

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held February, 26

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The Franklin Township Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Shane Centers, Trustee Brian Morris, Trustee Matthew Jennings, Fiscal Officer Scot Fromeyer, Administrator Traci Stivers, Fire Chief Mike Hannigan, and Road Supervisor Rob Rose were all in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Centers.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors:

Chris Brausch, Warren County Water & Sewer, came by to discuss and answer any questions concerning the water and fire hydrant situation from the fires that took place over the weekend in Castlebrook subdivision. He explained that there is sewer service but no water service in that area. The board asked him if there was a possibility of having fire hydrants and public water lines ran in that community, but the cost would be great to the residents and those lots are all centralized sewages and most people are very happy with them.

HR Business:

Trustee Morris made a motion to approve the request of Roger Miller rolling over 36.5 unused vacation hours. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Trustee Morris made a motion to approve Resolution No. 01-02262020 authorizing a contract with the Warren County Engineer's Office for the purchase of road salt. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Administrative Reminders:

Warren County Engineer's Dinner is March 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Shaker Run Golf Club.

The lighting project through Lime Energy will begin Monday, March 3, 2020 at the administrative office.

Fiscal Report:

Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$ 73,096.39. Trustee Morris seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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Trustee Morris made a motion to approve all other fiscal reports. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve a 5-year contract agreement with People's Bank. Trustee Morris seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Work Session:

Mrs. Stivers started off the session with a PowerPoint presentation. She had previously asked each member of management and each elected official to provide her with what they considered the top three priorities for Franklin Township. After receiving everyone's input and calculating which items were ranked highest, it was determined that a levy, cemetery infrastructure and new equipment were the top three items, respectively.

Mrs. Stivers presented a recommendation on how to go about obtaining these things; including the formation of a citizen accountability team to evaluate and make a recommendation to the township, developing a ranking system to determine what the most efficient and effective purchases could be. To find out if an item can be a shared resource, check into grants to see what or if any of these costs could be covered.

The board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer Scot Fromeyer, and Administrator Traci Stivers went on to discuss these 3 topics.

First, they discussed the Levy:

The staff is ready and prepared and would like to see a timeline of Spring 2021 for it to go on the ballots, they discussed a term levy but agreed they like to hear recommendations from the community. They would like to develop a community accountability team to make recommendations, work on this levy alongside them in areas like social media, signage, community outreach meetings. Mrs. Stivers would like to create online video tours of our facilities for the community to view and Trustee Centers thought it to be a good idea to rotate meetings.

Second, they discussed the Cemetery Infrastructure:

The board discussed numerous projects from creating a Cremation Scattering Garden, a new section for burials, new roadways, paving of existing roadways, to having reconstruction work done on the bridge, or phase two HVAC done to the Mausoleum. The board would love to see each of these tasks be completed but discussed what made the best sense for the cemetery at this time and what would create revenue. Mrs. Stivers indicated this is where a ranking system would be beneficial. The Township needs to explore and consider if any of these projects will create revenue, or could be covered by grants.

Third, and lastly, they discussed Equipment:

They would love to see our department head supervisors plan ahead and develop a ranking system to help in the demand of equipment. At this time each department is in the need of trucks, the fire department needs a fire truck, and the cemetery needs a backhoe and mower. All though the board would love to grant each of these requests and meet all the priorities it is just not in the Township's budget. They will be meeting Saturday morning for an Appropriation meeting to look into the budget better with Fiscal Officer Scot Fromeyer and come up with the best ways to try and meet every departments needs.

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Chief Hannigan gave a quick update to the board about the fire that took place in Castlebrook subdivision over the weekend and answered any questions they had for him.

Comments by Individual Trustees:

Trustee Morris shared he would love to see more fire hydrants come into the Township, also stated to everyone that he is trying to take action with guns and the shooting and the deputy, but wanted noted that it is a fine line of what we can do compared to what we want to do as a Township. Lastly, he requested that Mrs. Stivers consider putting together an employee outing for all employees, Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator, and Department Heads to get together and air any grievances.

Trustee Centers – Nothing

Trustee Jennings thanked all for attending.

Adjournment:

Trustee Morris made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Trustee Jennings seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

The next scheduled special meeting will be Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.



Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer

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