

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held August 27

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The Franklin Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 6 p.m. Trustee Ruppert, Trustee Callahan, Trustee Sample and Fiscal Officer Fromeyer were all present. Additionally, staff members Traci Stivers, Rob Rose and Steve Bishop were in attendance.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, August 13, 2014.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Mike Yetter, Warren County Zoning Inspector attended at the trustees request. Mr. Ruppert asked Mr. Yeter about the property located at 7068 Main St. in Franklin. Mr. Ruppert stated that he's been a trustee for quite a few years now and that this house has always been an issue for the township. Mr. Yetter agreed, he said that since he became zoning inspector in 2003 he's always had problems with it. Mr. Yetter said that the problem is that the area is zoned light industrial and therefore a lot of what the tenant at 7068 Main St. is doing is actually allowed. It was never intended to be a residential area, so this type of thing was not expected. Mr. Yetter said that the zoning code changed in 2012 and that has helped a small amount. The new code does have a junk ordinance in it that does not allow outside storage. Mr. Yetter said that he has handed this property over to the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Yetter said that he had showed photos of this property to the building inspector and that there are no building code violations evident on the outside. Mr. Yetter also mentioned that if the home were to be condemned that the county does not have funds appropriated to demolish it, that it would most likely be the left to the township to cover the cost. Mr. Sample said that he understands that this area is zoned light industrial but he wonders if there is some way that the county could enforce code based upon the use of the land, as opposed to the zoning. Since this property has been used as a residence for at least the last 11 years, the property owners should be obligated to adhere to the codes that every other residence is held to. Mr. Sample is not suggesting that the zoning change, just that the property owners be held to the same standard as others.

Mr. Yetter also discussed the property located at 8361 Franklin – Trenton Rd. He stated that there is nothing in the zoning code that stipulates a building must be finished. Therefore, the wrap that is on the outside of this dwelling is perfectly legal. Additionally, the property is being used agriculturally as far as Mr. Yetter knows. He has been told that there are horses inside the barn, but has never been inside. Mrs. Stivers and Mrs. Callahan both spoke up and said that they live in close proximity to this property and they believe that the owner or someone else is living in the barn. Mrs. Stivers also said that she has never seen horses there. Mr. Yetter said that he needed a reason to be able to go inside the barn to determine if someone is living there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Stivers asked the board to table the subject of 816 Union Rd. until she can gather more information. The board agreed.

Mr. Rose discussed road salt with the board. Mrs. Stivers provided the board members with a spread sheet that had the prices that other surrounding communities were given. Mr. Ruppert said he really doesn't feel comfortable paying \$91 per ton for salt. Mr. Rose said he had spoken to Franklin's City Manager and that they were not going to be getting any new salt this year. Apparently, the city has much bigger bins than we do and they have enough to supply them for the winter already on hand. Mr. Sample asked if we would be losing anything by going with another entity and putting it out to bid again. Everyone agreed that it couldn't hurt, as long as we don't lose the opportunity to get the salt that Central gave us a bid for. Mr. Sample said he doesn't understand how these salt companies can justify what they are doing. It was suggested that Mrs. Stivers call John Matarese, a local news anchor who investigates companies that take advantage of the public. Mr. Sample suggested that Mrs. Stivers tell Central we plan to accept the bid they gave, and if we find it cheaper elsewhere we can buy it elsewhere. Mrs. Stivers said that she had not yet seen the contract from Central, but often times the contract will require us to take 80% of the amount that was bid for.

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Mrs. Callahan made a motion to approve allowing Mrs. Stivers to call Central and try to negotiate with them and to sign the contract as long as the price does not exceed the \$91.51 we were quoted earlier.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Sample – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to enter into the agreement with the Ohio Insurance Services Healthcare Cooperative and to make Mr. Ruppert the authorized representative.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Sample – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample said that with the changes in healthcare coverage that Frank Harmon had spoken about at our last meeting, that he'd like Mrs. Stivers to look into a tobacco free policy and report back.

The possibility of switching our MPO to Miami Valley Regional Planning was discussed again. When the agenda was emailed to the trustees Mr. Sample had emailed everyone saying that he didn't think it needed to be on the agenda, because as of yet, he hadn't been convinced it was the best move for the township. Mr. Ruppert said he agreed, that he'd like to hear from other communities that have made the switch. Mrs. Stivers will contact some of our neighboring communities.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-08272014 to assess street lighting in Franklin Township.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve Resolution 01-08272014 transferring \$3,000.00 from Other Expenses 1000-610-599-0000 to Salaries – Park 1000-610-190-0000 for the purpose of paying payroll.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Road Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Rose reported that he replaced the Welcome To Franklin Township sign near Mr. Sample's home. Mr. Sample asked Mr. Rose if he had made a list of those signs, as requested. Mr. Rose had not made a list, but will do that.

Mr. Rose reported that he had contacted the person that owns the land near the underpass on Franklin – Trenton Rd. That land was discussed at the last meeting, and it was assumed at that time that the land belonged to the developer of Tara Estates. It actually belongs to the owner of Weidle Gravel company. Mr. Rose talked to the owner and he was hesitant to allow us to use it. Mr. Sample suggested that Mr. Rose contact Warren County Parks about using their land to create a turn around spot for semi trucks. Mr. Rose will do that.

Cemetery Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bishop stated that they recently cut down seven large dead trees with the help of the road department.

Mr. Bishop reported that he has two mowers that are not functioning. He advised the board that while these are in for repairs and should be able to be fixed, we will need to purchase a new one in the spring.

Mr. Ruppert asked Mr. Bishop about the ditch that runs along Dixie Hwy on the cemetery property. Mr. Bishop said that is a problem area for the cemetery employees, it stays wet all the time and is very difficult to mow.

Mr. Bishop said he never has heard from the Miller family regarding the cleaning of the mausoleum.

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Lastly, Mr. Bishop said that he had talked to Jim Mears and Mr. Mears is no longer sure that they'll be putting in three flagpoles, due to cost.

Fire Chief's Report:

Mr. Bishop would like to hire Bradley Cooper. Mr. Cooper has extensive experience with both Franklin and Milford Township. Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Bradley Cooper on a 6 month probationary period with pay.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

JEMS Report:

Mr. Ruppert reported that JEMS is considering buying two new ambulances.

Fiscal Officer's Reports:

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to approve the Payment Listing as presented by the fiscal officer.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the Appropriation Summary, Appropriation Status, Fund Summary, Fund Status, Revenue Summary, and Revenue Status reports.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report:

Mrs. Stivers said after talking with her contact at Norfolk Southern that she is inclined to believe that they will give us the money to pay for a flashing sign, although the final decision hasn't been handed down yet. She stated that Norfolk Southern was concerned about liability. Mr. Ruppert suggested that Norfolk Southern give us the money as a grant. Mrs. Stivers will continue working on this.

Mr. Sample made a motion at 7:05 p.m. at the request of Chief Bishop to enter into executive session to discuss the hiring, termination, promotion, demotion or compensation of personnel.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to return to regular session and adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

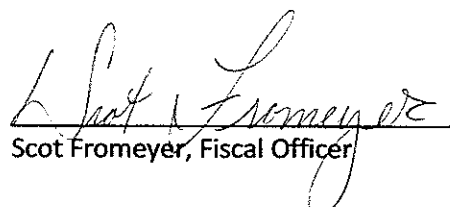
ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample – Yes
Mrs. Callahan – Yes
Mr. Ruppert – Yes Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting will be September 10, 2014 at 6 p.m.


Ronald Ruppert, President


Beth Callahan, Vice President


Gregory Sample, Trustee


Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer

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