

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2014**

The Ross Township Board of Trustees met in regular session to transact business for Ross Township.

ROLL CALL

Present - Thomas E. Willsey, Raymond J. Wurzelbacher and Ellen Yordy.

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 14-062 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-063 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration

Administrator Bob Bass provided an update on open nuisance cases and included photographic evidence of a new nuisance at 4330 Hamilton Cleves Road. He also advised the Board of two additional resolutions which will be offered for their consideration at this meeting.

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller gave an update on last week's Explorer post competition; the need AC repairs at Station #1; and reminded everyone of the May 18th Open House. He also advised the Board that he has received Lexipol revised pricing but would prefer to reconsider acquiring that service in the 2015 budget.

At the Chief's request, the Board held a fire levy discussion. Based on five year spending versus income budget figures provided by the Chief, the Board instructed the Administrator to contact the Butler County Auditor to request revenue figures which are based on new levies at 2.50, 2.75 and 3.00 mills. Trustee Willsey noted the need for this levy is based on the State of Ohio's dramatic cuts to local government budgets.

Road Department - Superintendent Paul Bulach advised that the department has begun seasonal roadside mowing and is attempting to get the County Engineer to perform the retracing work from the 2013 contract. This contract included half of the streets needing this work for 2013 and has requested that the other half be performed under the 2014 contract.

Finally, he advised of the repair to the extensive

damage of a sixty foot section of guardrail on Morgan Ross Road; no police report was filed.

Police Department - Chief Darryl Haussler provided his department's statistics for April, 2014. Upon questioning the Chief regarding the holdup on the delivery of the department's uniforms, Trustee Willsey instructed the Chief to request a 20% discount from the company for their failure to deliver the uniform shirts in a timely manner.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements - none

Correspondence

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent a request for a transfer of a liquor license for Farm Beer Garden, LLC d.b.a. The Farm at 2461 Ross Millville Road. The Police Department has no objection and no hearing is required.

The Butler County Water and Sewer Department provided an update on the Ross Township Sewer Project. The update was also sent to all affected property owners within the project's limits.

Resident Pat Daltabuit sent a thank you letter to the Fire Department for superior service during an EMS call.

Legislation

Purpose - As presented by the Administrator earlier in the meeting, this resolution declares a nuisance for accumulated debris and excess vegetation at 4330 Hamilton Cleves Road.

Resolution 2014-029 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle at 4330 Hamilton Cleves Road. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - As presented by the Administrator earlier in the meeting, this resolution will reduce the 2014 beginning balance in the EMS Billing Fund by \$6,251.41 while increasing the Gasoline Fund by that same amount. It is designed to adjust and correct 2013 year end balances.

Resolution 2014-030 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending or transferring from one fund to another fund appropriations and/or unexpended balances to be used for expenses; and requesting an amended certificate of estimated resources from the Butler County Auditor. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - Following public discussion at several previous Board of Trustees meetings regarding the unjustifiable cost to stabilize or eliminate a riverbank erosion problem on Wade Mill Road at Canary Lane, the Board has determined that it is necessary to ask the Butler County Commissioners to vacate a portion of the two roadways.

Resolution 2014-031 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution petitioning the Board of Butler County Commissioners to vacate a portion of a township road and certifying a copy to the Butler County Engineer in accordance with R.C. 5553.045. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-064 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$169,581.78 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
41000	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$75.00
41001	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$70.77
41002	APPARELMASTER	\$165.25
41003	BAKER HARDWARE	\$195.94
41004	BOBCAT ENTERPRISES INC	\$577.50
41005	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$164.00
41006	DELTA DENTAL	\$583.27
41007	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,934.69
41008	EXPRESS GRAPHICS	\$248.21
41009	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$229.74
41010	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$422.68
41011	GROUNDSTECH LANDSCAPE SERVICES	\$80.00
41012	JUDY HUFFMAN	\$95.50
41013	LAGERGREN NURSERY	\$255.00
41014	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,417.21
41015	MELVIN STONE	\$5,288.36
41016	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$69.55
41017	PARTSMASTER	\$148.98
41018	POLLY KLAAS FOUNDATION	\$66.49
41019	PRO CHEM, INC	\$597.61
41020	QUALITY PUBLISHING CO	\$181.44
41021	ROSS HARDWARE	\$156.59
41022	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$154.00
41023	SITE SUPPLY INC	\$1,890.00
41024	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$975.72
41025	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$182.79
41026	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$82.33
41027	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	\$67,516.25
41028	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
41029	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$4.10
41030	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$191.67
41031	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$15.12
41032	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$182.13
41033	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$156.40
41034	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$53.40
41035	WEX BANK	\$848.23
41036	WEX BANK	\$1,749.51
41037	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$361.62
41038	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
41039	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$589.29
41040	ALLCRAFT MARINE	\$75.98

41041	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	\$565.71
41042	BUCKEYE POWER SALES CO., INC	\$530.00
41043	CAMP SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$134.99
41044	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$1,870.49
41045	LEXIPOL LLC	\$941.00
41046	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$27.52
41047	MAGNETSIGNS OF ROSS LLC	\$100.00
41048	MOBIL TEK CONSULTING LLC	\$210.00
41049	MOLLETT SEAMLESS GUTTER COMPANY	\$690.00
41050	MT PLEASANT BLACKTOPPING	\$10,585.00
41051	PROFESSIONAL FITNESS SERVICES LLC	\$100.00
41052	QUALITY PUBLISHING CO	\$246.68
41053	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$2,708.47
41054	RUMPKE	\$265.88
41055	SMITH'S HIGH TECH AUTO SERVICE INC	\$115.00
41056	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$262.50
41057	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40
41058	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15

The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-065 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on May 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ellen Yordy President

Thomas E. Willsey Vice President

Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

ATTEST:

Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer