# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, 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 14-084 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 July 3, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-085 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 3, 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 advised that a resolution was prepared for assessment of nuisance expenses for abatement at 2084 Cardinal Avenue and a separate resolution for nuisance abatement at 3841 Brown Farm Road.

He also advised the Board that three resolutions will be offered for their consideration at this meeting. They include housekeeping measures to: redefine the parameters in effect and strengthening the Police Department's ability to enforce the minor's curfew in the Township; to place the question of the fire tax levy on the November General Election ballot; and a contractual measure to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, sponsored through the Frank Gates Service Company for the BWC's 2015 Group Retrospective Rating Program. The Board had no questions or comments on the resolutions.

## Fire Department - no report

Road Department - Superintendent Paul Bulach announced the completion of the culvert pipe repair project on Rocky Hill and provided an update on the signage needed for the Wade Mill/Canary roadway closure and a tree removal process on Morgan Ross Road.

He also provided the Board with a sight distance visibility table for intersections. The Board requested that he take photos of all of the intersections he has concerns about for the next meeting.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler provided the statistics from the monthly department report for June, 2014 and gave an update on hiring process for Alicia Henson which should occur in August.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

#### OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Willsey gave a report on the result of a meeting with the County Engineer regarding ditch petition for the Villages of Venice Subdivision. He advised that the Engineer will put all manmade structures in a ditch petition but is still considering whether or not he wants to take over maintenance of the creek.

The Administrator advised of the result of his research into the use of engine brakes. He can find no law which prohibits such usage. Since there is no statute for enforcement, the Board ordered the Administrator to draft a letter, under its signature, to the various trucking firms utilizing State Routes 126 and 128 asking for their assistance in resolving the issue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Announcements - none

#### Correspondence

The Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District sent a letter advising of its residential Special Collections Programs for appliances and household hazardous waste. Trustee Willsey requested the information be placed on the township's website.

### Legislation

**Purpose** - As a housekeeping measure, the following resolution redefines the parameters in effect and strengthens the Police Department's ability to enforce the minor's curfew in the Township.

Resolution 2014-045 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution establishing a curfew for minors within Ross Township pursuant to R.C. 505.89. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - At Resolution 2014-034, the Board ordered the owner or township abatement of a nuisance at 2084 Cardinal Avenue. As a result of the need for the township to abate the nuisance, the following resolution certifies the abatement expenses to the Auditor for assessment.

Resolution 2014-046 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 2084 Cardinal Avenue to the County Auditor for assessment. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - In an effort to make the department fully self-sufficient, discussion regarding the need to request a tax increase of 2.75 mills in the Fire Department has been ongoing over several previous meetings. The Board requested the Butler County Prosecutor prepare the following resolution which places the question of the fire tax levy on the November General Election ballot.

Resolution 2014-047 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution determining to proceed with submitting the question of a tax levy for fire protection. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose -** Earlier in this meeting, the Board was advised that the township qualifies for the savings from the BWC's 2015 Group Retrospective Rating Program. The following resolution enters the township into that program.

Resolution 2014-048 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 Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC), sponsored through the Frank Gates Service Company for the BWC's 2015 Group Rating Program and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - Earlier in this meeting, the Board was presented with evidence of a nuisance at 3841 Brown Farm Road. The following resolution declares a nuisance at that address and orders its abatement.

Resolution 2014-049 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 3841 Brown Farm Road. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

<u>Motion 14-086</u> Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$33,247.43 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
41206	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$53.80
41207	APPARELMASTER	\$406.00
41208	ARMS	\$11,600.00
41209	COX OHIO PUBLISHING	\$274.70
41210	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$928.40
41211	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$846.69
41212	FRANK GATES SERVICE CO	\$2 <b>,</b> 579.00
41213	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	\$90.00
41214	HEALTH & SAFETY INSTITUTE	\$158.65
41215	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$299.83
41216	MONTAGE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED	\$53.75
41217	MORTON SALT INC	\$6 <b>,</b> 703.71
41218	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$1,610.05
41219	PAUL BULACH	\$96.30
41220	PREMIER LANDSCAPING LLC	\$120.00
41221	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$371.00

41222	RUMPKE	\$264.88	
41223	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$77.38	
41224	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$367.98	
41225	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00	
41226	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$191.67	
41227	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15	
41228	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40	
41229	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5 <b>,</b> 714.31	
The vote	of the Board shows as follows:	All present	
voted yes, which motion carried.			

Motion 14-087 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 August 7, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

# ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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