

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 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 14-026 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to appoint Steve Miller as the Acting Fiscal Officer for the purpose of recording the minutes for this meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-027 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 February 20, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-028 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: Trustee Yordy and Trustee Wurzelbacher voted yes, Trustee Willsey abstained, which motion carried.

Trustee Yordy reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$3,132,342.77. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for February, 2014.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - absent

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for February, 2014 and advised the Board regarding the approximate \$2500 to \$3000 reduced price rebate for the life squad he recently ordered.

He also discussed the desire to apply for a grant through the Bureau of Workers Compensation to place power cot lifts in the two front line squads. He requested permission to apply for a \$55,014.00 grant for the lifts with the township portion equaling \$15,014.

In the absence of the Administrator, he also advised of an upcoming resolution for a nuisance at 2500 Brenda Drive relating to junk motor vehicles.

Road Department - Superintendent Paul Bulach reported on the road salt usage and the remaining stock and that he hopes to give a firm update on the cost for his department's new dump truck at the next meeting.

He also advised that the department has not yet begun working to resolve a stream bank erosion problem on Herman Road due to the adverse weather conditions of the past few weeks.

After review of the Butler County Engineer's \$300,000 estimate of cost for repairs and subsequent discussion on the subject, the Board instructed the Superintendent to work with the County Prosecutor on a resolution to close both Wade Mill Road and Canary Lane roadways due to an unsafe condition caused by the East Miami River's erosion of the roadway. Paul advised that he would also consult with the Engineer's office to insure the proper closure barricades and to determine if any economically feasible avenues are available to save the two roads prior to the determination of vacating their right-of-ways. The Administrator was instructed to contact the Army Corp of Engineer's to see if anything can be done to save the riverbank from future erosion.

Police Department - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for February, 2014 and reported that Rick Bowman has voluntarily accepted the position of Auxiliary Police Officer which opens up a slot for a new Part-time Police Officer.

The Chief stated his desire to change uniforms for the department as a cost saving measure. He also requested that the uniform include the purchase and supply of a duty weapon for continuity of use and officer safety. The Chief would then set policy for the weapons care and use. The weapons would always be property of the Township and Officers would be expected to return the weapon upon their release from Township service. The Board voiced its approval of the concept.

He further updated the Board on his desire to hire three new Part-time Police Officers at the next meeting. Finally, he presented a \$990.00 annual proposal from Lexipol, LLC to assist with policy and procedure manual development and training. The Board took the request under advisement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Upon request for information, resident Lynn Walraven was advised by Chief Haussler that the three Part-time Police Officer candidates are among those being considered for the open School Resource Officer position.

OLD BUSINESS

After reviewing the proposals given to the Board at their last meeting, the Board decided not to increase the coverage amounts for its' general liability insurance or its' VOLF insurance for Part-time Firefighters and Police Officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements - none

Correspondence

Time Warner Cable sent a notice that it will merge with, and become part of the Comcast Corporation by the end of fiscal year 2014.

The Butler County Rural Zoning Department sent notice of a variance hearing at 7:00pm on March 18, 2014 at the Butler County Government Services Building (315 High Street-1st floor) to determine the operation of a business from residentially zoned property at 1622 Smith Road.

Legislation

Purpose - Following a discussion on the subject during the previous Board of Trustees meeting, the Board ordered the Administrator to draft the following resolution to raise the staffing levels for Part-time Police Officers from 12 to 14.

Resolution 2014-014 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending staffing levels and pay rates for fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - At Resolution No. 2014-007, the Board declared a nuisance at 3571 Kirchling Road and ordered the Administrator abate the nuisance under the Township's violation enforcement procedures. The following resolution certifies the associated \$380.00 violation enforcement expenses to the County Auditor for assessment on that property.

Resolution 2014-015 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 3571 Kirchling Road to the County Auditor for assessment. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - The following resolution declares a nuisance for junk motor vehicles at 2500 Brenda Drive.

Resolution 2014-016 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for junk motor vehicles at 2500 Brenda Drive. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-029 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to instruct the Fire Chief to apply for a \$55,014.00 grant through the State BWC with the Townships portion equal to \$15,014.00. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-030 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to instruct the Police Chief to determine the best price for and to order the purchase of new uniforms for the

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

Motion 14-031 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to instruct the Police Chief to determine the best price for and to order the purchase of duty weapons, gun belts and holsters for the department. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-032 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$136,806.47 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
40812	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$70.00
40813	DELTA DENTAL	\$753.83
40814	TEACHERS PROT. MUT. LIFE INS. CO.	\$300.00
40815	OTARMA	\$56,833.00
40816	BURNHAM & FLOWER GROUP	\$8,554.00
40817	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$49.33
40818	AMERIGAS	\$1,488.39
40819	ARSLAN TAILORING CO	\$900.00
40820	AT&T MOBILITY	\$903.12
40821	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$2,002.00
40822	D&R TARPING	\$287.97
40823	FIFTH THIRD BANK	\$1,354.16
40824	ISG	\$265.00
40825	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00
40826	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$249.15
40827	THE CARRIAGE SHOP INC	\$381.02
40828	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$208.55
40829	WARREN FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$160.25
40830	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$529.02
40831	WEX BANK	\$2,449.61
40832	WEX BANK	\$1,804.51
40833	WEX BANK	\$1,366.52
40834	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$1,630.00

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

Motion 14-033 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 March 20, 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