

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Franklin Township Trustees

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

May 13

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The Franklin Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 at 6 pm. Trustee Sample, Trustee Callahan, Trustee Ruppert, Administrator Stivers, Road Superintendent Rose and Cemetery Superintendent Bishop were all in attendance. Fiscal Officer Fromeyer was unable to attend.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2015 meeting.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Joy Broedling, 7089 Howard Rd, was in attendance. She spoke to the Trustees about the emergency services levy that was on the recent ballot. She'd like to make sure that it won't be put on the ballot again. She would like the Trustees to better represent the residents of Franklin Township. She stated that she is not in favor of any enlargement of government. She also mentioned that she is disturbed with the soft billing practices of JEMS. Mr. Ruppert responded by telling her that as of this moment, there are no plans to put another levy on the ballot. He stated that he felt putting an issue on the ballot is the best thing the Trustees could have done because it gives the voters the opportunity to let their voices be heard. Mr. Ruppert said that the Board is in no way trying to expand the government, but simply providing our residents with options. He said that JEMS could not provide the level of service that they currently provide without the soft billing revenue. The only alternative to soft billing would not be to not bill at all, but rather to hard bill, which would mean going after those who do not pay through a collection agency. Mr. Ruppert also said that he plans to talk with Chief Bishop to look for alternative solutions since the defeat of the levy. Mrs. Callahan stated that we cannot leave things the way that they are when we are aware we have a problem. She stated that the board has a responsibility to attempt to fix our problems and to notify the public. Mr. Ruppert interjected and said that he forgot to mention, that there is a plan to staff a squad at the Hunter Station in the near future, although it will only be there at peak times, and not 24 hours a day. Mr. Sample said that he believes putting an issue on the ballot is the perfect example of democracy. That the Trustees in no way threatened our residents, but simply offered them a choice. Mr. Sample said as Trustees it is their responsibility to bring these issues to the public's attention and nothing has changed, everything is still functioning as it did the day before the elections.

A member of the audience asked what the cost of the election was. Mrs. Stivers said that the township does not actually get a bill for the election, that the county Auditor's office pays it on our behalf.

A member of the audience asked about the last JEMS levy and why they didn't have an ambulance in Hunter. Mr. Ruppert said they are now collecting tax dollars from that levy, but re-iterated that a squad will be placed in Hunter during peak hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Stivers discussed summer park programs and informed the Trustees that the tennis program would take place four days a week, art would be held three days a week and science would be held three days a week. Each class would be taught by a CPR/First Aid Certified adult beginning June 8 and ending July 16, 2015. The art and science programs are 4 weeks long and the tennis program is six weeks long.

Mrs. Stivers said that she had obtained more funding this year than she ever knew there to be in the past. The total cost of the programs is typically around \$10,000.00. Carlisle plans to contribute \$1,200.00. Warren County Foundation awarded the township a grant for these programs in the amount of \$1,000.00. Middletown Community Foundation awarded a grant for these programs in the amount of \$1,000.00. Dicks Sporting Goods selected the township for a community project and awarded us \$50.00. Ohio Insurance Services agreed to

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sponsor the programs with a \$250.00 donation and Mrs. Stivers still expects to hear from our local Wal-Mart. Mr. Ruppert agreed, he could not remember a time when we had gotten more funding for the summer programs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Stivers presented the Trustees with all of the individuals who applied for teaching and assistant teaching positions.

Beginning with tennis, Mrs. Stivers recommended Douglas Graves for the lead teaching position because Mr. Graves has worked for the township in this capacity for more than fifteen years and the children love him.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Douglas Graves as the tennis instructor at a rate of \$20.00 an hour.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers recommended Zack Thomas for the assistant teaching tennis position. Mr. Thomas has been with us for the past two years and has a proven track record of being good with the children and reliable.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Zack Thomas at a rate of \$8.50 an hour.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers did not have a recommendation for the art lead teacher position. Our previous teacher was not returning due to a summer trip. Mrs. Stiver said we had two equally qualified young women who had applied for the position, both college students majoring in education. One applicant was Genevieve Nenniger and the other was Courtney Roberts. The Trustees perused the applications and resumes, and discussed the fact that it looked like Ms. Roberts had more on the job experience.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to hire Courtney Roberts as the lead art teacher at a rate of \$20.00 an hour.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Sample - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Genevieve Nenniger as the assistant art teacher at a rate of \$8.50 an hour.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers recommended Cindy Kuntzman for the position of lead teacher for the Science class. Mrs. Kuntzman taught with us last year, is a township resident and is a Franklin School teacher.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Cindy Kuntzman at a rate of \$20.00 an hour.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the position.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

