

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 26, 2016**

The Franklin Township Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 2016 at 6 p.m. Trustee Callahan, Trustee Ruppert, Trustee Morris and Administrator Stivers, Road Superintendent Rose and Cemetery Superintendent Bishop were in attendance.

The meeting began with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Mr. Morris made a motion to adopt the minutes for October 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruppert.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Morris made a motion to purchase audio and video equipment from Sound Force, at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00. This amount is not to include the price of 2 flat screen televisions. Mrs. Stivers should buy them and have them available when Sound Force installs the rest of the equipment. Mr. Ruppert suggests that Sound Force might have a recommendation. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Jamel Darling, the winner of the logo contest, is unable to make a physical appearance. Mrs. Stivers asked if the board was opposed to his award being mailed to him? No objections were offered.

Mrs. Stivers said that money was appropriated in the winter for the painting of the fire house. She asked if the board was still interested in having it done. The board agreed Mrs. Stivers should go ahead and get quotes. Incorporating our new logo into the painting was discussed.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-10262016 transferring \$54,821.24 from 1000 general fund to 2041 cemetery from the certificate of deposits that were withdrawn from the bank. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-10262016 allocating \$8000.00 from account 2031-3030-19-000 salaries to account 2031-3030-21-0000 OPERS for the purpose of paying retirement contributions.

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

Mrs. Stivers recommended some policy changes to the way foundations are handled at Woodhill Cemetery. Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adopt the change suggested to the foundation portion of the cemetery guidelines to read as stated: Foundations are guaranteed against defects in workmanship for 12 months from the date they are poured in defects in normal wear or acts of god are not the responsibility of Woodhill Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris.

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

ROAD REPORT:

Mr. Rose was absent, his report stated that the employees had been getting the vehicles ready for winter, installing culverts on Lynn and digging trenches for the water hook up, which will allow the Offices and the Maintenance Garage to have city water. Also, Jake Daniels took and passed his CDL this week.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Mr. Bishop reported that they had had a handful of burials, and are currently working on foundations. Leaves are starting to fall from trees so the employees will be busy mulching leaves. The Veterans Garden was planted by Mrs. Stivers and a few volunteers on a Saturday and Carlisle Manor paid for that entirely.

Mr. Ruppert mentioned the corner along Old 25, that stays wet. He asked Mrs. Stivers if she could find a landscape or tree trimming company that might help clear that out voluntarily, for the good of the community.

FIRE REPORT:

The Volunteer Department has had 20 runs this month. Pump testing was completed and only minor issues were revealed, which is not uncommon.

Administrative Report:

The Moonlight and Mistletoe festival is looking for vendors. We do have Franklin A'cappella choir and the Carlisle Jazz bands performing.

Mrs. Stivers had previously told the board she was working on an employee handbook, but the employee review process is taking longer than expected.

Mrs. Stivers reminded the board that it is also open enrollment time for health insurance until January 1st.

Mrs. Stivers reminded the board that Tim Brewer is retiring in December .She will be making a hiring recommendation in the near future for that position.

The senior bus schedule is very full and we are turning people away. Mrs. Stivers said it would be helpful to hire an additional driver to help with this need. She asked if the board would you be open to having a discussion about hiring enough to have three part time drivers? Mrs. Stivers said she could work up a spread sheet concerning cost. The board agreed to consider the option and discuss at the next meeting.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the payment listing dated 10/26/2016 with the exclusion of AAA wastewater. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the payment to AAA wastewater in the amount of \$95.00 as shown on the payment listing dated 10/26/2016. Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Officers Report as presented. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to enter executive session @ 6:43 p.m. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ruppert-Yes
Mrs. Callahan- Yes

Mr. Morris- Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to enter back into regular session at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Morris made a motion to give Mrs. Stivers the authority to attend a forfeited land sale and to bid up to \$30,000.00 on the property across the street from Woodhill Cemetery, 6227 Hamilton Middletown Road Parcel # 0706226016, Grandview lot 56. Mr. Ruppert would like the record to reflect that the township currently has a lien on this property of more than \$25,000. Therefore, if Mrs. Stivers bids and wins the property at \$30,000 it will only actually cost the township \$5,000. Mr. Ruppert seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morris.

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

The next meeting will be held November 9th, 2016 at 6 p.m.

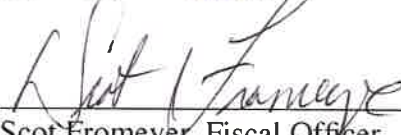
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Ronald Ruppert, Trustee



Brian Morris, Trustee



Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer