

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held February 10, 2016

The Franklin Township Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on February 10th at 6 p.m. Trustee Ruppert, Trustee Morris, Trustee Callahan, Fiscal Officer Fromeyer, Administrator Stivers, Road Superintendent Rose and Cemetery Superintendent Steve Bishop were all in attendance.

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
Mrs. Callahan- Yes
Mr. Morris- Yes
Motion Carried

Visitors:

Mr. Andrew Sievers, candidate for Common Pleas Court Judge general division, attended the meeting and briefly explained his employment history.

Barney Wright- A trustee of the Loeb Foundation wanted to let us know it they are pleased to be able to work with Franklin Township. Mr. Wright also would like to let us know he is running for Treasurer of Warren County.

Old Business:

Mrs. Callahan did attend a Miami Valley Regional Planning meeting and thought it was very informative. Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Director is expected to speak at an upcoming meeting. Mrs. Callahan thinks this is a good direction to go.

The promissory note for Woodhill Cemetery was discussed. Mr. Ruppert had a chance to look at the promissory note and it looks the same as what we recently adopted. Mrs. Callahan thought it was interesting that when you are purchasing a plot that you are not purchasing a piece of land that you are only purchasing a right to be buried in that grave. Mr. Ruppert stated that he recently attended some classes on cemetery operations and thought it was interesting that other cemeteries are allowing up to 3 or 4 cremations on top of a used grave. Mrs. Callahan said she heard this has come about because of recent heroin issues, that often times the deceased are addicts and cannot afford a grave of their own. Mrs. Callahan would like to see us create a scattering gardens. Mrs. Callahan said that this would be a way to keep a cemetery generating revenue because that is something you can reuse. Mr. Ruppert said that he will put some other ideas that were mentioned at the class together and look into those. Mr. Morris mentioned that Mrs. Callahan brought up having a wall that you could engrave names on. Mr. Bishop had some questions about how you control that because people scatter ashes on top of graves at night, without permission. Mrs. Callahan said by having a stone wall with name plaques or names etched it would be a way to have a record of where that body was scattered. So people would be paying more for the memorialization of their loved one than for the scattering.

New Business:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion that trustees are paid monthly. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert- Yes
Mrs. Callahan- Yes
Mr. Morris-Yes
Motion carried

Mrs. Callahan had some questions about who is in charge of making changes to our website. Mrs. Stivers said we use Stacy Castle, she is a web designer who was recommended to us by another townships and we pay her 25.00 a month for the up keep of our website. Mrs. Callahan was under the impression we had some agreement with Clearcreek Township. Mrs. Stivers said that that agreement had ended several years ago.

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Mrs. Callahan was ok with Stacy Castle doing the site and the cost we are paying so she is content to leave it be at this time.

Mrs. Stivers and Mr. Morris meet with Stan Williams and Matt Obringer, from Warren County Regional Planning Commission, they are planning some development in the Red Lion area and would like to extend that into the Hunter area. They just need a formal request for assistance. Mr. Morris said he thinks they have some great ideas and would really help the Hunter area. Mr. Ruppert wanted to clarify that just means they will be collecting data, interviewing people, arrange public meetings. The public will have involvement in this this just get s a plan started. Mr. Morris will be sitting in on these meetings. Mr. Ruppert made a motion that we send a letter requesting the involvement of Warren County Planning Commission. Mr. Morris seconded that motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
Mrs. Callahan- Yes
Mr. Morris-Yes Motion carried

While at this meeting with the Warren County Regional Planning Commission, there was discussion about the Dollar General going into the Hunter area. It was suggested that we could create a design board to restrict the design particulars of any further building in the township. Mr. Ruppert has questions about this that he would like answered because he is unsure that we can do this. Mr. Ruppert is very hesitant to adopt a design board, primarily because he feels it would infringe upon the rights of our residents, not to mention the cost the township would incur to have an architect and various other professionals sit on this board. Mr. Morris said that we can have local developers donate their time so we are not paying people to do this. He also said that while Turtlecreek has very stringent policies, ours could be more relaxed. Mr. Ruppert will look into this to try to find out more information and bring it to a future meeting

HYRA would like to add some soccer fields at the park. The land is there, HYRA will just be purchasing some goals for the park. The HYRA contract is set to be renewed before that Mrs. Stivers would like to see if there is anything additional the trustees would like to add to the contract. Mr. Ruppert asked if it would be ok for all trustees to look at this and email Mrs. Stivers individually. Mrs. Stivers was fine with that.