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The remaining applicants were discussed to determine who would be the best fit for the art program. Mrs. Stivers asked the Board to consider amending their previous motions to make Chelsea Denniston the art assistant since she had qualifications that made her better suited for art and to make Genevieve Nenniger the science assistant. The trustees agreed that made sense.

Mr. Sample asked to amend his earlier motion to hire Ms. Nenniger as an art assistant teacher to make her a science assistant teacher at a rate of \$8.50 an hour.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers asked the Trustees if they would please make a motion to hire a back up assistant, she explained that the position of teacher and assistant teacher had much different pay scales and there may be a chance that Ms. Nenniger would not want that position since it has a much lower pay rate.

The remaining applications were discussed; the only applicant who didn't specify wanting to teach a particular class was Logan Jobe.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Logan Jobe as an alternate science assistant teacher, at a rate of \$8.50 an hour, in the event that Ms. Nenniger wasn't interested.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to hire Chelsea Denniston as the art assistant teacher at a rate of \$8.50 an hour.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Sample - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

The Deardoff Senior Center submitted three quotes for electrical work that needed to be done to repair and add some lighting that needed to be done. The quotes were from Hunter Electric Service, Reliable Electric and A-Abel. Mrs. Stivers said that after a discussion with Liz Buchanan, the interim Deardoff Director, that she learned that Mrs. Buchanan was not comfortable with A-Abel because she felt the electrician was suggesting work that didn't truly need to be done. The two remaining proposals were compared. Hunter Electric utilized Duke rebates and while the money was slightly more, more work would be done, such as installing new LED lighting on the flagpole.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the Hunter Electric quote, at a price not to exceed \$3,548.00.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Abstain Motion carried.

Mr. Ruppert asked who would handle the rebates. Mrs. Stivers said that Mrs. Buchanan would and that she would send the check from Duke back to the township upon receiving it.

The Serving Seniors grant was discussed. Mrs. Stivers explained to those in the audience that throughout the year we often have various groups asking for money to help with local projects. The Board thought it best to develop a grant program and to consider all requests at one time. Applicants are given a month to submit applications and a total of \$5,000.00 will be awarded.

We received two applications; one from Franklin Area Community Services and one from the American Legion. Both applicants requested \$5,000.00. Mrs. Stivers said that the board

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may choose to award the whole \$5,000. to one organization or that they may divide the \$5,000. between the two. Mr. Sample questioned the American Legion application. The applicants would like to repave their parking lot, however, Mr. Sample believes that the City of Franklin may have an improvement of sites fund that could benefit this project. Mr. Sample asked that Mrs. Stivers contact the applicant to inquire about this. Mr. Ruppert questioned the Franklin Area Community Services grant. He felt the applicant did not clearly state their intent if awarded. He'd like to know if this money will be used for a specific cause or just added to their operating expenses. He noted that in years past, Franklin Area Community Services would come to a meeting to present an annual report and that they had not done that in some time. He would like Mrs. Stivers to inquire about these items. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Mrs. Stivers presented the trustees with a District #10 Public Works Integrating Committee letter. It is time to nominate members to this committee and the township is allowed to nominate three individuals. This committee represents Butler, Clermont, Warren and Clinton counties and is responsible for allocating grant funds to these counties. Mrs. Callahan suggested Kurt Weber, who is a Warren County Engineer and a Hamilton Township Trustee. Mrs. Stivers said she agreed that Mr. Weber would be a good choice because he serves on the Warren County Regional Planning Executive Board as well as some type of ODOT board, which gives him more knowledge of infrastructure projects than most. Mrs. Stivers also suggested Dan Corey, who is an Engineer and a trustee for Deerfield Township. Ms. Broedling asked if she could nominate someone because she'd like to see someone different in the position. The trustees asked who she had in mind. Ms. Broedling did not have anyone in mind at that moment but would like to think about it. The trustees asked Ms. Broedling to get the information of qualified applicants to Mrs. Stivers before the deadline.

