

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

May 22, 2019

Chairman Fleshman called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 22, 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.

Present: The Board of Trustees, Administrator, Police Chief, Police Lieutenant, Fiscal Officer and Assistant Fiscal Officer.

Purpose of the Meeting: *Discuss Traffic Camera Legislation in the new State Transportation Bill.*

Chief Smith presented to the Board the language in the new State Transportation Bill related to local government's use of traffic cameras. The new law states that local governments who utilize traffic cameras will be required to surrender 1/12 percent of the local government funds. This equates to an estimated loss of over \$72,000.00, said Smith.

The law does allow the traffic cameras in school zone areas with no loss of local government funds, stated Smith. The Township received a letter of recommendation from our legal council recommending the Township suspend the traffic camera program until further notice. The Police Department has put a lot of time and effort into this program, said Smith.

If an injunction is filed in Franklin County the Township may proceed with the traffic camera program during that time. Based on the new law the Township will need to contract with Franklin County Municipal Court to hear all appeal cases. The new law goes into effect on July 3, 2019, said Smith.

Fleshman said the traffic cameras are making a difference in the community as drivers in the Township are slowing down and that is the purpose for the program.

Alex stated that one of Governor DeWine's campaign promises is to increase local government funding and if that is the case the Township will need to re-evaluate the negative financial impact the camera program could have in the loss of revenue.

Fleshman suggested the Township research other legal teams who are educated in the traffic camera law who may provide guidance to the Township on next steps.

The Township Administrator said the Township should conduct a cost benefit analysis on the traffic camera program and the new law.

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Fleshman made the following motion to approve the Administrator and the Police Chief to speak with our legal counsel on their recommendations of contacting another legal firm who is focus on the traffic camera laws. Horn seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes.

Alex summarized next steps being that the Administrator and the Police Chief shall report back to the Board the recommendations from the Township's legal counsel. Once recommendations are received another meeting can be scheduled, said Alex.

Fleshman made a motion for adjournment. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Fleshman, yes; Alex, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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 06/13/19