

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Special Meeting**

**Held at 2193 Frank Road**

**October 4, 2018**

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Chairman Horn called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 4, 2018, at 2193 Frank Road.

Horn opened the meeting

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

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

Those present for the meeting: Board of Trustees, Representatives from the Franklin County Economic Development Office, Fire Chief, Assistant Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Officer, and the Administrative Coordinator.

Purpose of the Meeting: Future Economic Development in the Township

Horn welcomed Alex Beres and Josh Roth from the Franklin County Economic Development Office to the meeting.

Beres introduced himself to the Board and his role at the Franklin County Economic Development Office. He then distributed plans/maps of the property where future development and the relocation of La Plaza Tapatia Grocery complex at Nationwide Blvd. and Georgesville Road will take place. Farris explained that the plans/maps of the property indicate an old storm sewer running through the property which will need to be addressed before construction can begin on the site.

Beres purposed a tax incurred financing (TIF) to repay the Franklin County Engineer's Office for repairing, replacing, and/or relocating the storm sewers on the property. The TIF will address other future redevelopment in the Township. Fleshman stated he supports the idea of a TIF and working with all County offices to make this happen. The TIF would be essential in matching grant funds as well as what was done for the OPWC grant in the same area for repaving.

Beres feels with the support of the Township on this endeavor endorsing the County to pursue a TIF will only benefit all parties including future development of Westland Mall.

Fire Chief Welch asked Beres if they have considered broadening the TIF area. Farris responded that first they would have to identify a multi-parcel TIF district, which is time consuming with a 60 day notification period. Even though, the single parcel identified with La Plaza Tapatia, the County feels this parcel will generate a high volume of revenue on its own. Secondly, Westland Mall is the elephant in the room and future development is inevitable. We can use La Plaza Tapatia as a pilot for the initial TIF and capture the revenue in the timeframe allocated, indicated Farris.

In summary, Alex stated that if the Township supports a County TIF, share in any loans to remove the storm drains, and use the revenue from the TIF to

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repay loans as well as use the TIF revenue in public infrastructure. Utilizing the La Plaza Tapatia property as a pilot program would allow the Township to identify other parcels as a springboard for redevelopment.

Beres asked the Township to reach out to their legal team to obtain a letter of support for this incentive. Horn agreed that the Board supports the initiative and will take action as instructed by the County.

*At 6:15 p.m., 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.*

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Ralph Horn, Chairman

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Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer or  
Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer

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Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

Minutes taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board on 10/19/2018

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John Fleshman, Trustee