Mrs. Stivers presented the trustees with a quote from Recreonics that the City of Franklin had obtained for the purchase of new diving boards. Mr. Ruppert said that he'd also gotten the same email from Sonny Lewis. Mr. Ruppert thought it odd that we were getting a quote and being asked to approve a pool purchase, since historically, that is not how pool business has been handled. Mr. Ruppert will get in touch with Mr. Lewis to discuss this. A member of the audience asked why we pay for a portion of the City's pool. Mr. Ruppert said that township residents benefit from the pool as well as city residents and that is why.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 01-05132015 declaring 816 Union Rd a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Sample - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 02-05132015 declaring 8500 Kingston Dr. a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 03-05132015 declaring parcel # 02053010110 a nuisance due to tall weeds and grass.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

A member of the audience asked what makes these properties a nuisance. Mrs. Stivers said there are several things that constitute a nuisance, it could be trash, junk cars, tall grass, or an unsafe structure. Mrs. Stivers also said that just because we are declaring them a nuisance doesn't necessarily mean any action will be taken on the property or that the home will be torn down.

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Declaring them a nuisance is just a part of the paper trail that the township has to create by law to see that the nuisance, whatever it may be, is cleaned up. When the township receives a complaint a township employee visits the property to make sure the complaint is legitimate. That employee takes a picture of the property and the nuisance. Then Mrs. Stivers writes the property owner a letter and mails it certified, simultaneously posting a copy of the letter on the property to be prepared in the event that the owner refuses to sign for the letter. The township must wait seven days from the date that the owner signs for the letter, assuming its their first offense in that calendar year. After the seven days is up, if Mrs. Stivers has not heard from the property owner she will write a work order for the road crew to mow the property or clean up whatever the nuisance is. In most cases the road crew goes to the property and finds that the nuisance has been abated, and therefore no action is taken. In some cases the road crew will abate the nuisance and then Mrs. Stivers will send an assessment to the auditor to be placed upon the taxes of that property. Mrs. Stivers said that its a very lengthy process, usually taking 3-4 weeks from the time of the complaint.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 04-05132015 declaring 9361 Marcella Dr. a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Sample - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 05-05132015 declaring 3251 Woodhaven Dr. a nuisance due to tall weeds/grass.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers explained to the Board of Trustees that 816 Union Rd. was a special situation. The City of Franklin would like to see this property demolished since it is an eyesore and it's crumbling foundation is causing damage to one of their roads. Mrs. Stivers reminded the Board that the owners had asked last year if the township would take ownership because the owners have no interest in it and do not want the burden of it. At that time the township said no, that they were not inclined to take the property because the current owners owe back taxes. Since that time, Vicki Perry, Warren County Grants administration, has contacted Mrs. Stivers. Mrs. Perry would like to ask the neighbor, who is interested in obtaining the property just for the sake of making sure that something trashy doesn't end up next door to her again, if she will put the amount of the back taxes into an escrow account. Then the township could take ownership of the property, the county could use grant funds to tear down the dwelling, the township could use the funds in escrow to pay the back taxes and then sign the property over to the neighbor. The neighbor would get a vacant lot for the price of the back taxes, which at this time is roughly \$5,000.00. The city would be able to repair their street that this dwelling is damaging and the township would no longer be burdened with the complaints received against this property and the mowing that must be done every summer. A member of the audience asked why the township even needed to be involved. Mrs. Stivers said it was her understanding that the grant money could only be used if the township owned the property. Mr. Ruppert asked Mrs. Stivers to have the county write up an agreement and that we would consider it at the next meeting. Mrs. Broedling asked how we planned to take the property. Mrs. Stivers said that the home owner is willing to sign it over.

