

## **MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**September 18, 2007**

### **OPENING**

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio. Mr. Burris, Chairman, called the meeting to order and invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burris gave the opening prayer.

### **ROLL CALL**

David Burris	Present
William Lotz	Present
Stephen Bowshier	Present
Alma Bennett	Present

The following reports prepared by Mrs. Bennett were presented to the Board: Fund Status, Expenditure Account Status, Warrant Register, and Memos of Expenditure.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-87**

Mr. Burris moved to delete the reading and to approve the minutes for the September 4, 2007 regular meeting. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-88**

Mr. Burris moved to pay payroll, pay all bills and approve purchase orders. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION 2007-89**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-89 and moved to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Franklin County and to certify them to the Franklin County Auditor. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-90**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-90 and moved to amend the promotion policy included in the Township personnel handbook. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion.

Chief Sheets announced that the test will not be given until 2008.

Mr. Bowshier stated he is in favor of a broader policy in order to allow those with seniority to take the exam without signing this letter of intent. Then as a condition of promotion, he would require an agreement as a condition of promotion that candidates would take the course. This letter of intent requires them to sign before they take the exam. He understands that this is a compromise with what the chiefs in the department wanted and with what was discussed with the trustees. In the interest of compromise, he will agree to invoke, but he wants everyone to understand that he understands the arguments made by the grievant and personally he does not think they should have to commit, those limited few with the seniority, until they are considered for promotion. He does not believe they should have to go to medic school unless they are the candidate the department wishes to promote. So, if they are fourth on the list and the department wishes to promote number one or number two, Mr. Bowshier does not believe that they should have to go to medic school. Since they cannot act as an officer, they cannot be eligible for promotion unless they do (go to medic school). Mr. Bowshier is agreeing to the compromise although he is not entirely in favor of the policy as it is written.

Richard Johnson, 3095 Longridge in Grove City asked questions of the Board regarding its policy to require new full-time firefighters and candidates for promotion to have their medic cards.

Mr. Bowshier clarified that our current policy states that without this amendment those firefighters with seniority (who are not medic certified) would not be eligible to take the test. So, this resolution is a compromise so that those people can be eligible to take the test. This policy does not go as far as he would like to see it go.

VOTE: all yes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2007-91**

Mr. Burris moved to table Resolution 2007-91. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

#### **RESOLUTION 2007-92**

Mr. Burris read Resolution 2007-92 and moved to declare surplus items to be sold at public auction. Mr. Bowshier seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Sheets presented a report in Caucus and presented the Board with a written report.

#### **ZONING & ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Lilly presented a report in Caucus and presented the Board with a written report.

### **Resident**

Mr. Robert Franciscus of 2447 Hyde Road addressed the Board concerning barking dogs in his neighborhood. He read about the Township noise resolution recently passed. The sheriff responded to a call from him and stated he could not do anything about barking dogs in the Township. Mr. Lilly will send the neighbor of Mr. Franciscus a letter as a violation notice to the Township zoning resolution.

**Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local #2672**

Scott Bowyer, President, was present to thank the Board for its financial support of Safety Town.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Burris announced the next regular meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. Caucus will begin at 12:45 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2007-93**

Mr. Burris moved to adjourn. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. VOTE: all yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Alma Bennett, Fiscal Officer

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David Burris, Chairman