

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Franklin Township Trustees

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014H

Held February 24, 2016

The Franklin Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, February 24th, 2016. Trustee Beth Callahan, Trustee Brian Morris, Trustee Ron Ruppert, Fiscal Officer Scot Fromeyer and Administrator Traci Stivers were present.

Road Superintendent Rob Rose, Cemetery Superintendent Steve Bishop and Firefighter Rob Gainsborough were also in attendance.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Morris made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Visitors:

David Fornshell, Warren County Prosecutor, presented a report reviewing the work his office did in 2015. He also highlighted a theft prevention class that his office offers for non profit organizations.

Brian Martin, Director of Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, attended to talk to the board about the benefits of joining MVRPC. By joining, we would be eligible for more federal funds. Mrs. Callahan said she was really impressed with how MVRPC had worked with Beavercreek to get the road structure developed. Mr. Martin said they'd soon be having an election and seating their officers. That they have a lot of interesting things going on, that we'll see if we begin attending meetings.

Kelly Kohls was listed on the agenda, however she was unable to make it. Mrs. Callahan said that Ms. Kohls had called her and asked her to relay that a Constitutional class will be taking place February 28th. Mrs. Callahan said she'd like Mrs. Stivers to advertise it on the township's website. Mr. Morris said that Ms. Kohls had also contacted him. It's a 12 week class at New Freedom Church in Lebanon, Thursday evenings beginning 6:30pm -8:30pm, cost is \$52.00 and includes a manual and two books. 937-787-4163 is the number to call if anyone would like to inquire about it.

Mark Boy, 7855 Sheri Lane in Franklin Township, addressed the board. He said he had gone to the introductory constitutional class and it was interesting. He also said that he knew one item that was on the agenda was a funding policy. He knows that Franklin Township has joined the state's Open Checkbook program and he thinks that's wonderful and he wants to encourage the board to be open with the finances. He had a 2014 swimming pool financial statement from 2014. He said it appears the pool is losing about \$1,000 a day. As a taxpayer he doesn't know if that's considered acceptable. He wonders if there is a justification for that. He wonders if there are areas that can be trimmed to cut the losses. He'd like to see more of the Franklin Community pool's financials. Mr. Boy asked if Traci would have those. Mrs. Stivers said that she does have 2015 and she can get in contact with Karen Ervin, the City of Franklin's Financial Director, to retrieve the other years. Mr. Ruppert said that he was aware that Mr. Boy had addressed the Carlisle Council regarding the pool. That there is nothing that isn't public record and he realizes that there is a lot of interest regarding this subject. By statute, the Township and the City are both permitted to contribute to this pool. That the township has always had the agreement with the City that our residents are treated the same as Franklin residents when it comes to pool memberships. Mr. Ruppert said he knew that there was an issue about that last year. Mr. Boy asked if that would be cleared up this year. Mr. Ruppert said it had been cleared up last year. Apparently, Mr. Boy had a friend, who was a Carlisle resident, who had inquired about a pass and had been quoted the non resident rate. The pass was never purchased, it was just asked about. Mr. Ruppert said that when considering the agreement with Franklin regarding this pool, we must also consider that the City of Franklin residents pay property tax (about \$90,000) to Franklin Township,

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New Business:

Summer park programs cost analysis were in the Trustees packets. Mrs. Stivers said that last years costs were down due to the rainy summer. Typically the total, before grants is about \$10,000.00. Mrs. Stivers asked if she should move forward with the programs this year.

Mr. Morris made a motion to continue the summer park programs.

Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Chief Bishop recommended hiring Daniel Frisch as a volunteer firefighter, on a 6 month probationary period without pay. Mrs. Stivers told Mr. Morris that historically we hire all employees on a six month probationary period, where firefighters are concerned, they are paid if they are certified. They are not paid during the probationary period if they are not certified.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to hire Daniel Frisch as described above.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Chief Bishop recommended hiring James Whitney as a volunteer firefighter, on a 6 month probationary period with pay.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to hire James Whitney on a 6 month probationary period with pay.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Road Report:

Mr. Rose said he had to purchase two new tires for the backhoe, so thats an expense the Board will see. The road crew is preparing for the mowing season, doing vehicle and tractor maintenance. Mr. Rose also asked if we could list the 1997 dump truck, plow and saltbox on GovDeals with a minimum bid of \$6,000.00. Mr. Ruppert asked why Mr. Rose wanted to get rid of the vehicle. Mr. Rose said it's almost 20 years old and it doesn't get used.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to list the 1997 Chevrolet Dump Truck, Plow and Salt box on GovDeals and sell for no less than \$6,000.

Cemetery Report:

Mr. Bishop said that the cemetery had been busy. They were doing some building maintenance. The recent rain has made burials difficult as well. Mrs. Stivers mentioned that the cemetery had some trees that would need to come down soon. Mr. Bishop asked what the plan was to replace the employee that retired in December. Mrs. Callahan said that it could be discussed at the appropriations meeting on Saturday. That she'd like the department heads to bring a list of expected expenses and be prepared. Mr. Bishop said that he had already met with Mrs. Stivers last week and that she had that information for every department. Mrs. Callahan said that she had been in earlier in the week and Mrs. Stivers shared the Road department's five year plan and it was really good. She looked forward to seeing the rest of the departments plans.

Fire Report:

Chief Bishop said things had been fairly slow lately. Mrs. Callahan asked Chief Bishop if he could bring information to the appropriations meeting regarding pay for firefighters. Mrs. Stivers said she and Assistant Chief Daly have a meeting scheduled to talk about that exact topic.

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Mr. Ruppert said that while at the JEMS meeting they discussed the fact that the Twin Creek station doesn't have an AED. It would probably be smart that the Command vehicles have an AED. Mrs. Stivers said that she and Chief Riddiough had met earlier in the week and were discussing applying for a grant together, because that will increase our chances of being awarded. Chief Riddiough said there are several things they'd like to get accomplished in the next couple of years that both JEMS and the Township will be working on together, like tornado sirens, generators for the schools, AED's for the schools, etc. Mrs. Callahan suggested that Mrs. Stivers and Chief Riddiough include Miami Conservancy and the Metro Parks in their grant applications. Mrs. Callahan said she was glad to hear that Mrs. Stivers and Chief Riddiough were planning for the future.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Stivers said that Sheriff Simms will be attending our next meeting to give a year end report. Mrs. Callahan met with Sheriff Simms last week. She said that many police departments contribute a detective that works for the Drug Task Force, at a cost of \$60,000-\$70,000. We don't have a police force, so we cannot do that. She said she doesn't feel that contributing \$11,000, which is the amount the Drug Task Force asked for, is much at all considering the drug problem we have in the area.

Mrs. Stivers reminded the Board that she had talked to them about a street sweeping program. She said Warren County is giving us a roughly \$9,000 allowance to pay for a street sweeping program. This is money the county collects through the storm water fee that every resident pays. Mrs. Stivers has met with a street sweeping company and the program will begin soon.

2015 Employee reviews are underway. Mrs. Stivers asked the two trustees who were here in 2015 if they had completed her review and brought it with them, they had not.

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to pay the invoice related to AAA Wastewater Services.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the remainder of 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 revenue summary, revenue status, fund summary, fund status, appropriation summary, and fund status reports.

Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adopt the amended official certificate for 2015.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Callahan asked if we needed to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Ruppert said we didn't have to. Mrs. Stivers said that the only thing she needed to discuss with the board was 816 Union road. The owners are still willing to donate the property to the township. Our cost would be the taxes, because those cannot be waived. The City of Franklin is willing to waive the special assessments on the property as long as we commit to putting a park on