

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

July 11, 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 July 11, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road

Opening Prayer: Presented by Pastor Snodgrass, Fire Chaplain

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Horn

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

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Fleshman motioned to approve the following meeting minutes. Alex seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

- Regular Meeting on June 13, 2019
- Special Meeting on June 18, 2019
- Special Meeting on June 25, 2019
- Regular Meeting on June 27, 2019

With no Board discussion or comments 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 passed.

Resolution 19-119

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves bills payable on July 12, 2019 in the amount of \$75,108.37 and payroll for July 12 2019 in the amount of \$154,209.08 for a total of \$229,317.45. From check number 50835 to check number 51004, electronic checks #201-2019 to #206-2019.

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 passed.

Resolution 19-120

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to hire Jeffrey Menshouse as a part-time patrolman for the Police Department effective June 27, 2019 with a starting rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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Resolution 19-121

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to hire Wendell Jackson as a part-time patrolman for the Police Department effective July 11, 2019 with a starting rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Byron Smith, Police Chief welcomed part-time patrolman Wendell Jackson and asked Jackson to come forward and join him in the front as he took his oath of office and was sworn in. Jackson raised his right hand and said:

“I, Wendell Jackson do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and I will in all respects, obey and comply with the resolutions, rules and regulations as set forth by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township and will faithfully discharge the duties of an Officer with the Franklin Township Police Department.”

Smith began his report to the Board.

Smith shared that with the recent re-negotiations within the full time patrolman’s collective bargaining agreement Smith would like to provide an equal increase in the hourly rate of pay for the part-time patrolmen. It is very difficult to get quality part-time people at the rate of pay the Township offers, said Smith. The purposed hourly pay scale for part-time officers would be:

- Step 1 \$14.16 while in training
- Step 2 \$17.70 upon completion of training
- Step 3 \$18.88 after 1 year
- Step 4 \$20.06 after 2 years
- Step 5 \$21.24 after 3 years and beyond

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 19-122

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to increase the hourly pay scale for part-time police officers effective July 11, 2019 as follows:

STEP 1	\$14.16	while in training
STEP 2	\$17.70	upon completion of training
STEP 3	\$18.88	after 1 year
STEP 4	\$20.06	after 2nd year
STEP 5	\$21.24	after 3rd year and beyond

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Alex said he supports the new pay scale as he believes no one should make under \$15.00 an hour once they are trained. This is great, said Alex.

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 passed.

Resolution 19-123

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to accept the collective bargaining agreement between Franklin Township and the Fraternal Order of Police – City Lodge #9 effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022.

Smith shared that the Police Department has increased monitoring on Jackson Road due to resident complaints related to an alleged drug house.

Horn stated that he is working with neighbors on Jackson Road and encouraging them to establish a block watch in the area.

Alex said on July 5th he was able to spend time on a ride-along with Sargent Pollock and appreciates all that he learned. Sargent Pollock is very well known by the residents of the Township, I experienced how well Pollock and the public interacted together during my ride-along, said Alex.

Mike Blevins, member of the audience asked Smith how the Police Department budget looked at this point in 2019. We are below budget, replied Smith.

Mr. Karshner of Jackson Road thanked the Township for the increased monitoring as well as working with the owner of the nuisance property on Jackson Road which was previously reported.

Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris added further explanation to Blevins' prior budget question by summarizing how each department tracks their own budgets.

Lieutenant Ratliff explained to the Board how the renovations on the modular are coming. In examining the exterior windows of the modular once the metal screen covering was removed it was determined that the windows are in need of replacement. Trio Constructions can install, tint, frame and seal windows and floors for \$3,800.00, Ratliff explained. The Board approved previously Resolution #19-109 for renovations to the modular. Could an amendment be made to this resolution, Ratliff asked.

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Fleshman moved to amend resolution 19-109 to read as follows. Horn 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 19-123

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to amend Resolution 19-109 to increase the amount approved to pay Trio Construction to renovate the modular to make it operational for the Police Department from \$7,480.00 to \$13,980.00, a \$5,500.00 increase.

Deputy Ronk from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) spoke before the Board and summarized recent criminal activity in the Township. He was available to take questions.

Horn asked the audience that if there is anything they can think of to assist the Police and Sheriff's Office please contact the Township office.

With no further Board discussion or additional comments from the audience Fleshman moved to the Fire Department Report.

Fire Department Report:

James Welch, Fire Chief stated that he did not have a lot to report on but that he is in need of Board approval (resolution) to renew the Fire Department's contract with Breathing Air Systems from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020.

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 19-125

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fire Chief to renew the contract between Franklin Township and Breathing Air Systems effective 7/1/2019 – 06/30/2020, not to exceed \$1,800.00

Welch updated the Board that the Fire Department will be out in the Davis Addition on July 13, 2019 installing free smoke detectors to residents.

Alex shared that he spent Fourteen (14) hours on July 4th, 2019 at Station 192 shadowing and riding-along. It's amazing to see the issues our firefighters face from drug related to medical, explained Alex. I am very impressed with our firefighters and medics, said Alex. He thanked Welch to permitting him to spend time with the firefighters.

Alex said the firefighters are very pleased with the new engine and morale is definitely on a high. Horn concurred with Alex that our fire department has come a long way and we are very proud of all of them.

With no further discussion from the Board and no comments from the audience, Fleshman moved to the Road Department Report.

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Road Department Report:

James Stevens, Road Superintendent distributed a pack to each Board member outlining the specs on a new Heavy Duty Trash Pump as the Board had requested previously. Our existing pump has a capacity to pump 158 gallons of water per minute (158 GPM), which has met the needs of the Township for basic use, said Stevens. The packet included two other models which show higher gallons per minute (GPM) functionality to assist when flash flooding occurs with a price range from \$749.00 (272 GPM) to \$1429.00 (319 GPM).

Horn agreed that with the recent heavy rains the current trash/water pump works but does not keep up when the rain keeps falling. Alex shared when he went out recently during heavy rains and flash flooding and can vouch how the rain impacted the Township residents. Many folks were standing in water over knee high trying to escape from their homes. Our trash/water pump was running but the groundwater was rising, said Alex.

Fleshman recommended that the Road Superintendent purchase two (2) of the higher volume (319 GPM) trash/water pumps to ensure the Township is prepared for the next flash flood. Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris stated there is enough money in the budget to purchase three (3) of the (319 GPM) trash/water pumps. Stevens said he feels confident that one (1) of the (319 GPM) trash/water pump is sufficient at this time as he can use the existing pump as a back-up.

Mike Blevins, audience member raised his hand to ask the Board a question. Fleshman acknowledged Blevins by stating he had a motion on the table and he would address Blevins' question after the vote.

Fleshman continued with the motion 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 19-126

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to purchase up to two (2) Honda WT30XKA4-319 GPM (3") Heavy Duty Trash Pumps at \$1,429.00 each – not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Horn reminded Fleshman that he thought there was a pending comment from the audience. Fleshman returned back to Mike Blevins sitting in the back of the room for his comment. Blevins said never mind that he preferred to share his comment before the Board voted. Fleshman said he had a motion on the table and needed to finish the vote before taking any comments from the audience. Fleshman offered Blevins another opportunity to comment. As Blevins began with his comment stating that every time the Road Superintendent asked to purchase something the Board wants to purchase something bigger or better... Fleshman interjected and stated to Blevins that he was not going there...and then asked Blevins to sit down. Going where? You

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asked me if I had a question, stated Blevins. This is a Board decision and if you don't like it then speak to the Board afterwards I am not going to interrupt the meeting! said Fleshman. Blevins was given his first warning to sit down and be quiet by Fleshman. Blevins said he was acknowledged by the board and had the right to make his comment. Fleshman gave Blevins a second warning and advised him if he was not quiet he would have to leave or that he would have the Police Chief remove him from the meeting. Fleshman asked Blevins what it was it going to be. Blevins had no further comment.

Fleshman returned back to Stevens for any additional reports. Stevens gave a brief update on the sanitary sewer line installation for the modular. Franklin County Sanitary Engineers does require the Township to use a licensed contractor registered with the City and County Offices, stated Stevens.

All of the Board members thanked Stevens for his contribution to the modular and saving the Township money.

Mike Blevins from the audience asked Stevens how the paving project was going at Station 192. The project has been delayed a few more weeks due to weather, said Stevens. Fire Chief Welch said, the fire department is ready for the paving project to begin as well.

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

Fiscal Department Report:

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer provided an update to the Board on the National Night Out planning committee. The committee is meeting again on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 to provide updates and next steps. Donations are coming in very nicely, just today we receive two (2) passes to the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum in downtown Columbus to add to our auction items, said Watkins.

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to Trustee and Administrator Reports.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Horn had nothing to report.

Trustee Alex had nothing to report.

Trustee Fleshman has nothing to report.

Administrator Report:

Administrator Potts updated the Board on his various projects.

Potts said he is working to get quotes on new signage for the Township buildings especially Frank Road. The new sign can provide real time updates for the public as well, said Potts.

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Potts said he has a potential candidate to assist part-time in the Township on an as needed basis for administrative and grant writing support. Alex and Horn agrees a strategic planning meeting needs to be scheduled to begin focusing on future needs of the Township. The topic of hiring part-time administrative help was tabled.

Mike Blevins, member of the audience asked Potts for an update on the property off Rae Avenue (former Christian drive-in) based on the prior complaints. Potts stated that he spoke to the owner of the property and the owner is hoping to have the property cleaned up before they appear in environmental court in August 2019. The Road Superintendent shared that when a property owner is in environmental court the Township is unable to enter the premises to utilize House Bill 50.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience *Fleshman moved to Speaker Cards.*

Speaker Cards:

Wayne Davis of Big Run East expressed his satisfaction on the increased presence of police cruisers on Big Run Road East. The Police Lieutenant reported that they have issued twelve (12) citations in the last two (2) weeks on Big Run Road East. Davis asked if the Township can erect dangerous curves ahead signs to alert drivers of the curves on Big Run Road East.

Fleshman made a motion 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 19-127

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Road Superintendent to erect two (2) Dangerous Curves Ahead signs on Big Run East.

With no further speaker cards *Fleshman* asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Mike Blevins, member of the audience asked the Lieutenant since the Township is no longer utilizing the traffic speed cameras shouldn't the signs posted on the road ways be removed. The Lieutenant said that the Township still has the option to use the traffic speed cameras. *Fleshman* said the signs provide education to the public that the Township has the ability to use the cameras.

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At 8:07 p.m. with no further discussion from the board or comments/questions from the audience Fleshman motioned to adjourn. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken as follows: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. Motion passed.

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 07/25/2019