

Franklin County Township Association

Membership Meeting - April 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chet Chaney opened the meeting at 6:02 pm

Attendance -

Brown Township

Clinton Township

Franklin Township

Jackson Township

Jefferson Township

Madison Township

Mifflin Township

Norwich Township

Perry Township

Plain Township

Prairie Township

Sharon Township

Truro Township

Washington Township

Minutes of the January 16, 2020 (Annual Dinner/Meeting) was approved. Motion made by D. Nicodemus and seconded by J. Martin.

Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$2,427.35 and was approved. Motion made by D. Nicodemus and seconded by D. King.

OTA Membership Renewal due back to OTA by the end of June 30, 2020.

Old and New Business – None

Nancy White introduced our guest speakers (Cheryl Brooks Sullivan, Franklin County Treasurer and Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor)

Ms. Brooks Sullivan's presentation included the following:

- June 22, 2020 is the current 2nd half collection date. The county treasurer and auditor are exploring postponing this date for 30 to 45 days. This extension would require approval from the State of Ohio – Department of Taxation.
- Currently there have been 47,000 plus unemployment claims. The county does not have the ability or baseline to estimate the impact of this claim rate.

- Emergency services are paying on the fringe. The county needs to hear feedback from the townships.
- Auditor Stinziano suggested townships plan now versus waiting for the June collection date. The ORC allows for the possibility to extend the collection date.
- Treasurer Brooks Sullivan stated the final date to request extension is April 22, 2020. Based on what is occurring not sure what the future holds.
- Nancy White stated that Franklin County is the only county in the state that has collected property taxes on June 22, 2020. Every other county has extended one month their collection date.
- Treasurer Brooks Sullivan stated the delinquency rate is at 3.6%, cannot estimate the delinquencies for June, nothing to compare this to in the past.
- Robert Caldwell (Office of the Franklin County Auditor) stated that property tax revenue advances will be available. Any estimates on gas tax reductions are not available yet.
- Joe Garrity (MORPC) provided State of Ohio projections.
- Chet closed the meeting with a request that each township provide an email to both Cheryl Brooks Sullivan, Franklin County Treasurer and Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor by Wednesday, April 15, 2020 indicating current financial status/ operational needs and potential issues with late property tax collection and the lessening of revenue from this source. Request was made to copy State Representative Lanese and State Senator Kunze.