

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

March 28, 2019

Chairman Fleshman called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 8:00 a.m. on March 28, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

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

Fleshman made a motion to suspend the Pledge of Allegiance and any prior meeting minutes. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Purpose of the Meeting: *To Finalize the 2019 Budget and to Review the First Quarter of 2019.*

Those in Attendance: Board of Trustees, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Road Superintendent and Fiscal Department.

Fleshman turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer to discuss the permanent budget for 2019.

Road Department

The Fiscal Officer said that she and the Road Superintendent worked together to compare the Road Department's temporary budget to the proposed permanent budget. The only line item in question is the Permissive Gas Tax due to the state legislation proposed by Governor DeWine, said the Fiscal Officer. The formulation within the new gas tax to fund local government is changing and currently there is no way at this point to accurately determine how much the gas tax increase will impact the Road Department budget, said the Fiscal Officer. Once the new gas tax legislation is passed the Township can make an amendment to their budget through the Auditor's Office if needed, said the Fiscal Officer.

As far as the Road Department budget it was impacted by the double/triple time worked due to winter weather storms. Based on that, a conservative budget was established, stated the Fiscal Officer.

Trustee Alex shared that Franklin County has established a transportation improvement district which is a county-wide fund that they are doing is municipalities can place money in this account and the County/State may match and/or place funds in the account. The Township can then borrow funds within this account and it will grow from year to year for transportation improvements. Alex said the County would like to come out to visit the Township to speak on this new initiative.

The Assistant Fiscal Officer distributed a year-to-date account of the traffic camera revenue divided by department.

Police Department:

The Fiscal Officer obtained clarification from the Police Chief on the purchase of (4) four new police cruisers for 2019. The police budget has been review by the Police Chief and the Fiscal Officer, confirmed the police chief.

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The Road Superintendent explained that in years past the Township conducted their own audit on the license registration tax to ensure Franklin Township is getting the fees based on registered vehicles in the Township. The Road Superintendent is going to work with the Fiscal Officer and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to make sure the fees are allocated correctly.

The Road Superintendent updated the Board on the quote received to pave Mapleshade. The quote came in much lower than budgeted. The quote received was \$55,000.00 the budgeted amount was \$110,000.00. This was a 50% decrease said the Road Superintendent.

Horn asked the Board to consider paving the alleys. Paving the alleys would eliminate the annual maintenance expense. Alex said he would refer this suggestion to our Road Superintendent. Fleshman asked the Road Superintendent if there could be specific alleys the Township could pave. The Road Superintendent said the biggest culprit in impacting the increased maintenance in our alleys is the trash trucks. When the Township was in a trash consortium we got away from having trash trucks in the alleys, now that the residents have their choice in trash carriers, the Township does not have the same position as we did in the consortium.

The Road Superintendent updated the Board that he is working with the County to see what options he has in possibly placing a future levy on the ballot to support the Road Department.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief agreed that he worked with the Fiscal Officer on the permanent budget for 2019. The Chief wanted to point out to the Board that the temporary levy (5.89 mills), ends in 2020. Renew at a 5.89 mill to bring us back up to where we need to be. It is important to remember how many times prior levies failed till we finally were able to get a levy to pass.

Fleshman said it may be a good idea to do a Township-wide levy. This type of levy could protect our borders. Going with a Township-wide levy may cause the Fire Department to lose \$250,000.00 from the start. If we are able to add a timed levy after a Township-wide levy to support the deficit. If the levy does not pass we will only have a couple of attempts otherwise the Fire Department will be back to where we were prior to the timed levy was passed, said the Fire Chief.

The Fiscal Officer said she is worried that the levy may not pass due to the sanitary sewer project where residents have to pay out of their pocket to tap into the sewer system. It is not that folks do not want a Fire Department it is that they are tapped out and money is tight for most.

The Fire Chief said he is exploring the options of placing a levy on the ballot in the spring of 2020. Also, he updated the Board that the new fire engine is due to arrive at the Township in the next few months.

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The Fire Chief updated the Board that he paid for the bereavement luncheon out of his own pocket for All American Fire. Even though a resolution was passed he was unsure if Township funds could be used for such expenditure. The Assistant Fiscal Officer asked if All American Fire was a non-profit and the Fire Chief said no it was a for-profit company. The Assistant Fiscal Officer reminded the Board that the line-item appropriated for donations is specifically for non-profits.

Fleshman said that at the next meeting this resolution (19-046) will be rescinded.

With no further budget items to discuss, Fleshman moved into the quarterly meeting discussion.

Police Department:

The Police Chief has established new line items for 2019 called Community Involvement. The revenue to fund this account will come from the traffic cameras. At the next meeting resolution 18-135 will be amended to include 2% of traffic camera revenue to support community involvement events.

Fire Department:

The Fire Chief shared with the Board that 15% of the properties in Franklin Township are delinquent in paying their property taxes.

Fiscal Department:

The Assistant Fiscal Officer asked the Board if they had review the proposal/quote from the cleaning service emailed to them earlier in the week. The Board all agreed that they had read the proposal and were very pleased with the outcome.

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 19-047

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the quote to provide cleaning services from CleanTurn as written.

The Fiscal Officer asked the Board that if they had not further questions that she is in need of a resolution to accept the 2019 Permanent Budget as presented.

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Resolution 19-048

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the 2019 Permanent Budget as written.

With no further discussion Alex made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

John Fleshman, Chairman

Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer

Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 4/4/19