

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Special Meeting

Held at 2193 Frank Road

January 24, 2019

Chairman Fleshman called the Special Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 24, 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.

Purpose of the Meeting: Discuss Purchase of Property and Update on Hiring Township Administrator

Fleshman handed the meeting over to the Road Superintendent, Jim Stevens to discuss the possibility of purchasing adjacent property to 2193 Frank Road.

Stevens summarized the potential steps needed in the plan to secure the adjacent properties.

Alex expressed his concern about the cost of the property versus the market value. Stevens said, the property would allow the Township to double the size of their current dilapidated salt barn which needs replaced sooner than later. Alex stated he supports the idea and agrees a new salt barn is a necessity, but holds firm on his position that the purchase price is inflated.

Horn said he would like to reach out to Franklin County to see if the Township could benefit from the extra acreage available at the new Franklin County Forensic Science Center once construction is complete. There will be 5 to 10 acres of green space available upon completion of the construction, which the Township could benefit from, said Horn.

Alex recommended that the Township research to possibility of obtaining the adjacent property via eminent domain. Stevens explained the Township must own property on three sides of a property before being eligible to begin the eminent domain process. Currently the Township only owns property on two sides of the property in question.

The Fiscal Officer, Lisa Morris reminded the Board of the previous resolution stating that the revenue from the sale of Township owned properties would be used towards Township capital improvements such as purchasing the adjacent land to build a new salt barn.

Fleshman concurred with Morris that the Board originally started (2) two years ago as well as agreeing that funds from properties sold would be used to for capital improvements.

The Board agreed that they would reach out to the owner and provide a decision in the next (3) three to (4) four weeks. Horn agreed to call the owner as well as reach out to Franklin County about the acreage as previously discussed.

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Stevens provided the owners name and contact information to the Board and stated he would step out of the equation from this point forward and let the Board take the lead on this project.

Fleshman made a motion that the Board would reach out to the owner of the adjacent property as well as contact Franklin County on the available acreage within the next 30 days. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes.

Stevens asked the Board if he could be excused from the meeting. The Board agreed and Stevens left the discussion at 6:00 p.m.

Fleshman transitions in the discussion related to the hiring of a Township Administrator. Alex recommended that a screen committee be put into place to review applicants for the Administrator position.

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 19-013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio that the Board approves to create a selection committee to begin the screening process for hiring a Township Administrator. The committee will include staff members, department heads, and a third party.

Without further discussion Fleshman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alex seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Fleshman, yes; Horn, yes; Alex, yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Signature of File with Original
John Fleshman, Chairman

Signature of File with Original
Ralph Horn, Vice-Chairman

Signature of File with Original
Aryeh Alex, Trustee

Signature of File with Original
Lisa Morris, Fiscal Officer
Robyn Watkins, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Minutes were taken and typed by: Robyn Watkins
Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on 02/07/19