

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

**Held via Teleconference
COVID-19 Emergency Declaration
Ohio's Open Meeting Act**

April 22, 2021

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 22, 2021, via teleconference (ZOOM).

Opening Prayer: Led by Trustee Fleshman

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Trustee Alex

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Horn made a motion to suspend the approval of prior meeting minutes. Fleshman seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the vote was as follows:

Horn: YES/ NO Fleshman: YES/ NO Alex: YES/ NO

Motion passed.

Old Business:

Fleshman began a discussion concerning waste service in Franklin Township.

He stated that Franklin Township had a contract with Local Waste until two and a half years ago and the contract then expired. He stated that Franklin Township residents have had issues with their waste haulers and were not aware they could have a hauler of their choice.

Fleshman mentioned that he has switched to Alpha Waste Services. He stated they are a family-run business and their pricing are \$60 per quarter including tax. He stated that this company is willing to assist citizens who are unable to take their trash to the curb, by going up to the house and hauling their trash to the curb for them.

Fleshman then introduced the representative for Alpha Waste Services who provided details of their services and prices and also provided their telephone number for anyone wishing to contact them.

Trustee Alex expressed his disappointment that the Board did not work with SWACO to get into a consortium for the residents.

Chairman Horn expressed a reminder that Franklin Township does not have a contract with a waste company and the issue does not need to be discussed further. He thanked the representative for Alpha Waste Services for his time and information.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to New Business.

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New Business:

Fiscal Department Report:

Rhinehart recommended the following resolution:

**Resolution 2021-064
Accounts Payable ending on 04/22/2021
& Payroll Paid on 04/16/2021**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves accounts payable through 04/22/2021 in the amount of \$42,965.58 and payroll paid on 04/16/2021 in the amount of \$145,149.46 for a total of \$188,115.04. From check number 66175 to 66275 and electronic vouchers 247-2021 to 271-2021. (See Exhibit)

Horn moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Fleshman seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

Horn: YES/ NO Fleshman: YES/ NO Alex: YES/ NO

Resolution passed.

Rhinehart reported an annual OTARMA renewal needs to be paid by May 2. She recommended the following Resolution:

**Resolution 2021-065
RESOLUTION TO PAY OTARMA 2021-2022 ANNIVERSARY
CONTRIBUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves a payment not to exceed \$67,000 to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) for the 2021-2022 annual contribution based on the estimate of \$65,948.00. (See Exhibit)

Horn moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Alex seconded the motion; with no discussion, the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

Horn: YES/ NO Fleshman: YES/ NO Alex: YES/ NO

Resolution passed.

Rhinehart mentioned the Franklin Township Policy and Procedures Manual and the need for its approval by the Board. She stated that the attorney approved the manual a year ago but there was the addition of a credit card policy which the Board was encouraged to review and approve.

Chairman Horn recommended that the Board table the approval for now in order to review the manual.

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Rhinehart wanted to recommend a Resolution regarding Public Record Policies and Procedures and ask for a vote.

Fleshman wanted to table the Resolution due to the fact that he had received the information only hours before the meeting and did not have time to review it.

Horn and Alex agreed with Fleshman as they also wanted time to review the Resolution before voting on it.

Rhinehart stated that the attorney did approve the Resolution and that she herself only wanted to assist with the process before leaving her position in the Township.

Rhinehart mentioned that Franklin Township has been looking for a payroll company and that she, Mark Potts and Robyn Watkins located a payroll company Franklin Township may want to consider. She stated the company is Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. and that they have a long history with townships. She mentioned that the company has a time clock system that is adaptable to many things.

She stated the Chief Operating Officer of the company is Scott Walter and that the Board may want to invite Mr. Walter to the next meeting to learn more about their services.

She mentioned looking at a payroll company called ADP which would assist in payroll and taxes at a quicker pace.

Rhinehart stated that she has been looking into how to prevent episodes of fraud the Township has been experiencing. She mentioned discussing this with the bank and learning about their programs such as Positive Pay and a device called Clover Mini which provide high security.

She gave a brief summary and several examples of financial issues over the past year that she was able to resolve.