Mrs. Stivers told the Board that Mr. Bishop needed help at the cemetery and she'd like them to hire two seasonal workers. She presented the Trustees will all applicants for the position. Mrs. Stivers suggested Ty Shyers and Braden Lieungh because they came with great references.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Ty Shyers at a rate of \$9.50 an hour, not to exceed 40 hours a week as a seasonal worker.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes

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Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to hire Braden Lieungh at a rate of \$9.50 an hour, not to exceed 40 hours a week, as a seasonal worker.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
 Mrs. Callahan - Yes
 Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Stivers said that she had received a call from Ed Roberson, 7482 Martz - Paulin Rd., regarding the amount of semi trucks that go down Martz - Paulin now that we have the flashing sign up. Mr. Roberson would like a "no trucks" sign posted. The location of the flashing sign was discussed and Mrs. Callahan said that we need a sign telling drivers where to turn around. The Trustees were not opposed to putting up a no truck sign on Martz Paulin, but would also like to see something indicating where to turn around. Mr. Rose will work on this project.

Mr. Ruppert mentioned that Don Sellman is retiring. Mr. Sellman is the owner of Gymnastics Training Center of Ohio and was a Franklin High School Gymnastics Coach for many years, winning many championships. Mr. Ruppert would like to see the Township honor Mr. Sellman in some way. Various ideas were discussed. A member of the audience asked if we could make him the Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July parade. Mr. Sample said that we are not in charge of the parade, but we could suggest it to Mr. Lewis at the City of Franklin.

Road Report:

Mr. Rose reported that the bids for paving had come back lower than originally thought. Our original estimate was around \$123,000. but when the actual quote came in it was only \$113,393.90.

Mr. Rose reported that the transmission is going out in the ton and a half dump truck. To replace the transmission will be roughly \$3800.00.

Mr. Rose reported that one of his employees will be having surgery and will be off for 4-6 weeks.

Mr. Rose also reported that Nic Lamb, a former employee who left for active duty in the military was being discharged and would return to the township for work on June 1, 2015.

Mr. Rose reported that the drainage project in Hunter is almost finished. They are waiting for the dirt to settle so that it can be seeded and straw put down.

Mr. Rose informed the trustees that in a few weeks work would have to be done on Julie Dr. because a culvert pipe has collapsed.

Cemetery Report:

Mr. Bishop said that he had been using a seasonal employee from the road department and that it had been very helpful.

Mr. Bishop said that he'd like to go ahead and purchase two mowers that they had appropriated for in February.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the purchase of two mowers which were previously selected.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Sample - Yes
 Mrs. Callahan - Yes
 Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Fire Report:

Mrs. Stivers provided the Trustees with a copy of the Hunter Volunteer Fire Company contract for their review. Mrs. Callahan had requested this.

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Office Report:

Mrs. Stivers reported that she had received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Middletown Community Foundation and a \$50 gift from Dick's Sporting Goods for the Summer Park Programs.

Mrs. Stivers also reminded the Board that on Saturday, May 16th from 9am - 12pm there would be a community shred day hosted in the Township parking lot.

Mrs. Stivers also reported that on the previous day a motorist had hit a fire hydrant on Pennyroyal Rd. Many residents were without water for a period of time, but all is restored now. The water main break caused some damage to the road, but a contractor has already been contacted to make repairs at the counties expense.

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Fromeyer was absent. Mr. Ruppert went over the fiscal reports verbally.

Mr. Sample made a motion to approve the Payment Listing.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mrs. Callahan made a motion to approve the Revenue Summary, Revenue Status, Appropriation Summary, Appropriation Status, Budget Summary, and Budget Status reports.

Mr. Sample seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

Mr. Sample made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mrs. Callahan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Sample - Yes
Mrs. Callahan - Yes
Mr. Ruppert - Yes Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be May 27, 2015 at 6 p.m.



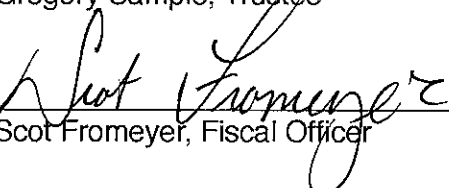
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