

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

**Special Meeting**

**Held at 2193 Frank Road**

**December 9, 2019**

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Chairman Fleshman called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 8:03 a.m. on December 9, 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. The motion passed.*

**Present:** The Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Assistant Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief Welch and Administrator Potts.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Discuss next steps of placing a fire levy on the March 2020 ballot.

Fleshman opened the floor up to Fire Chief Welch.

Welch said that the Township has received the numbers back from the Franklin County Auditor's Office that are necessary to place a fire levy on the March 2020 ballot. The next steps are to pass a resolution to move the levy process forward to the Franklin County Board of Elections and Franklin County Auditor's Office, Welch explained.

Fleshman confirmed that this would be a township-wide levy impacting only the existing fire levies. Welch agreed a township-wide levy would only impact the fire department. Horn said each department stands alone as it relates to a township-wide levy.

Welch said if the township-wide levy would pass it would eliminate the existing four (4) levies under the fire department currently and would be listed as one levy township-wide.

The Fiscal Officer asked if the Township would still be squeaking by with the new township-levy. Welch said there is no fluff in the new levy. The Fiscal Officer asked if the Township should increase the millage which is being asked. Welch said, the proposed 19.5 millage will give the fire department another seven (7) years.

Horn asked if there would be any carry over into 2020. Welch said the fire department will be \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 in the red going into 2020. Welch said that is why is it imperative that this levy passes in March 2020. There will be a small increase (less than 1 mill) with the new levy, said Welch.

Alex said with the township-wide levy properties such as the casino will be impacted. Horn shared that 2020 is the year the County Auditor's Office reevaluates property values. We will have an increase as the property values improve, said Horn. Fleshman reminded everyone that the Township cannot go over the millage outlined in the levy no matter how high the property values increase.

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Welch read the following: The Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio met in a special meeting on December 9, 2019 at the township hall at 2193 Frank Road, Columbus, OH with the following employee members present: Aryeh Alex, John Fleshman, and Ralph Horn.

*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 passed.*

## **Resolution 19-265**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio to accept this Resolution to proceed the submission of the question of levying an additional tax in excess of the 10-mill limitation for the purpose of fire protection services pursuant of the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(i).**

Welch distributed the proper paperwork to the Board and Fiscal Officer for signatures to submit to the Board of Elections. December 18, 2019 is the filing deadline for the March 2020 election, shared Alex.

Welch said a second resolution is needed by the advice of the Township attorney.

*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 passed.*

## **Resolution 19-266**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio to accept this Resolution of intent To terminate non-renewal certain township fire district levies.**

Welch shared that this process has not been taken lightly. We have run everything through our attorney and the County Prosecutor's Office to make sure we made the right decision. Now we just have to get the levy passed, said Alex. This will be an education thing for the public and we have to push hard, said Welch.

At 8:15 a.m. with no further discussion, Fleshman adjourned the meeting.

Signature on file with Original  
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature on file with Original  
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature on file with Original  
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature on file with Original  
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer  
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: R. Watkins  
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 01/09/2020