Fleshman made a motion for the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolution 2021-066

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE FISCAL OFFICER RHINEHART FROM ALL TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL AS A SIGNER OF THE PNC BANK ACCOUNT EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township approves for removing Fiscal Officer Mary Rhinehart from all Township accounts, including removal as a signer of the PNC bank account effective May 1, 2021.

Alex seconded the motion. The roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

Horn: YES/ NO Fleshman: YES/ NO Alex: YES/ NO

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Resolution passed.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the police department.

Police Department Report:

Administrator Mark Potts reported that Chief Byron Smith was not available for the meeting. He stated that Chief Smith asked him to let the public know the Franklin Township Police Department is holding community hours on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in order to discuss the upcoming police levy. He stated it is being held at Central Baptist Church, 1955 Frank Road and that social distancing will be observed.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the fire department.

Fire Department Report:

Chief James Welch asked for a Resolution for repair of extra Medic 193.

Horn made a motion for the following Resolution:

**Resolution 2021-067
RESOLUTION TO PAY OHIO CAT FOR REPAIR
OF EXTRA MEDIC 193**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 based on the quote of \$14,315.07 from Ohio CAT for the repair of the extra Medic 193.

Alex seconded the motion; the roll was called for its adoption and the vote was as follows.

Horn: YES/ NO Fleshman: YES/ NO Alex: YES/ NO

Resolution passed.

Welch asked for a motion to place Alex Keefe on FMLA effective April 20, 2021.

Horn made the motion to place Alex Keefe on FMLA effective April 20, 2021. Alex seconded the motion. With no discussion, the roll was called, and the vote was as follows:

Horn: YES/ NO Fleshman: YES/ NO Alex: YES/ NO

Motion passed.

Welch wanted the Board to know that his department's 2010 Pierce truck is going back to the manufacturer soon for repairs.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the road department.

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Road Department Report:

Administrator Mark Potts stated that Jim Stevens had nothing to report in the meeting.

With no further discussion, Horn moved to the trustee reports:

Trustee Reports:

Alex reminded everyone that Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health have plenty of COVID-19 vaccines available. He said the phone number to make an appointment is 833-4-ASK-OHIO.

Fleshman expressed his appreciation to the Franklin Township Fire Chief and Police Chief for putting pictures on social media for the public to view.

Horn wanted to discuss a situation on Rea Avenue. The Board has agreed not to let go of any Township right-of-way to the owner of a property on Rea Avenue. The owner expressed his desire to make the property a "nature preserve" which the Board questions.

The Board has discussed among themselves the situation and agree that they should involve the Environmental Department and Health Department for assistance.

With no further discussion, Horn asked Potts if there were any questions from the public.

Questions:

Potts stated that resident Mike Blevins wanted to speak.

Mike Blevins:

"I had stopped and spoke to Mary on my own time and I wanted to do it tonight here in this meeting since it is her last meeting. I want this to go on the minutes that I appreciate everything she has done for the Township. I feel she tried very hard when she came into quite a daunting situation. I don't think she was received well by people of the Township. I think she gave it her all, and I just want to say I wish her nothing but the best and I hope whatever she gets into, she is very successful at it, and I do appreciate everything she has done. That's all I have to say, and thank you for letting me speak."

Robbyne Chaney:

"I was just wondering why everything has stalled on the "No Knock" when this has been going on for two and a half years. We've already had people in the neighborhood we have had to argue with to get out of the neighborhood. I'm not sure what the hold-up is. We did all the research, let you guys know what was going on, you were supposed to have taken care of that, and there has never been anything done about it.

Also Ralph, Jackie contacted you a month ago about the homeless, trash stacked up against the privacy fence, nothing has been done about it, the trash is growing and growing".

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Horn stated that he was not sure what can be done and would discuss the issue with Jim Stevens.

Fleshman stated he is supportive of "No Knock", that the Board did discuss it but decided to postpone a vote. He suggested reviewing the issue and trying to pass a vote again.

Adjournment:

With no further discussion, Horn adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Signature on file with original _____
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature on file with original _____
John Fleshman, Vice-Chairman/Trustee

Signature on file with original _____
Ralph Horn, Chairman/Trustee

Signature on file with original _____
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer