

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Regular Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

March 8, 2018

Chairman Horn called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 2018 at 2193 Frank Road.

Chairman Horn gave the welcome.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Womack, Police Department Chaplain, led the opening prayer.

Chairman Horn led in The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Chairman Horn made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes. Fleshman seconded. Votes were taken:

- Special Meeting on January 16, 2018 – Police Chief MOU
Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes
- Special Meeting on February 8, 2018 – Fire Department Union Contract
Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes
- Regular Meeting on February 8, 2018
Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes
- Special Meeting on February 15, 2018 – Obtaining Property
Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes
- Special Meeting on February 15, 2018 – Administrative Staff
Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, no
- Special Meeting on February 22, 2018 – Police Chief MOU Approval
Horn, yes; Alex, abstained; Fleshman, yes
- Regular Meeting on February 22, 2018
Horn, yes; Alex, abstained; Fleshman, yes

The following motion was made by Trustee Fleshman for the Township Secretary to proof-read the meeting minutes for spelling, grammatical, and punctuation errors prior to Board approval. Upon timely review, the Secretary will then return proof-read minutes to the Fiscal Office for revisions and distribution to Trustees and Department Heads. Content of the meeting minutes will be reviewed by the Board and Department Heads. Any and all suggested revisions will be at the discretion of the Board. If any issues develop related to this arrangement the Assistant Fiscal Officer will report back to the Board for reconsideration.

Horn Seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Fire Department Report:

Assistant Chief Adams acknowledged Vice-Chairman Alex on his representation of the Township Fire Department during his recent trip to Washington D.C.

The chief then requested a motion from the Board to accept the resignation of Firefighter Ronald Cunningham effective 3/4/18.

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The following was motioned by Vice-Chairman Alex to accept the resignation of Firefighter Ronald Cunningham effective 3/4/18.

Trustee Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Chief Adams continued by requesting a resolution from the Board to hire Jeff Rosencrance as a firefighter, contingent on completion of a background check.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-042

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the hiring of Firefighter Jeff Rosencrance.

Chief Adams proceeded to reported to the Board that Firefighter Girardi had injured himself quite seriously while off duty. With that being said, the chief then requested a motion from the Board to place Firefighter Girardi on Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) effective 2/21/18.

The following motion was made by Vice-Chairman Alex to place Firefighter Girardi on FMLA effective 2/21/18. Fleshman seconded.
A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

The chief shared with excitement that he applied for and received a grant for \$3,515.00. With this grant the Township can now purchase a hose nozzle which is desperately needed. The chief then asked the Board for a resolution to purchase a nozzle from All American Fire.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-043

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves for the Assistant Fire Chief to exhaust the \$3,515.00 in grant funds received to purchase a Blitz Fire Nozzle from All American Fire Equipment.

The audience had no questions for the Assistance Fire Chief.

Road Department Report:

Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens indicated that he had nothing for the Board.

A resident on Hart Road reported how the carrier who delivers “The Bag” for the Columbus Dispatch tosses these plastic bags alongside mailboxes on Hart Road and at times the bag(s) may lay along the road side for weeks. It was

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explained that bags are left alongside mailboxes of homes which are unoccupied. The Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice, asked the resident to talk with her after the meeting.

The following resolution was motioned by Vice-Chairman Alex. Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-037

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the purchase of a berm box from Concord Road Equipment at a purchase price of \$6,799.04 for the Road Department to make repairs on road berms within the Township.

A member of the audience asked if the Board was aware of the property at 3277 Clime Road which has abandoned vehicles, trailers, a farm tractor, and excessive wood piles visible from the road. The Board believes there are reports on file related to this same property and the Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice was asked to research and to get back with the member of the audience. A mention was made of an abandoned wrecker sitting on 2215 Big Run Road. Jim Stevens confirmed that the County is investigating that particular property. Much thanks was given to Jim Stevens from the audience on the speed limit signs which were erected on Hart Road. Stevens then explained he had to get approval from the County to erect the signs on Hart Road so that is the reason for the delay. Neighbors on Hart Road shared that semi-tractor trailers are still traveling on Hart Road illegally.

The audience had not further questions for the Road Superintendent.

The following resolution was motioned by Trustee Fleshman. Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-041

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves payroll in the amount of \$198,072.70 and bills in the amount of \$309,231.48 for a total of \$507,304.18 from check number 45815 to 46084.

Police Department Report

Police Chief, Byron Smith had nothing to report to the Board.

Chairman Horn asked the Chief about the status of the surplus of police cars. The Chief replied by sharing that with the help of Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens in removing the equipment from the cars the surplus fleet will be placed on GovDeals.com to be sold.

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Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris was absent. Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins communicated that the same resolution of 17-040 was given out in error at two different meetings in January 2017.

January 12, 2017 17-040 January 26, 2017 17- 040

The following motion was made by Trustee Fleshman to allow the Assistant Fiscal Officer, Robyn Watkins to correct the typographic error from the 1/12/17 and 1/26/17 meeting minutes related to the duplication of Resolution 17-040. The resolution from the 1/12/17 meeting number 17-040 will remain the same, while the duplicate resolution from the 1/26/17 meeting, 17-040 will be amended to read 17-040-1.

Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Assistant Fiscal Officer identified to the audience that prior to the meeting she had distributed an extensive accounts payable list and those audience members who did not get the list could pick up a copy on the table located in the back of the room adjacent to the copier.

The audience had no questions for the Fiscal Office.

Building Department Report:

Administrative Coordinator, Jessica Rice reported 3635 W. Broad is getting a new business. The new business will be called Cycle Gear.

The audience had no questions for Administrative Coordinator.

Chairman:

The following resolution was motioned by Chairman Horn, for the purchase of two Canon printer/copier/fax machines for the administrative and fiscal offices.

Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

RESOLUTION 18-044

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the Board approves the purchase of two Canon printer/copier/fax machines for the administrative and fiscal offices at a total purchase price of \$666.48.

Chairman Ralph Horn recommended that the next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for 3/22/18, to be changed due to the annual Township Dinner Meeting on the same evening.

The following motion was made by Vice-Chairman Alex to move the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 to Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will also include an invitation to the Hart Road Block Watch members who would normally meet at 2193 Frank Road for their monthly meeting on 3/22/18. This will be combined

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meeting of the Hart Road Block Watch and the Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. This is a onetime change due to a schedule conflict on March 22, 2018.

Fleshman seconded. A vote was taken: Horn, yes; Alex, yes; Fleshman, yes.

Vice Chairman:

Vice Chairman, Aryeh Alex indicated that him and the Police Chief will be getting together to discuss block watch trainings.

Chairman Horn updated the audience on the status of the Township newsletter. Steps are in motion to have the latest newsletter to the Township residents by April 1st, 2018.

Trustee:

Trustee Fleshman began by telling the Board that he conducted his own research and is concerned about past due bills, and late fees in the amount of \$14,491.61, that the Township has incurred historically. He also distributed his findings to both Chairman Horn and Vice-Chairman Alex.

Chairman Horn explained, a meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2018, to discuss Trustee Fleeshman's concerns. The Chairman also shared that the Fiscal Officer just completed a thorough investigation/audit under the review of the Ohio State Auditor's Office and no wrongdoing was identified at the conclusion of the investigation.

Chairman Horn made a motion with no further business to discuss, to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Alex seconded. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Ralph Horn, Chairman

Aryeh Alex, Vice-Chairman

John Fleshman, Trustee

Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer

Minutes were Taken & Typed By: Robyn Watkins