Mr. Morris would like for Franklin Township to have a blanket agreement for anyone that receives money from Franklin Township so we can make sure that money is being used as the township sees fit. Mr. Ruppert would like for this to be ran through the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Ruppert has concerns that we cannot ask the Fiscal Officer as an elected official to do this. Mrs. Callahan thinks this would be a great idea because we need to know where our money is going to. Mr. Ruppert said this would effect The Deardoff Senior Center, Franklin Area Community Services, HYRA, Warren County Community Services and more. Mr. Fromeyer does not believe we have a right to audit these organizations, and as charitable organizations they are audited and must file with the state annually anyhow. Therefore, this would be unnecessary work. Mr. Ruppert said he does know where the township's money is going. Mrs. Callahan would like us to forward this to the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Morris would just like for the Township and the people receiving money to be fiscally be responsible.

Mrs. Callahan emailed Mrs. Stivers about joining the Trenton/Monroe/Middletown Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Stivers would like to table the Middletown/ Trenton/ Monroe Chamber of Commerce issue. She has emailed and called to get current pricing and has not gotten any return information as to cost. Mrs. Callahan asked what happened to the price sheet we got last year. Mrs. Stivers says that one is quite old and would like to get up to date pricing. Mrs. Callahan will go down to pick one up, she attends regularly anyhow. Mr. Morris said he also attends and can pick up the information. The Chamber of Commerce would like for us to join since we are adjoining community and they are trying to grow. Tabled until next meeting.

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The Village of Carlisle recently installed water lines on Fairview. Mrs. Stivers asked about hooking up the office & garage, since the wells that currently serve these two buildings are dry more often than not. Mrs. Callahan has concerns about what the bills would be monthly. Mrs. Stivers says that would depend upon usage and she cannot anticipate the office would have much usage since she is the only employee in the building regularly. The garage would, of course, have more when trucks need washed. Mrs. Callahan would like to see if we could re-drill our well and go deeper so we do not need to hook up to the water. Mr. Rose informed us that we are on top of a fly ash dump, when you turn the water on you can smell the sulfur in the water. Mr. Rose said with the well that we currently have, we do not have enough water to wash the trucks and the water is undrinkable, resulting in the township having to purchase bottled water. Mrs. Callahan would like to know if we can do both, city water and well water, for the garage. Mr. Rose said in order to do that we would have to redo some plumbing. Mr. Morris said he is also aware of older subdivisions that are not having enough water also. Mrs. Callahan would like more information as to what the cost would be to hook up. Mrs. Stivers said that she was given an estimate of \$4500 last year. Mrs. Callahan would like to look into cost of having the well drilled deeper. Mr. Ruppert and Mrs. Stivers are concerned that if we do have it drilled again to see if we can get better water that we have just wasted thousands of dollars in doing that and still have water that is undrinkable.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion that we tie into the water system for a cost not to exceed \$4500.00. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert- Yes
Mr. Morris-Yes
Mrs. Callahan- No Motion carried.

Road Report:

A driveway washed out on Lynn Drive in Hunter. It was a driveway that the road crew had replaced a culvert in recently and had not yet been paved over. Therefore, the road crew made repairs. Due to the recent snowfall we've had to order 200 tons of road salt and incur some overtime. Mr. Rose asked about keeping Jake Daniels employed with us, stating that Mrs. Stivers had indicated the board may object since Mr. Daniels was originally hired as seasonal help. With the recent retirement of an employee at the cemetery, Jake has been working funerals at the cemetery when Steve is out plowing. His time did restart at the new year so we are not close to being required to pay him benefits. None of the trustees made an objection to Mr. Daniels continuing on. Mr. Ruppert and Mr. Morris spoke about the wonderful job the road crew is doing. Mr. Morris asked Mr. Rose if it would be possible to install reflectors in the middle of the road on Pennyroyal. Mr. Rose said anything is possible, however he'd advise against it because of cost to install, cost to remove, damage that can be done to the reflectors when snow plows drive through, and liability issues if a snow plow hits a reflector and it hits a passing vehicle. Mr. Bishop said that those type of reflectors are quickly going out of use, after someone was killed by a propelling reflector hitting their windshield.

