

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Franklin Township Trustees

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

March 11

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The Franklin Township Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6 p.m. Trustee Ruppert, Trustee Sample, Trustee Callahan, Fiscal Officer Fromeyer, Administrator Stivers, Road Superintendent Rose and Cemetery Superintendent Bishop were all in attendance.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2015 meeting. 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 the minutes from the February 27, 2015 meeting. Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting. Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Visitors: None

Old Business:

Mrs. Stivers informed the Board that Warren County Assistant Prosecutor Roger Sorey reviewed the Serving Seniors Grant application and had said that he actually quite likes the wording regarding religious organizations.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the Serving Seniors Grant Application.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

New Business:

Mrs. Stivers stated that Sonny Lewis, Franklin's City Manager, had contacted her regarding Warren County Regional Planning. Sonny said that the board was thinking of adding three seats to the Executive Committee. Mrs. Stivers sent Sharon Coffman, Warren County Regional Planning Commission secretary, a letter expressing the township's interest in obtaining one of those seats. Mrs. Stivers said that Ms. Coffman had suggested that the township send a representative to the meeting on April 14th. Mr. Sample said that since Franklin's City Manager, Springboro's City Manager and Clearcreek's Zoning Inspector were all on the board he felt it would be appropriate for Mrs. Stivers to attend and serve on the board. Mrs. Stivers said that she thought Mr. Sample would make a much better representative since he has extensive knowledge of real estate and economic development. Mr. Sample said he would be an added resource anytime Mrs. Stivers needed him. Mrs. Stiver's told the trustees that she had been told there was a repair needed on the bus but then she was informed that there was some sort of misunderstanding and it was possible that the repair did not need to be made. Therefore she didn't want the board to act on the item yet. Mr. Ruppert asked who told her the repair didn't need to be made. Mrs. Stivers said the driver had called and told her he didn't think it was necessary. Mrs. Stivers had a call in to Whitworth. Mr. Ruppert said he'd hate to have a passenger on the bus and then it malfunction and asked Mrs. Stivers to talk to a mechanic about it.

Mrs. Stivers said that Sonny Lewis had asked her for a meeting and inquired as to whether the township would be willing to make a donation towards the cost of resurfacing the tennis

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courts at the Franklin Community Park. Mr. Lewis suspected the cost would be around \$50,000.00. Mr. Ruppert asked if those courts were used for our summer park programs. Mrs. Stivers said yes, that they were. Mrs. Stivers said she thought it would be a good faith gesture towards the City if we contributed, but that the courts at the Franklin Township park in Hunter also needs resurfaced, so if we contribute to Franklin we need to consider our own courts when deciding how much to give. Mr. Sample agreed and suggested that Mrs. Stivers talk with Sonny and see if we could get a better deal on both parks if we partnered with Franklin. Mrs. Callahan said that she had reservations because Carlisle Schools had approached the township a few years ago asking for help with their tennis courts and we had declined. Mr. Ruppert suggested that we contact Carlisle and see if they would be interested in having their courts resurfaced too. Maybe if we all three went together, we'd get a better price. Mrs. Stivers will talk to Mr. Lewis about it and Mrs. Callahan will approach Carlisle.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the implementation of the Summer Park Programs as in years past.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Road Report:

Mr. Rose asked the trustees how they would feel about him topping off the salt bins. The cost would be about \$9,000. If he doesn't, we'd take a chance on the price being higher next year. Mr. Ruppert was not in favor of the idea because he'd like to make sure that the road department is able to afford the purchase of a hotbox for repairing the potholes throughout the township.

Mr. Rose said that the road crew had been very busy lately filling potholes.

He has not began the drainage project in Hunter yet because time hasn't allowed. He expects to start in a few weeks, since some of his employees have vacations scheduled and he won't have enough bodies to get the job done.

Fire Report:

Chief Bishop reported that there had been a fire at the River Arms Apartment complex. The fire occurred at an optimal time and therefore he had a good response from volunteer firefighters.

Cemetery Report:

Mr. Bishop said that they rounds were extremely wet. He had some problems with a funeral earlier in the week. The truck had gotten stuck, the grave caved in when dug, and they had to send the casket back to the funeral home because they couldn't get it to go into the grave safely. Mr. Bishop hopes to get it all taken care of in a few days when things dry up a little.

Mr. Bishop presented the Trustees with an applicant he'd like to hire for the cemetery crew. Mr. Ruppert asked if Mrs. Stivers had met this applicant. Mrs. Stivers said that she and Mr. Bishop had interviewed seven of the top applicants together. Mr. Bishop had picked this applicant and Mrs. Stivers had no issues with that. She felt Mr. Bishop had made a good decision. Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Roger Miller at a rate of \$14.50 an hour, on a 6 month probationary period with all benefits of a full time employee.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Office Report:

Mrs. Stivers reported that she had applied for and been awarded a CDBG grant for \$105,958.00 for resurfacing Deardoff Rd.

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She had also applied for a grant with Warren County Foundation to help offset the costs of the Summer Park Programs and was awarded \$1,000.00 and received a sponsorship check from Ohio Insurance Services for \$250.00.

Mrs. Stivers said that she and Chief Bishop had held two community forums. One was very positive and the community members that attended gave her hope that when presented with the facts, our residents see that there is a real need for the levy. The second forum was not as promising, but not a bad experience. Mrs. Stivers told the trustees that there is another forum on March 19th at the Hunter Station at 7 p.m. She also said that on April 8th there would be one that she could not attend due to having surgery. She asked that the trustees make an effort to attend to lend support to Chief Bishop.

Lastly, Mrs. Stivers said that she had had a chance to speak before the Chamber of Commerce and it had been a positive experience. On Friday she would be attending the Rotary Club meeting to speak to them about the levy.

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the payment listing as provided by the fiscal officer.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation, Appropriations Summary, Appropriation Status, Fund Summary, Fund Status, Revenue Summary, and Revenue Status reports.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to approve the permanent appropriations.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Sample asked about the cemetery bequests. He suggested that Mrs. Stivers and Mr. Bishop compare the bequests to those buried in the mausoleum and see if there were any names in common so that the cemetery bequests could be used for the repairs needed at the mausoleum. Mrs. Stivers said that she and Mr. Rose had done this previously, but that she'd let Mr. Bishop take a look.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

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

The next meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on March 25, 2015.

Ronald Ruppert, President

Gregory Sample, Trustee

Beth Callahan, Vice President

Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer

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