

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 3, 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 14-077** 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 June 19, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-078** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: Trustee Yordy and All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer, Judy Huffman reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$3,726,819.57. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Fund Summary Report for June, 2014.

**Motion 14-079** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to open the public hearing on the 2015 Tax Budget. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Fiscal Officer, Judy Huffman presented the proposed 2015 Tax Budget to the Board. She detailed the anticipated 2015 revenue and expenditures in each fund and noted that a resolution for adoption is prepared for later in the meeting and that, if approved, figures from the Tax will be used as the 2015 Temporary Appropriations Budget.

Trustee Willsey asked if all fees from Medicount Management were part of the figures and if the Safety Intervention grant will be completed before 2015. Fiscal Officer Huffman answered in the affirmative. He also inquired when the last payment on the Station 2 firehouse would be made and was told 2019. The general public had no comments.

**Motion 14-080** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to close the public hearing on the 2015 Tax Budget. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Administrator Bob Bass gave a report of the disposition of current nuisance violations (including a deadline of July 12<sup>th</sup> on the Brown Farm property) and provided photographic evidence which involves possible nuisances at a vacant lot on Robin Avenue, 2310 Robin Avenue, 2198 Bella Vista Drive and 2281 Venice Boulevard. The Board has no questions regarding the evidence presented.

In 2013, the Board directed the Administrator to work with Verizon Wireless on the terms and agreements necessary to lease Ross Township property for the installation and maintenance of a cell phone tower at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road. During several meeting since that order, the Administrator has instructed the Board of the progress of those negotiations. The Administrator advised that two agreements will be considered later in the meeting to allow for the cell tower construction and to provide a lease with Verizon for its ongoing placement and maintenance. The agreement provides the Township with lease fees \$14,000.00 per annum in lieu of the use of the property. The Board had no additional questions.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for June, 2014 and reminded the Board of the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display on Berger Court. He advised that two grant agreement resolutions will be considered later in the meeting to purchase a Lucas automatic chest compressor, in part, with the proceeds of the two grants he has acquired to help offset the cost of the purchase.

The Chief also noted that he is working closely with Morgan Township to make sure that all residents receive the quickest coverage in the wake of the temporary closure of Cincinnati Brookville Road.

Finally, he announced that he has received a grant from FEMA for \$190,000.00 for the replacement of his brush trucks. He has applied for this grant for several years without success but his persistence has paid off.

**Road Department** - Superintendent Paul Bulach advised that several sink holes have appeared near manholes in Venice Gardens and reported on the progress of in-house tree trimming and partial depth repairs.

Trustee Willsey initiated a discussion which led to ordering the Road Superintendent to begin noting the location of any sight distance visibility problem areas for the Board to check on.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for June, 2014.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Jerry Hilbert expressed his concern for asbestos abatement on the Brown Farm property. Trustee Yordy advised that asbestos abatement, if necessary, is a Building Department requirement in any facility removed by the Township.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board held a discussion regarding the report from the Board of Health for 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road which recommends fixing the structural and health defects or removal of its facilities. Trustee Willsey stated that the owner is abating the items noted by the Board of Health and that he will be contacted regarding the availability of funding for building removal.

Administrator Bass advised that the zone change at the Villages of Venice Subdivision off of Layhigh Road was approved by the Butler County Commissioners with the provisions recommended by the Planning Commission in effect. The Township continues to work with the Engineer on the issue of a ditch permit for the maintenance of the detention basins within the subdivision.

The Administrator also advised that the Butler County Commissioners approved the closures of a portion of Wade Mill Road and Canary Avenue. He advised that following certification of the Commissioner's action to the Ross Board of Trustees, the Trustees must pass a final resolution to close the road and allow the vacated right-of-way to pass to the abutting property owners in fee simple. The Board ordered the Administrator to prepare the resolution at appropriate time and further ordered the Road Superintendent to purchase the proper roadway closure as recommended by the Engineer to close the roadways.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcements - none**

The Butler County Engineer sent notice of the closure of Hamilton New London Road 0.8 mile northeast of U.S. 27 and 400 feet southwest of Black Road for a culvert replacement beginning yesterday. The road is tentatively scheduled to reopen the week of July 14, 2014. Northeast bound Hamilton New London Road traffic will detour north on U.S. 27, east on Ross Hanover Road into the City of Hamilton, and southwest on New London Road. Southwest bound traffic will reverse this route.