Cemetery Report:

Mr. Bishop said that February has been a busy month. They have had 6 funerals this month already.

Fire Report:

Mr. Bishop has had 15 runs this month and some squad assist for car wrecks.

Office Report:

Mrs. Stivers says the cemetery board had a few new faces and things seems to be going well. Mr. Morris questioned whether Mrs. Stivers had spoken to Dennie Fitzgerald, she said she had reached out a few times with no response. Mrs. Stivers showed the board pictures of the trash cans at the cemetery before and after Mr. Bishop recently began working on them. She said the trash cans at the cemetery look wonderful and sends thanks to Mr. Bishop.

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Mrs. Stivers would like to schedule the appropriations meeting, which is typically done in February. The appropriation meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2016 @ 10 am.

Mrs. Stivers is working on the 5 year plan with Mr. Rose and Mr. Bishop and will have them to the trustees as soon as possible.

Warren County Prosecutor, Dave Fornshell, will be attending the next meeting for his annual report.

The swimming pool invoice was received. It is a bit higher than usual, due to the purchase of two new diving boards. Mrs. Stivers reminded the board that they had been told about the diving boards and a cost estimate was provided to the board in their packets several months ago. Mrs. Callahan has some concerns about whether they were actually a pool board. We do not have a contract or agreement with the City of Franklin. Mr. Ruppert stated that we do have an agreement, but it's not legally binding. The city pays all of the expenses of the pool and then the Township will then pay 50/50 of the deficiency. Mrs. Callahan said there was no meeting about the diving boards being purchased but they were purchased. Mrs. Callahan has some concerns about not having a contract/agreement for the pool. She questions if someone should become injured, who will be held liable. Mr. Ruppert said that the city carries insurance on the pool. Mrs. Callahan said that she would like to see a new agreement drafted, because she doesn't feel it's benefiting all township residents. Over this past summer there was an incident where a Carlisle resident was thinking about getting a pool pass but he was quoted the non-resident rate. As a township resident he should get the discounted rate. Mr. Ruppert agrees that there are concerns about the future of the pool but we receive a great tax incentive from the City of Franklin with this being the only benefit we offer the City of Franklin residents each year. Mr. Morris would like to get a new agreement with the city regarding the pool. Mr. Ruppert asked Mrs. Stivers to please call Sonny Lewis and remedy the situation with the pool. Mrs. Callahan would like a legal document about who is protecting the swimmers. Mrs. Callahan would also like Mrs. Stivers to please check with Mr. Sorey to see if a Trustee can serve on the pool board.

Mrs. Stivers stated that each board member had a Local Government conference schedule in their packets, if they would like to attend.

HYRA is advertising Sparks in the Park for July 23rd. Mrs. Stivers has spoken to Kim Johnson who is taking over the Sparks in the Park and is waiting to get the contract back.

Mrs. Stivers is working with Chuck Petty, from the Warren County Engineers office, to begin a street sweeping program in the township. There are only certain areas of the township that qualify, but those will be done without any additional cost to our citizens.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the payment listing as presented by the fiscal officer. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
 Mr. Morris-Yes
 Mrs. Callahan-Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the Appropriations Status, Appropriate Summary, Fund Summary, Fund Status, Revenue Summary and Revenue Status report. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
 Mr. Morris-Yes
 Mrs. Callahan-Yes Motion carried.

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Mr. Ruppert made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:32 pm to discuss acquisition of property. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
Mr. Morris-Yes
Mrs. Callahan-Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to return from executive session at 7:43pm. Seconded by Mr. Morris.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
Mr. Morris-Yes
Mrs. Callahan-Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
Mr. Morris-Yes
Mrs. Callahan-Yes Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held February 24, 2016 at 6 p.m.



Beth Callahan, President



Ronald Ruppert, Vice President



Brian Morris, Trustee



Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer