

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION**

(Adopted October 9, 1952, First Revision 1985, Second Revision December 7, 1995, Third Revision October 2006, Fourth Revision April 2022)

**Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be “The Franklin County Township Association.”

**Article II – Membership**

1. All Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers in Franklin County shall be eligible for Active membership in this Association. All township employees, township boards and township commission members shall be eligible for Affiliate membership. Former trustees, fiscal officers and other elected officials, businesses, sponsors, advertisers, and any other person so invited by a county association shall be eligible for Associate membership. Upon recommendation, the membership of the Association may elect, at an annual meeting, a person to Honorary Life membership subject to Section 2, hereof.
2. A three-member committee consisting of regular members (Trustees and Fiscal Officers) shall be appointed by the President to act on all honorary membership applications and make recommendations to the Association at the stated meeting following investigation. At the next succeeding regular session, the applicant membership shall be voted on by the Association. All honorary members shall be recommended by a Trustee or Fiscal Officer.

**Article III – Principles**

Local self-government is a vital principle of free institutions. The township form of government is a grass-roots form of local government made up of three elected trustees and an elected fiscal officer. These township officials are directly responsible to the voters, who entrust them to control township affairs. Because as township officials, they are more directly responsible to the voters than any other officials can possibly be.

## **Article IV – Purposes**

The purpose of the Association shall be:

1. To protect the township against any attempt to abolish it as a government unit.
2. To resist any effort at further centralization of governmental powers by depriving the township of any rights, duties, or privileges, which it now possesses.
3. To promote better acquaintance among township officials by encouraging attendance to County, State, and National Association meetings and conferences.
4. To promote a better knowledge of the rights and duties of township officials, and by comparison of experiences and interchange of ideas to arrive at the best way to discharge those duties.
5. To secure from the General Assembly legislation which will enable township government to function more efficiently.
6. To secure for the 50,000 miles of township roads in Ohio and equitable share of gasoline tax and other road revenue, such revenue to be expended on township roads by township officials.

## **Article V – Election of Officers**

1. The officers of this Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Committee member. They shall be elected at the bi-annual meeting of the Association, and shall be holding office as a township trustee or fiscal officer at the time of their election. The term will consist of two years.
2. Nominations shall be presented at said meeting by nominating committee which shall be appointed by the President, and shall consist of **three** members from **three** different townships. Additional nominations for any office may be made by the floor from any member and the election shall be determined by the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast by the members present.

## **Article VI – Duties of Officers**

1. The officers, aided by the committee, shall have general charge of affairs of the Association, and each of them shall discharge the duties usually incidental to their office.
2. The President shall preside at all regular and called meetings of the Association.
3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during his/her absence or inability to perform the same, or in case of vacancy in the office of President.

4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes and records of the Association, and mail notices to members of meetings. He/she shall collect membership dues, and pay out funds coming into his/her hands on order signed by President.
5. One member shall be elected by the Association to serve as an Executive Committee member. The President, Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer of the County Association may be chosen to fill this position. He/she shall be the representative of this Association on the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Association of Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers. He/she shall be especially charged with the task of securing new members, enlisting the support of the township, county officials, and other interested citizens.

#### **Article VII – Committees**

To assist the officers in carrying out the aims and purposes of this Association, there shall be an Executive Committee, a Legislative, and a Finance Committee.

#### **Article VIII – Finance Committee**

1. There shall be a Finance Committee of four members, appointed by the President.
2. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to supervise the finances of the Association and to assist in raising funds of the Association. This committee shall also examine the books of Secretary-Treasurer and make an annual report of the same to the Association.

#### **Article IX – Legislative Committee**

1. There shall be a Legislative Committee of four members appointed by the President.
2. It shall be the duty of the Legislative Committee to have full charge of legislation affecting township interests; and all such proposals shall be referred to said committee during the meetings of the Association or at any time during the year, by the President.

#### **Article X – Meetings**

At least four regular meetings shall be held each year. Special meetings may be called by the President at such times as he or she may deem it advisable.

## **Article XI – Order of Business**

1. President calling Association to order.
2. Roll call of members by Secretary-Treasurer.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Reports of committee.
5. Addresses by individuals selected by President.
6. General discussion by members.

## **Article XII – Dues**

The annual membership dues in this Association shall be consistent with Ohio Township Association directives for active, affiliate and associate members with an additional \$15.00 fee for the Franklin County Township Association which shall be paid by June 30.