### **Correspondence - none**

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - The Fire Chief has obtained two grants toward the cost and purchase of a Lucas automatic chest compressor. The next two resolutions enter into the grant agreements for the purchase of the equipment.

**Resolution 2014-040** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution accepting the terms and conditions for an ems equipment purchase grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation; appointing and authorizing the Fire Chief as project manager to execute said grant terms and conditions; establishing grant fund number 2914 entitled "Hamilton Community Foundation Grant 2014"; budgeting receipts and making appropriations 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.

**Resolution 2014-041** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution accepting the terms and conditions for an ems equipment purchase reimbursement grant from the State of Ohio - Department of Public Safety; appointing and authorizing the Fire Chief as project manager to execute said grant terms and conditions; establishing grant fund number 2915 entitled "Ohio Department of Public Safety Grant 2014-2015"; authorizing an advance of funds, budgeting receipts and making appropriations 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** - Based on evidence provided earlier by the Administrator, this resolution declares a nuisance violation at four properties in the Township and orders their abatement.

**Resolution 2014-042** 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 a vacant lot on Robin Avenue, 2310 Robin Avenue, 2198 Bella Vista Drive and 2281 Venice Boulevard. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - In discussion during several meetings throughout past year, the Board directed the administration of the township to work with Verizon Wireless on the terms and agreements necessary to lease Ross Township property for the installation and maintenance of a cell phone tower at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road. The following resolution enters the Township into two agreements for that purpose.

**Resolution 2014-043** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with the New Par d.b.a. Verizon Wireless to install and maintain a cell phone tower and also to enter into a land lease agreement for said purposes at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - After consideration of all discussion during the public hearing earlier in this meeting, the following resolution adopts the tax budget and makes the temporary appropriation of funds for expenditures for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015.

**Resolution 2014-044** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution adopting the tax budget and making the temporary appropriation of funds for expenditures for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015 pursuant to R.C. Sections 5705.14, 5705.28, 5705.29 5705.30 and 5705.38. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-081** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$84,572.71 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
41165	HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT	\$1,579.00
41166	ALL PRO PEST CONTROL	\$120.00
41167	AT&T MOBILITY	\$981.52
41168	BOB BASS	\$1,309.05
41169	BUTLER TECH. & CAREER DEVELOPMENT	\$75.00
41170	DELTA DENTAL	\$583.27
41171	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$16.00
41172	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$2,099.74
41173	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$182.82
41174	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$491.50
41175	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$280.62
41176	WEX BANK	\$1,677.35
41177	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$70.00
41178	CITY OF CINCINNATI	\$10.97
41179	CITY OF TRENTON	\$57.61
41180	CITY OF MASON	\$32.21
41181	FAIRFIELD INCOME TAX DIVISION	\$35.25
41182	APPARELMASTER	\$126.25
41183	BAKER HARDWARE	\$25.28
41184	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$157.25
41185	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,899.44
41186	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$76.27
41187	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$189.95
41188	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$185.15
41190	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00
41191	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,417.21
41192	NICK LUTTERBIE	\$19.95
41193	OHIO ASSOC. OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.	\$195.00
41194	PARR PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$2,084.00
41195	PRO CHEM, INC	\$609.37
41196	ROSS HARDWARE	\$23.96
41197	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$167.00
41198	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$276.11
41199	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$184.76
41200	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$15.10
41201	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$614.75
41202	WEX BANK	\$1,941.58
41203	WEX BANK	\$1,302.48
41204	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$325.63

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

Trustee Willsey requested that the next meeting date be changed to accommodate his being out of town on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 14-081** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to change the day and date of their next meeting to Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-083** 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 July 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Ellen Yordy President

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Thomas E. Willsey Vice President

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Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

**ATTEST:**

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Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer