



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

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

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 15-084

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 25, 2016.

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

Motion 15-085

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 25, 2016.

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

Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman announced that the fund balance on deposit is \$2,832,465.05 and provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report from July, 2016.

David Brown, representing the Butler County Auditor, presented copies of the Butler County Annual Report; provided an update on the Auditor's efforts to eliminate credit card skimmers at gas stations throughout the County and announced a change in their office policy which improves the method for recording nuisance assessments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for the following resolution to be considered: certifying nuisance expenses for assessment at 2255 Bella Vista Drive. He then provided the Board with a report on the status of currently open and recently abated nuisances.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller provided the monthly report for July, 2016 and requested that the Board proceed with the acquisition of a new paramedic unit. The Board will review discuss this matter individually with the Fiscal Officer and render their decision at a future meeting.

He further announced that department employee Andy Wilkens has successfully passed his Paramedic certification and also explained the proposed unit dispatching process through the Butler County Regional Interoperable Communication System (BRICS). Lastly, he thanked the Road Department for their work at Station #1 assisting with the connection to the new sanitary sewer system.

Road Department – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach provided the Board with an update on the annual retracing project which should be completed soon.

Police Department – Captain Jack Tremain read the crime and vacation check statistics from the monthly report for July, 2016. He also announced an arrest of a 25 year old male in connection with the criminal damage of signage throughout Ross and Morgan Townships and detailed the department's outstanding work in the assistance with the apprehension of three murder suspects from Hamilton. This assistance included the foot pursuit and apprehension of one of the suspects as well as the vehicular pursuit of the other two suspects. The Board praised the department for their work and asked Captain Tremain to relay their thanks to the officers involved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Jerry Hilbert stated his opinion that the Township should make sure that all costs are billed for nuisance assessments. The Administrator advised that the current administrative rate for such billings is 10% and that he intends a full review of the nuisance program by years end.

Resident Nancy Collins requested and received information regarding the location of detour signage for the upcoming culvert project.

Resident Steve Bosse requested and received information regarding the reasons behind checks written to several individuals under Township Motion 16-077. He also questioned whether there had been any further discussion from the July 7th proposal by Frontier Community Services regarding the possibility for nonprofit housing developments in Ross Township. Trustee Yordy advised that the Board is not interested in pursuing that matter any further.

Resident Jack Broughton questioned the possibility for parking restrictions in

the Black Road subdivisions and the restrictions on shooting weapons in a residential subdivision. He was instructed to speak after the meeting with Police Captain Jack Tremain and Road Superintendent Paul Bulach regarding specific situations and possible solutions to his problems.

Resident Marcella Head advised the Board of a possible dangerous structure on Cincinnati Brookville Road. Trustee Yordy advised that the matter is already being looked into by the County Building Department and she will let her know the outcome.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Old

None

New

Announcements

None

Correspondence

The Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District sent pamphlets and a letter of reminder for its dates for Hazardous Waste Drop-Off and Appliance Curbside Pick-Up programs. The information will be placed on the Township's website.

The Butler County engineer sent notice that Silax Drive will close 350 feet north of Acer Court and 250 feet west and south of Celtis Court for a culvert replacement beginning Monday, August 8, 2016. The road is tentatively scheduled to reopen the week of September 5, 2016. Northbound Silax Drive traffic will detour west on Quercus Drive, north on Brown Farm Road, east on Sorbus Drive, and south on Platanus Drive to Silax. West/southbound traffic will reverse this route.

LEGISLATION

Purpose – At Board of Trustees Resolution Number 2016-037 the Trustees declared a nuisance existed at 2255 Bella Vista Drive which required abatement by the Township's abatement crews. This resolution certifies the abatement expenses to the County Auditor for assessment.

Resolution 2016-040

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 2255 Bella Vista Drive to the County Auditor for assessment.

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

carried.

Purpose - Earlier in the meeting, the Administrator provided evidence of nuisance violations to exist at 2053 Wagonwheel Drive and 2678 Moeller Drive. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2016-041

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle 2053 Wagonwheel Drive and 2678 Moeller Drive.

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

Motion 16-086

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$95,956.62 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
43192	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$87.50
43193	3Z VC, LLC	\$145.00
43194	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$48.36
43195	ALLCRAFT MARINE	\$255.00
43196	AT&T MOBILITY	\$951.12
43197	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$1,208.00
43198	BUTLER CO WATER & SEWER DEPT	\$1,200.78
43199	HUFF'S GNS	\$684.00
43200	MONTAGE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED	\$875.39
43201	MULLIS SEPTIC SERVICES	\$550.00
43202	SIGNS & SHAPES INTERNATIONAL	\$16.00
43203	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$130.53
43204	THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	\$200.00
43205	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$133.43
43206	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
43207	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$768.29
43208	APPARELMASTER	\$173.30
43209	BILL MILLER PLUMBING	\$11,900.00
43210	DUKE ENERGY	\$1,058.10
43211	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$125.23
43212	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$310.50
43213	JUDY HUFFMAN	\$22.65
43214	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$200.00
43215	PARTSMASTER	\$1,013.28
43216	PAUL BULACH	\$343.27
43217	PRO CHEM, INC	\$359.29
43218	ROSS AUTO PARTS	\$757.45

43219	ROSS HARDWARE	\$226.74
43220	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$179.34
43221	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$21.27
43222	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$208.93
43223	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$2,404.96


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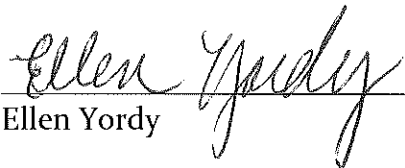
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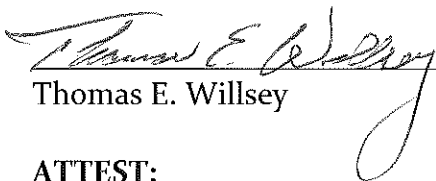
After posing the question, there being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on August 18th, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

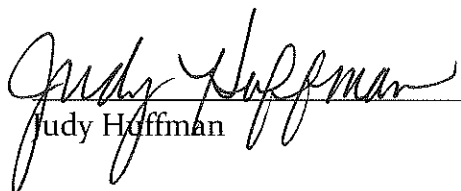
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ATTEST:


 Judy Hoffman Fiscal Officer