

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held November 28, _____ 2018

The Franklin Township Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on November 28, 2018 at 6 P.M. Trustee Centers, Trustee Morris, Trustee Jennings and Administrator Stivers were present. Fiscal Officer Fromeyer was absent.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Centers made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion Carried.

GUEST:

Mr. Morris announced that Sarah Mead, with Johnson Controls, would not be with us this week due to sickness and that she would be rescheduled at a later date.

Mr. Morris stated that Caleb Bell, with Bricker and Eckler, was on his way and that we would circle back when he arrived.

OLD BUSINESS:

Employee Christmas bonuses were discussed. Mrs. Stivers stated that she had made an error in the calculations at the last meeting and she needed the Trustees to alter their motion. Trustee Jennings made a motion to give full time employees a bonus of \$200, part time employees bonus of \$150 and select firefighters a bonus of \$100 in lieu of what was previously approved. Trustee Centers seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

Mr. Centers asked Mrs. Stivers what “select firefighters” meant. Mrs. Stivers explained that while a name may be on our roster, not every firefighter is active. There are a few names on our roster who may only attend one or two fires a year. Former Chief Snively went through the roster with the help of the officer staff and selected who would receive Christmas bonuses based on their level of involvement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Centers made a motion to approve Resolution No. 01-11282018 for the regulation of transient vendors. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-11282018 to allow the Administrator or His/Her designee to review, approve or reject applications for a transient vendor permit and to issue such permits as needed.

Trustee Centers seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

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GUESTS:

Trustee Morris re-opened the Guests portion of the meeting to accommodate the arrival of Caleb Bell, from Bricker & Eckler law firm. Mrs. Stivers asked Mr. Bell to briefly describe what a JEDD is for all of them, since everyone, including her, were new to the concept. Mr. Bell explained that a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) is a tool used to promote economic development in Ohio where one or more municipalities can partner with a Township and work together to develop township land for commercial or industrial purposes. The benefit to the municipality is that they get a portion of the taxes without having to annex it. The benefit to the township is that they do not lose prime development land to annexation. The township could still collect property tax, and could collect a portion of the income tax that the city assesses to those businesses. Also, many times townships are not able to provide infrastructure like sewer and water, that are necessary to encourage development. The municipalities in the agreement can now provide those.

Mrs. Stivers asked Mr. Bell about zoning. Would land need to be rezoned? Mr. Bell said yes, that the land must be zoned to fit the intended use. He also said Ohio law prohibits residential land from being included in the JEDD.

Trustee Centers asked Mr. Bell why the municipalities would agree to a JEDD as opposed to just annexing the township land? Mr. Bell said it was for a few reasons, one is that they are trying to be neighborly and not start a feud or legal battle. Life is much simpler and cheaper when government agencies can get along and work together to share resources. He also said that by working together, they get tax dollars that they wouldn't normally get, as will the township.

Trustee Jennings asked Mr. Bell to give some examples of JEDD's, primarily JEDD's that Mr. Bell has worked on. Mr. Bell indicated that the City of Monroe and Turtlecreek Township have a JEDD for the area that the racino is in. Turtlecreek Township also has a JEDD with the City of Lebanon in the area that the prison is currently in. Mr. Bell has worked on numerous JEDD's in the Columbus area, where his firm is located. He also does all work for the Warren County Port Authority. Mr. Jennings stated that he knows that the Dayton Mall area is a JEDD between Miami Township and Miamisburg. Also, that the Austin Landing shopping area is a JEDD between Springboro, Miamisburg and Miami Township.

The Board had no further questions for Mr. Bell.

ROAD REPORT:

Mrs. Stivers reported that she had contacted every developer in Franklin Township with unfinished projects to attempt to enter into a snow and ice removal agreement with them. She had made contact with Sunesis, who is working in Wilson Farms and they indicated that they would take care of their own snow and ice removal. She tried to make telephone contact with the developer of Tara Estates and was forced to leave a message. Unfortunately, she still has not heard back. Mrs. Stivers also tried to make contact with the developer of Greycliff Landing and had a faulty phone number. Every developer was mailed a letter and snow and ice agreement. Mrs. Stivers said the best-case scenario is that they sign the agreement and the township maintains those roads during snow fall. However, we cannot make them agree.

Mr. Rose reported that they had multiple trees downed during last weeks ice storm and that created a lot of work. Crews are expecting the delivery of the new dump truck in January. Additionally, Mr. Rose worked with the Warren County Engineer's Office to get a cost estimate for two projects that Mrs. Stivers will be applying for CDBG monies for.

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Lastly, Mr. Rose provided the board with an inventory of road department trucks, their years and their miles.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Mr. Bishop reported that Woodhill had eight funerals in November. The township also had to pay for one indigent cremation. Lastly, with the large number of trees in Woodhill, mulching and leaf removal is quite time consuming and has kept the crews busy.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Hannigan reported that in his short time there have been twenty calls, ten related to last week's ice storm. The department has responded to two mutual aid calls for a structure fire. He conducted an officer's meeting. He has implemented mutual training between the two stations. The Franklin City Council approved the sale of a Dodge Charger for \$1.00 to the Township to be used as a command vehicle. Lastly, he'll be traveling and Captain Jennings will be acting Chief until December 3, 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Administrator Stivers reported that employees are currently undergoing annual reviews. Those will be presented to the Board for consideration in the new year for Cost of Living raises, performance-based raises, etc. Due to the change in command at the fire station, Chief Hannigan needs some time to get to know the employees and watch them work. The fire department reviews will take place in June.

Mrs. Stivers said that the office staff will be working on Employee Compensation Packages. Those will be delivered to the employees after the first of the year, allowing them to see all the expenses the Township incurs on their behalf.

Mrs. Stivers also said that she had spoken to the Department heads about coming to scheduled meetings to ensure that they make an appearance before the board at least quarterly. Trustee Jennings asked if the Department Heads were paid overtime for attending. Mrs. Stivers said that is something that has been discussed off and on for years and every time it comes up she tells them that they make a higher rate of pay for being supervisors, attending meetings is a supervisory duty. She also said that if the Department heads would like to leave an hour early on the days that they have to attend meetings she has no objections, however she doesn't think it's fair to the taxpayers to pay supervisors time and a half for something that is part of their duties. The board agreed that was fair.

Lastly, Mrs. Stivers brought the legal agreement with Bricker & Eckler back up. She asked the board if they wanted to table the issue or if they wanted to move forward. Trustee Morris said he was ready to move forward, that he didn't want to see us be annexed and development happen and then us wish we were a part of it. Mrs. Stivers said her fear was that it would be developed with or without us. Trustee Centers agreed and said the last thing he wanted to see was us be annexed. All agreed. Trustee Centers made a motion to authorize Mrs. Stivers to enter into an agreement with Bricker & Eckler for legal work related to a JEDD not to exceed \$15,000. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes

Motion carried.

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FISCAL REPORTS:

Trustee Centers made a motion to approve the payment listing. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the remaining fiscal reports. Trustee Centers seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers requested that the board give approval for Fiscal Officer Fromeyer to distribute the Christmas bonuses with the regular payroll scheduled for December 7, 2018. Trustee Centers made a motion to approve. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEES:

Trustee Centers – Trustee Centers said he is excited to move forward with a JEDD and feels this is a pivotal step for the township.

Trustee Jennings – Trustee Jennings agreed with Trustee Centers and said he's excited.

Trustee Morris – Trustee Morris asked Mrs. Stivers to reach out to Stan Williams with the Warren County Regional Planning Commission again, regarding the bridge project that would connect the west side of the township to Middletown. He also asked Mrs. Stivers to connect with Julie Duffy, Carlisle's Village Manager, regarding involvement in their light contest.

Trustee Centers made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Centers – Yes
Trustee Jennings – Yes
Trustee Morris – Yes
Motion carried.

The next regular trustee meeting will take place on December 12, 2018 at 6 P.M.



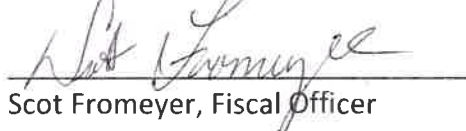
Brian Morris, President



Matthew Jennings, Vice President



C. Shane Centers, Trustee



Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer