

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

August 8, 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 August 8, 2019, at 2193 Frank Road.

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Womack, Police Chaplain

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Alex

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

Presentation of College Scholarship Checks:

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 19-142

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to present Franklin Heights High School graduate Mumino Pemba with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go towards their college education at The Ohio State University.

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 19-141

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to present Franklin Heights High School graduate Len Thang with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go towards their college education at The Ohio State University.

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 19-143

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Police Chief to present Westland High School graduate Wesley Estep with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go towards their college education at The Ohio State University.

Well wishes and congratulations were given by those present. After photos were taken Fleshman offered the students an opportunity to remain for the meeting or leave based on their schedule.

With no further discussion, Fleshman welcomed the guest speakers.

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Guest: Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker REMAX will be working to list the following properties upon conveyance:

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Resolution 19-145

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker of RE/MAX to place 1295 Marsdale Avenue – Parcel Number 140-001748 on the market to sell immediately upon conveyance.

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 19-146

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker of RE/MAX to place 1765 Marsdale Avenue – Parcel Number 140-005822 on the market to sell immediately upon conveyance.

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 19-147

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker of RE/MAX to place 1884 Little Avenue – Parcel Number 140-003229 on the market to sell immediately upon conveyance.

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 19-148

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves Laura Esterline, Realtor/Broker of RE/MAX to place 1207 Hart Road – Parcel Number 140-004177 on the market to sell immediately upon conveyance.

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Guest: *Bill Huffman, Friends of the Hilltop* informed the Board of (11) eleven trees on W. Broad Street which are dead and need removed. There are many other trees on the same corridor of W. Broad Street which need fertilizer and maintenance, said Huffman.

Huffman asked if the Board would allow the *Friends of the Hilltop* to maintain the trees located within the Township on W. Broad Street. Removing the dead trees, trimming and fertilizing the existing trees is only going to improve the appearance of the Township, said Huffman. A proposal was read by Huffman outlining what it would cost for the *Friends of the Hilltop* to complete the tree project.

Horn asked the Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens if he had any comments on this matter. Stevens said that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for W. Broad Street so the Township would need to establish a maintenance agreement before anything can be done with the trees.

Fleshman said once the Township knows what they are able to do or not to do at that point the Board can take appropriate action. *Friends of the Hilltop* look forward to working with Franklin Township, said Huffman. Alex said he appreciates all of the work Mr. Huffman does in the community and his role at the *Friends of the Hilltop*.

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to prior meeting minutes.

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 July 25, 2019*

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to old business.

Old Business

National Night Out 2019:

Fleshman took a moment to thank Jim Stevens and the Road Department for their contribution to the event. The Road Department spends hours ahead of time picking up donations, setting up the tables, erecting canopies, cooking the food and tearing down, Fleshman said. An acknowledgement and thanks was given to the planning committee, the pastor of Central Baptist Church and his congregation for the use of the church property from Fleshman. The trustees show up to the event and everything is in place, this would not happen without those individuals who assisted this year commented Fleshman. The Administrator added a final thanks to Debbie

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Russell of Prairie Township for her many volunteer hours and donations to the event.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to township logo.

Township Logo:

Fleshman asked the Board members if they were ready to vote on a logo based on the (3) three samples received. Horn said he would like to offer the audience an opportunity to come up and look at the samples. Fleshman opened the floor up for the audience to approach the board table and review the (3) three logo samples. The audience reviewed and voted to select sample #2 as the official Township logo, said the Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris.

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 19-150

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the #2 logo submission which is a sketch of the Briggsdale Home (in black in white) as the official township logo with adjusted touch ups and corrected date of 1803.

Fleshman introduced the creator of the logo Robert McElheny to the audience. Mr. McElheny shared his background as a photographer and that he has known John Fleshman for some time and is thankful for the opportunity to provide a logo that the Township can display in various locations.

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 19-151

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to give \$250.00 to Robert McElheny as the recipient of the Township logo initiative.

Horn questioned if the logo initiative was handled correctly. He expressed his concern that Linda Mercer, a resident of the Township provided a submission to the Township by the established deadline in May 2019. Fleshman said that only (1) one submission was available at the time of the deadline so the deadline was extended. Horn said the extension of the deadline was not defined and that Ms. Mercer's sample should have been considered at the initial deadline. Horn asked for a review of the logo initiative process.

Audience member *Mike Blevins* asked the Board if a thank you note was sent with a gift card to Franklin Heights High School as outlined in a prior

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meeting. Fleshman said the Board approved the letter and gift certificate to be sent but will follow up with an answer by the next meeting.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to tax budget discussion.

Tax Budget Discussion:

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer explained that the amount in the 2020 budget under the Police Department in question shows the revenue the Township anticipates receiving from the traffic cameras. This data was established based on the revenue from 2019. Since this is a temporary budget amendments can be made in January 2020 for the permanent budget, said Morris.

The Administrator shared that at any point the Township can submit an amendment to their budget to the County.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to resolutions.

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 19-144

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves bills in the amount of \$30,995.42 and payroll in the amount of \$281,816.31 dated August 9, 2019 for a total of \$312,811.73. From check number 51130 to check number 51234 and electronic checks 19-222 to 19-232.

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to new business.

New Business:

Police Department Report:

Byron Smith, Police Chief shared that he and the Township Administrator met with La Mega Media, Inc. at 103.1 FM (Hispanic radio station). This interview focused on how the police and the community can work together to strengthen our neighborhoods. On Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. there will be an event similar to a Cops and Kids event in the parking lot of the old Westland Mall near the La Plaza Tapatia. All are welcome. There will be activities for the kids, food, give-a-ways, etc. said Smith.

Smith stated he received notice of the lawsuit involving former officer Robert Wells. All information received will be sent to our Township attorney, said Smith.

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Smith asked the Board if the police department could go back to using the hand-held speed cameras. Alex shared his concerns about the language in the new transportation bill which could impact local government funding. Fleshman asked Smith what the Township would lose in local government funding. Smith said, based on his understanding the Township could lose \$60,000.00 in local government funding but would make this money back and more with revenue from the traffic cameras. Alex asked to table discussion until further understanding is gained.

Alex made a motion to table resuming the traffic cameras until further information is obtained and an understanding is gained by the Board on the legislation outlined in the transportation bill. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex yes. The motion was passed.

Lt. Ratliff updated the Board on the renovation of the modular.

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 19-152

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to pay Trio Construction a final check not to exceed \$17,000.00 for finish the renovations on the modular to make it functional for the police department.

Alex reminded the Administrator to make sure the modular is added to the Township insurance policy.

Fleshman asked if Deputy Ronk from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) had anything to report. Deputy Ronk gave a report on an increase in service calls received in the last (2) two weeks and there was a SWAT incident just this week in the Township. Deputy Ronk said the relationship between the FCSO and Franklin Township has improved over time. Horn asked if the FCSO is keeping an eye on an alleged drug house on Jackson Road. Ronk confirmed the FCSO is monitoring the situation and will move this to SIU as determined on activity.

Fire Department Report:

James Welch, Fire Chief asked the Board to place fire fighter Fleahman on FMLA. His exact leave date is dependent on his wife's pregnancy, said Welch.

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Resolution 19-149

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fire Chief to place fire fighter Doug Fleahman on FMLA on or around September 11th for (2) two days for the birth of his child.

Welch provided an update on staffing sharing that T. Mattia is back on light duty and J. Graham is anticipated to return back to work on light duty soon.

Welch stated that Engine 193 is in need of front tires and Goodyear has provided him with a quote. Fleshman asked Welch if he checked with State Tire. The Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens shared that State Tires typically offers tires at a lower cost than state bid.

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 19-153

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves the Fire Chief to purchase two front tires for Engine 193 not to exceed \$1,500.00.

With no from the Board and no comments from the audience, Fleshman moved to the road department report.

Road Department Report:

James Stevens, Road Superintendent updated the Board that employee Tommy Chesshir's official retirement date is August 29, 2019 and requested permission to host a retirement party on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Horn thanked Jim Stevens and his crew on their contribution to the National Night Out event on August 6, 2019. Mother Nature was not very nice to us this year, but overall it was a pretty nice event, said Horn.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience, Fleshman moved on to the fiscal department report.

Fiscal Department Report:

*Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer absent.*

With no Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to the trustee and administrator reports.

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Trustee Reports:

Trustee Fleshman reminded everyone that Juanita Kaufman's Memorial Service is scheduled on August 24th at 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City, Ohio.

Horn said in the next edition of the Messenger there is a nice article about Juanita Kaufman for those who would like to read.

Trustee Horn said he had nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Alex said that Brown's Tires on Harrisburg Pike has purchased an adjoining piece of property to their existing location. Brown's Tires is asking for a variance with Franklin County Zoning and is asking Franklin Township for a support letter.

Alex made a motion for the Township to send a letter of support to Franklin County Zoning on behalf of Brown's Tire in their renovation and/or building efforts including the required variance. Fleshman seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes. The motion was passed.

Administrator Report:

Administrator Potts updated the Board on his interview with La Mega Media.

Potts shared that he had the privilege to represent the Township at a Columbus Chamber of Commerce event.

With no further Board discussion or comments from the audience Fleshman moved to speaker cards.

Speaker Cards:

With no names listed to speak on speaker cards registration, Fleshman asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Questions from the Audience:

Linda Mercer, member of the audience asked the Board if the medical marijuana dispensary on Georgesville Road is located in the Township. Alex explained that all dispensaries which have been approved currently are located in the City of Columbus. Several of the locations are just outside of smaller jurisdictions such as Grandview and Franklin Township said Alex.

William Huffman, member of the audience asked the Board if the Township mandates local tire businesses to cover their used tires when stored outside. Alex answered that this is an area that Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) monitors and has a code enforcement officer. The Township also has a contract with FCSO to spray for mosquitoes as well to test for West Nile.

Huffman asked what the Township is doing to tackle the prostitution problem since the Columbus Vice has been disbanded. The Police Chief said the FCSO

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has a Special Investigation Unit (SIU) to address these types of issues in the County and Township.

A member of the Southwest Area Commission announced that on August 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the next SWAC meeting developers will be in attendance to discuss the future redevelopment of the former Clipper Stadium on W. Mound Street.

At 7:52 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 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

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