

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 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 14-053 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to appoint the Township Administrator 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 14-054 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-055 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: Trustee Yordy and Trustee Wurzelbacher voted yes, Trustee Willsey abstained, which motion carried.

The Administrator, on behalf of Fiscal Officer Huffman, reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$3,908,964.03. He provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Fund Summary Report for April, 2014.

A presentation was given by David Brown, Butler County Auditor's Office, who advised the deadline for the final round of Homestead exemption under the existing law is June 2nd. If exemption is granted, the exemption is permanent and transferrable. He advised that the deadline for tax levies for the November ballot is August 6th and updated the Board on the successful completion of the biennial property appraisals and of the greater than 12% increase in first half tax collections over 3013.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - Administrator Bob Bass provided photographic evidence which involves possible nuisances at 4032 Lark Street for accumulated debris; at 3894 Brown Farm Road and 2198 Bella Vista Drive for excess vegetation and accumulated debris; and at 3968 Jennifer Drive for a junk motor vehicle advised the Board of the ensuing resolution for their consideration.

On behalf of the absent Road Superintendent, the Administrator advised the Board of the successful completion of the repairs on Herman Road.

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for April, 2014 and requested that the Board consider an upcoming motion to pay the transportation and lodging expenses of two Fire Department employees during their attendance at the 2014 State Fire School at Bowling Green University.

He also advised the Board that Firefighter/Paramedic Nate Holt has been selected to attend the Cincinnati Fire Academy to qualify for full time employment with the city; that hydrant inspections have been completed by the department and that its' Explorer Post will be in competition next week against other Posts.

Police Department - Chief Darryl Haussler requested that the Board consider an upcoming resolution to enter the Township into an agreement with Lexipol LLC to aid in the creation and adoption of Police Department Standard Operation Procedures.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident, Jerry Hilbert asked the Board for their knowledge of the proposed subdivision in Ross which is the subject of a front page article in the current edition of the Venice Cornerstone. The Board advised that they just received a drawing of the subdivision plat on this date along with a copy of a letter which will be sent to the abutting property owners detailing the date and time for two public meetings on the matter. The Board is unaware of any other information at this time.

Resident, Terry Hair asked the Police Chief if one of the vehicles recently declared as surplus could be used at the schools as a decoy vehicle to assist the School Resource Officer in the duties of her job. The Chief stated that it is not feasible because both vehicles are inoperable and the cost to fix them is not cost effective to their value.

OLD BUSINESS

The Administrator advised the Board of a report received from the Board of Health regarding 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road. The Health District declared the property as unfit for human habitation. This report allows the Township to provide for the removal, repair or securance of buildings or other structures on the property. The Board requested the Administrator send a copy of the report to the property owner and to attempt to set up a meeting to discuss a resolution to the Board of Health's ruling.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Yordy reminded the meeting attendees of the 2014

Ross Township Open House to be held on Sunday, May 18th from Noon to 4pm at Fire Station #2 (1308 Ross Millville Road).

Correspondence - none

Legislation

Purpose - Following a discussion on the subject during the Police Chief's portion of this meeting, this resolution enters the Township into an agreement with Lexipol LLC to provide a knowledge management system to aid in the creation and adoption of Police Department Standard Operation Procedures. Trustee Willsey asked the Chief what the percentage discount was for this service through the Ohio Township Association and was told that a 5% discount was given.

Resolution 2014-026 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with Lexipol LLC to provide access to the Lexipol knowledge management system in the Police Department and authorizing the Police Chief to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - Following a discussion on the subject during the Administrator's portion of this meeting, this resolution declares a nuisance for accumulated debris at 4032 Lark Street; accumulated debris at 3894 Brown Farm Road and 2198 Bella Vista Drive; and a junk motor vehicle at 3968 Jennifer Drive.

Resolution 2014-027 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle at 4032 Lark Street, 3894 Brown Farm Road, 2198 Bella Vista Drive and 3968 Jennifer Drive. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - Following a discussion on the subject during the Administrator's portion of this meeting, this resolution enters the Township into an agreement with Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc. to provide preventive maintenance services to the emergency generator at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road.

Resolution 2014-028 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc. to provide preventive maintenance services to the emergency generator at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road and authorizing the Administrator to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-056 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$48,806.22 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
40977	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$70.00
40978	DAN BEARD COUNCIL	\$75.00

40979	ALVIS MATERIALS	\$30.50
40980	AT&T MOBILITY	\$881.52
40981	BOB BASS	\$735.54
40982	BUTLER COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION	\$70.00
40983	CREATIVE SERVICE OF NEW ENGLAND	\$227.95
40985	JOHN E REID & ASSOCIATES, INC	\$580.00
40986	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$118.00
40987	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00
40988	MATRE ARMS & AMMUNITION INC	\$910.00
40989	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$3,570.43
40990	RUMPKE	\$260.79
40991	SIGNERY 2	\$175.00
40992	SUPER LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT CORP	\$379.14
40993	TRACTOR SUPPLY STORE	\$3.49
40994	TRI-TECH INC	\$981.49
40995	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$182.82
40996	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$256.70
40997	WEX BANK	\$1,911.71
40998	WOODHULL LLC	\$380.22
40999	FIFTH THIRD BANK	\$852.18

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

Motion 14-057 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to pay the transportation and lodging expenses of two Fire Department employees during their attendance at the 2014 State Fire School at Bowling Green University. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-058 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted retire to executive session to discuss the dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) at 6:35p.m. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-059 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to return from executive session and resume the public Meeting at 7:20p.m. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-060 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to accept the disciplinary recommendation of the Administrator. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-061 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, 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 15, 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