

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Held October 12, 20 17

The Franklin Township Trustees held a regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2017 at 6 p.m. Trustee Ronald Ruppert, Trustee Brian Morris, Fiscal Officer Scot Fromeyer and Administrator Traci Stivers were all in attendance. Mrs. Callahan was absent.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 27, 2017 meeting. Mr. Morris seconded this motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 2, 2017 special meeting. Mr. Morris seconded this motion.

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

Scheduled Visitors:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Morris presented the board and the visitors with a proposed area to place the Robert E. Lee monument. The location is 1075 N. Main St. This is private property located on Dixie Hwy. that would be open to the public anytime. Also, it would have security cameras and lighting facing the monument so it should be safe from destruction and safe for visitors to go visit. Mr. Ruppert informed the crowd that the Board would take action once a legal document was drawn up protecting the township, the marker and community from having to go through this process again.

Mr. Ruppert suggested that they should stop Old Business and move the Unscheduled Visitors up from the end of meeting to discuss the possible placement of the monument, since many visitors were speaking out about the monument.

Unscheduled Visitors:

Candy Bailes, 4335 Todd Rd. Franklin, OH 45005, voiced concern to the board about moving the monument back to an area that is in the City of Franklin. She wants the monument to stay on Franklin Township land. She also asked the board if the monument would stay the Township property if moved into the City's jurisdiction. Mr. Ruppert stated that even though the monument may be put in the City of Franklin, that the Township would retain the ownership of the monument. Mr. Ruppert also stated to her that he feels it is better for the monument to be place on this charitable organization private property and not residential private property because when placing it in a resident's yard the future is uncertain.

She stated she had heard that Administrator, Traci Stivers, had worked along with Warren County Prosecutor in the movement of the monument. Mr. Morris, Mr. Ruppert and Mrs. Stivers all stated to that Mrs. Stivers had nothing to do with the movement of the monument and that the City of Franklin has taken full responsibility for the movement of the monument. Mr. Ruppert stated to her that Mrs. Stivers handled everything correctly and had handled a difficult situation wonderfully.

Donald Whisman, 833 Forest Ave. Franklin, thanked the board for all of their hard work on getting the monument repaired and stated he is happy with the possible new placement of the monument. He also came to the board asking if they would help him put together a meeting before the November elections where the community could come to ask questions or address concerns for the candidates running for different offices and see where they stand on different issues. Mr. Morris asked Mrs. Stivers to assist Mr. Whisman.

Dale Lovelace, didn't want to state address, thanked the Board for handling all the monument issues so well as well and working to put the monument back up in Franklin Township.

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Wilma Pennington, 6791 South Dixie Hwy. Franklin, stated that she is not happy with the possible new placement of the monument and believes we should keep it where it was and not be bullied by people or let them decide the future of where the monument should be placed.

David Satures, didn't want to state address, wanted to make the board aware that a reporter stated the community was using racist remarks at the last Township meeting. He personally spoke to Fox 45 reporter Chevon Anderson and confirmed there were no such remarks being made. Mrs. Stivers assured Mr. Satures and the crowd that any such reports would be false, not to believe everything they hear. She said that Warren County Sheriff's Deputies were always present to ensure things like that didn't happen.

Old Business:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the Social Media Policy. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the Email Policy. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the Personal Appearance Policy. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

New Business:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the adoption of the Fire Chief Job Description. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the purchase of the Senior bus camera not to exceed \$1,347.00. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept Administrator Traci Stivers request to roll over 30 hours of vacation time. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept Resolution No. 01-10122017 for Hunter Pizzeria / Ohio Car Show to approve a lease agreement for a park event. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to sell an old fire truck to Darren Oakley for \$500.00. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

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Road Report:

Mrs. Stivers reported that Mr. Rose and his road crew spent a lot of time preparing the park for BARK – Tober festival. Also, they cleaned ditches on Sara St. and Glendell.

Mr. Rose requested approval for curb and gutter plate repair on Brookston, Cheshire Ct., Greycliff Ct., and Black Squirrel Way. Mrs. Stivers asked that that be tabled.

Cemetery Report:

Mrs. Stivers reported that Mr. Bishop and the cemetery crew planted 8 trees. Also, they have been working on researching financing options for a purchase of a new truck for the cemetery.

Fire Report:

Chief Jennings reported to the Board that the firefighters had been out to Hunter Schools for fire prevention. Chief Jennings wanted to remind the board that open house for both stations was this Saturday from 10am – 2pm and a community forum to educate the public on the upcoming fire levy would be at Hope United Methodist Church on Monday, October 16, 2017.

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Stivers reported to the board that the BARK – Tober festival went well. She will have exact totals at the next meeting.

Mrs. Stivers informed the board she spoke to director at Chamber and they are not doing a Candidate Forum this year.

Mrs. Stivers informed the board she is working with the Director of Veterans Services for the county to get a donation to help with Dick’s Creek.

Mrs. Stivers suggested that the Board do something to honor Jennifer Burton. Jennifer is the owner of Jennifer Burton Photography and has consistently volunteered her time and services for the last year. She photographed The Moonlight & Mistletoe Festival, BARK-Tober Fest, our fire department, has volunteered her time to do other miscellaneous things to help out and all for free. Mrs. Stivers said that the Board needs to recognize those residents who make our community a better place, who volunteer and give back. The Board agreed. Mrs. Stivers will set something up for the future.

Mrs. Stivers reported to the board she has received \$220,123.00 so far for 2017 grants, sponsorships & donations. This amount is without the tire amnesty, Dick’s Creek and in-kind donations. She will update the board at a later date when all the amounts are in.

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to approve the payment listing. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to accept the remaining reports. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Comments by Individual Board Members:

None

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Executive Meeting:

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to go into an executive meeting at 7:14pm to discuss considering appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Also, to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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


Mr. Ruppert made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 7:20pm. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ruppert made a motion to adjourn at 7:26pm. Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 6pm.



Brian Morris, President

Beth Callahan, Trustee



Ronald Ruppert, Trustee



Scot Fromeyer, Fiscal Officer