

## MINUTES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting held July 12, 2017.

The Franklin Township Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2017 at 6 p.m. Trustee Ruppert, Trustee Morris, Trustee Callahan, Fiscal Office Fromeyer, Administrator Traci Stivers, and Chief Steve Bishop were all in attendance.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the minutes for June 28, 2017 meeting. Mr. Ruppert seconded this motion.

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

### Scheduled Visitors:

None

### Old Business:

Mr. Morris made a motion for the approval of expenditure for equipment & furnishings for the Union Road Playground but not to exceed \$20,607.00. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

### New Business:

Mr. Morris made a motion for Resolution No. 01-07122017 declaring 4972 Moreland Dr. a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion for Resolution No. 02-07122017 declaring 7872 Lowe Dr. a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Morris made a motion for Resolution No. 03-07122017 declaring the vacant lot on Harriett Ave. parcel #1424017 a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion for Resolution No. 04-07122017 declaring 7894 Sheri Ln. a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Callahan asked Mrs. Stivers to contact the Warren County Prosecutor for more changes on the Remedial Resolution No. 05-07122017 pertaining to the Franklin Township Fire District. Mrs. Stivers will bring back to a later meeting when changes have been made.

**Road Report:**

Mrs. Stivers reported for Mr. Rose that all of Martz-Paulin has been repaved and is due to be lined next week. There was one complaint made about the new paving and a bump in a driveway. Mr. Rose and Mrs. Stivers went out to the property to look it over, took pictures and didn't see a problem. The Warren County Engineer's office was contacted and we've been told that no additional work will be done.

Mrs. Stivers informed the board that Mr. Rose and his crew have been extremely busy with all the rain mowing and trimming.

**Cemetery Report:**

Mr. Steve Bishop reported that they had two funerals this month.

Mr. Bishop also informed the board that they have been extremely busy with all the rain mowing/trimming the cemetery.

Mrs. Stivers informed the board she is still reaching out to different business for quotes to get the mausoleum repaired.

Mrs. Stivers also informed the board that she received an email packet thanking our Township for the cemetery looking so nice.

**Fire Report:**

Chief Steve Bishop reported that they have had twenty-two runs and three structure fires this month.

**Administrative Report:**

Mrs. Stivers informed the board that the Mentz subdivision paving has been delayed to September.

Mrs. Stivers reported that she is still working on finding someone to fill the Senior Bus driver position for the Deardoff Center. She has only had one application turned in. Mrs. Stivers also mentioned to the board about possibly raising the payrate for the job. It currently pays \$9.00 an hour. Mr. Morris requested Mrs. Stivers to research and look into the current pay for that kind of position. He also mentioned looking into the VFW, or Veterans Services to see if they would have vets that would like to apply.

**Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the payment listing. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert – Yes  
Mr. Morris – Yes  
Mrs. Callahan - No                      Motion Carried.

Mr. Morris made a motion to accept the remaining reports. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

**Vistors:**

Joy Broedling, 7089 Howard Rd. expressed two items she is concerned with:

1. She stated before the Township purchased the playground equipment for the Union Road playground we should have researched and looked into more than just the one company.
2. She stated that we should put a big banner up outside stating we are hiring. She stated not everyone looks online and this may help filling the Senior Bus driving position.

Mark Boy, 7855 Sherri Ln. read a letter he wrote to the board concerning an employee that works for the Township that he believes is using his time on the clock incorrectly and costing the Township tax payers more money for overtime.

**Comments by Individual Board Members:**

Mrs. Callahan – She read a letter to the board explaining why she does not vote yes for the Senior Deardoff Center to received money. She wants the letter and affidavit put with the minutes.

Mr. Ruppert – Stated he likes that the board moved visitor comments to the end of the meeting. He believes this is going to keep things in a timely manner.

Mr. Morris – Just wanted to remind the board of Railroad days coming up and addressed the concerns brought up by the visitors.

**Work Session:**

Mr. Morris made a motion to go into a work session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss with the board the numbers for the new fire levy the Township wants to put on the ballot in the fall. Mrs. Callahan would like to get the remedial resolution passed before considering a levy. The fire levy will be brought back at a later time before the Trustees. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris – Yes  
Mr. Ruppert – Yes  
Mrs. Callahan – Yes

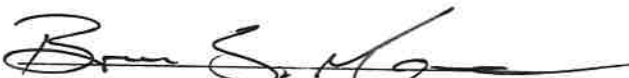
Mr. Morris made a motion to return to the regular session at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris – Yes  
Mr. Ruppert – Yes  
Mrs. Callahan – Yes

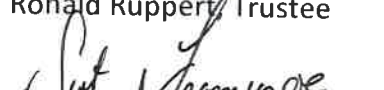
Mr. Morris made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion at 7:15p.m.

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

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Beth Callahan, President

  
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Brian Morris, Vice President

  
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Ronald Ruppert, Trustee

  
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Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer