

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Franklin Township Trustees

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 9,

20 15

The Franklin Township Board of Trustees met on December 9, 2015 at 6 p.m. Trustee Ron Ruppert, Trustee Beth Callahan, Trustee Greg Sample, and Fiscal Officer Scot Fromeyer were all in attendance. Additionally, Administrator Traci Stivers, Road Superintendent Rob Rose, Cemetery Superintendent Steve Bishop, and Firefighter Brian Hurley were present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting. Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

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

Visitors:

Liz Buchanan and Peggy Darragh - Jerromos, Trustees at the Deardoff Senior Center, were in attendance. Mrs. Buchanan spoke about the activities that the Deardoff Center does throughout the year ranging from ceramics painting to game nights. She said that she had been busy over the summer months working on cleaning out the basement of the Deardoff Center and ridding some clutter. They had donated some items to the churches that provide dinners for the needy families in Franklin and they had had a garage sale. She said that they also allow several community organization's to use the building, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society. Mrs. Buchanan said that the Trustees had also learned of something they were concerned about, they had learned that Mrs Callahan had approached Warren County Community Services about taking over the Deardoff Center and the levy money. Mrs. Callahan acknowledged that she had spoken with Warren County Community Services because she was concerned that the tax money isn't being used properly. That she has friends in Carlisle who have in the past looked into building a senior center or offering senior services in the Carlisle area and those people weren't aware that their tax dollars paid for the Deardoff Center. Mr. Ruppert said that this was the first he had heard of any such thing and that he was not necessarily in favor of it. Mrs. Callahan said that she doesn't understand why the ballot language says 'senior services' and then the township gives all of the money to the Deardoff Center. Mr. Ruppert stated that we do not give all of the money to the Deardoff Center, in fact we just recently started a Serving Seniors Grant program with that money. Mrs. Callahan said she has done some digging and had acquired a copy of the Deardoff Family's last will. Mrs. Callahan doesn't believe that the Deardoff family intended the center to be a burden on the taxpayer. Mr. Sample said that it's fine to ask questions and want to make sure that the senior funds are used properly, but to go behind the other Township Trustee's backs, and behind the Deardoff Trustee's backs is inappropriate. Mrs. Callahan said that Mr. Ruppert and former Administrator Helen Campbell had lied to her about what the senior levy funds could be used for. Mr. Sample said that there are ways to help the people in Carlisle get the most out of the senior funds without taking anything away from the community services we already support. Mrs. Callahan said she appreciated Mr. Sample's work getting that grant established. Mr. Sample said that there is no one in Carlisle, paying this tax, that cannot frequent the Deardoff Center. Mrs. Callahan said that we need to change the wording in the ballot language to say that it's going to the Deardoff Center. Mr. Sample asked why we would do that, when it does not go just to the Deardoff Center. Mrs. Callahan said she didn't talk to Warren County Community Services about taking over the Deardoff Center altogether, but just about adding services. Mr. Sample then asked if that was the case why wouldn't she talk to the Deardoff Trustees first? Mrs. Callahan said she had investigated the Deardoff's financial reports through the state, since they are all public record, and saw that the Deardoff Center spends a great amount on administrative costs. Mrs. Buchanan said she didn't know what Mrs. Callahan was talking about, that the Deardoff Center had always gladly turned over their financials to the township since they have nothing to hide. Mrs. Callahan said that she had never seen the financials form the early 2000's. Mrs. Buchanan said that Mrs. Callahan had never asked for them. Mrs. Callahan stated that Mrs. Buchanan's time was up and apologized for going behind their backs. Mrs. Buchanan said that she wanted to add one more thing before sitting down, that the Deardoff Family's money had not only built the building and purchased the furnishings but had paid to operate the center for 14 years before the Deardoff Trustees came to the township and asked for a senior levy.

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Patricia Curry, Founder of A Fighting Chance, attended. She stated that Brian Morris had sent her to the township. Her non profit is centered around helping juveniles. She asked if there was the potential for her foundation to apply for our Serving Seniors grant. Mr. Ruppert suggested that she get in touch with Mrs. Stivers so that Mrs. Stivers can learn more and point her in the right direction.

Old Business:

Mrs. Stivers said that she knew that the Trustees had interest in hosting a spring event at Carmody, but after the issues she had encountered accepting donations for the Holiday party and with her present work load, she doesn't feel like she can do it and do it well. She suggested that we skip it this year, and work to create a special events group, who can plan it and more easily solicit sponsorships and donations. The Trustees agreed that made sense.

New Business:

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve Resolution No. 01-12092015 creating a street lighting district in Trails of Greycliff, Section 3.

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 No. 02 - 12092015 lowering revenue and appropriations in the Gasoline Tax fund.

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 No. 03 - 12092015 approving temporary appropriations.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Stivers brought up the Ohio Township Association Conferences that are in January. She said she had emailed everyone the information and if anyone wanted to go to let her know and she would sign them up.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the 2016 Holiday calendar.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Stivers said that the Trustees need to schedule a re-organizational meeting and a records retention meeting. Mr. Ruppert said that he'd like to keep it the same as we've done in years past. Do one meeting 5 minutes before the 1st meeting in January and the other 10 minutes before. Everyone agreed. Mrs. Stivers said she would advertise it.

Mrs. Stivers said that Assistant Chief Daly had sent her an email requesting repairs to his Ford Explorer. Mrs. Stivers had told him he needed three quotes, as is our policy. Mrs. Stivers had listed this item on the agenda because she had hoped he would have the quotes in time. However, instead of sending her the quotes he had just sent her an email with the prices. Mr. Sample said he'd really like to see the actual quotes from the mechanics. Mrs. Callahan said that if that's our policy then everyone needs to follow it. Mr. Ruppert said that he agreed and would like to see a quote from Phil's Auto in Carlisle, since they are local.

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Mrs. Stivers presented the Trustees with an application and back ground report on Kenny Haddix, candidate for fire fighter. Chief Bishop recommends that he be hired, on a sixth month unpaid probationary period.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Mr, Haddix under those conditions.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Fromeyer stated that James Carter had asked to take pay in lieu of 196 hours of vacation time. Mrs. Stivers said that the policy says employees can cash in up to 80 hours of vacation. Mr. Fromeyer agreed. Mr. Sample said if it's in our policy there is nothing for us to vote on. Mr. Fromeyer said that Mr. Carter wanted his check right away. Mr. Sample asked what Mr. Fromeyer would usually do. Mr. Fromeyer said that typically, it has to be put on the payment listing and it has to be approved at the next board meeting. Mrs. Stivers said that she doesn't think we should change that for one person. The Trustees agreed, Mr. Carter would have to wait until after the next meeting to receive his check for 80 hours. Mrs. Stivers said she would notify Mr. Carter.

Road Report:

Mr. Rose said that they have been busy preparing plow trucks for winter and doing road repairs.

Cemetery Report:

Mr. Bishop said that they had had 4 funerals this month. He also said that they had an issue with someone hunting on the property and he had purchased some NO HUNTING signs to hang up.

Fire Report:

Chief Bishop stated that there had been a structure fire on Hamilton Middletown Rd. That is part of the contracted area with the City, so they responded. Also, the Santa Parade is this Saturday.

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Stivers said that she would like to put together a Special Events committee to plan and prepare fun events for the community. She enjoys doing it but doesn't have the time, since she is the only full time office staff and also serves on numerous boards.

Mrs. Stivers said that a group of interested individuals met regarding the Cemetery Advisory Committee. She felt like it was a productive meeting.

Fiscal Reports:

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the payment listing as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

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 Appropriations Summary, Appropriations Status, Revenue Summary, Revenue Status, Fund Summary and Fund Status reports.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Ruppert stated that he had asked Mrs. Stivers to collect some data regarding compensation. Mrs. Stivers had assumed that Mr. Ruppert wanted to talk about it tonight,

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and as a result had scheduled an executive session. Mr. Ruppert did not feel the need for the executive session.

Mr. Sample made a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sample - Yes

Mrs. Callahan - Yes

Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

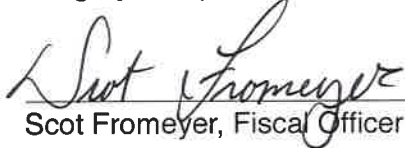


Ronald Ruppert, President



Beth Callahan, Vice President

Gregory Sample, Trustee



Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer