothing to report.

Trustee Fleshman has nothing to report.

Administrator Report:

Administrator Potts updated the Board on attending the MORPC grant invitational. Potts also shared that he was able to schedule an additional meeting with MOPRC as well as met the new administrator for Prairie Township as the grant meeting. Potts met with the Washington Township Administrator to gain knowledge on how their operations work. Potts reported that he met with the Franklin County Department of Redevelopment to review potential opportunities for the Township.

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Potts said he plans to do outreach to the Hispanic and Somali families within the Township as a segway to building trust and understanding within our government.

Potts shared that he will be working with Chief Welch on submitting commercial permits to County Auditor's Office. This improvement will increase property tax revenue, said Potts.

Realtor Laura Esterline scheduled a time for her and Potts to meet to review Township owned properties and next steps.

Fleshman asked Potts to create a memo of understanding/agreement outlining the use of Township property for a community garden.

With no Board discussion or questions from the audience Fleshman moved to Speaker Cards.

Speaker Cards:

J. Kelly explained their concerns about storm drain issues at 1455 Greenleaf. Stevens stated he was out at the property today accessing the issue. An adjoining property is pumping water from their basement directly onto Kelly's property. Pott's said he would contact the County about the drainage issue. Stevens said, based on his experience that this is a civil issue and would need to be addressed in civil court.

With no Board discussion or questions Fleshman moved to Questions from the Audience.

Questions from the Audience:

With no questions from the audience, Fleshman made a motion to adjourn. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 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 7/1/2019