



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

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 15-022 Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2016. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-023 Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2016. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$2,622,184.50. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report. She noted that the two documents are incorrect as her computerized accounting system is still in temporary 2016 mode while she awaits close-out bills from 2015.

David Brown, representing the Butler County Auditor, announced the following 2016 program deadlines: filing for homestead exemption is June 6th; CAUV status renewal letters are due by March 4th; and Board of Revision requests are due by March 31st.

Planning Architect Jose Castrejon with McGill, Smith, Punshon, Inc. presented results from the Downtown Venice Redevelopment Study. The study was commissioned by the Board in 2015 to maximize the development potential of underutilized land uses within the Venice Redevelopment District; to create a planned development strategy that

will allow Ross Township to compete with the surrounding marketplace, increase the tax base, and provide sustainable growth for Ross Township.

Upon completion of the presentation, questions were raised concerning the lack of sanitary sewers throughout the study area. Administrator Bob Bass answered that the recent sanitary sewer project was reduced in scope due to Butler County Water and Sewer Department's inability to secure all needed easements to complete that project. The result is that the future expansion of that main line will have to be developer driven. An additional question was asked of the Board as to how residents were selected for the study committee and the Board explained how the selections were made to the satisfaction of the audience.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - Bob Bass provided an explanation for a resolution to be considered declaring a nuisance at 2648 Main Street and 3949 Brown Farm Road. He also provided a report to the Board regarding the recent Moody's Investor Service's reassessment of the Ross Township bond rating as A-1.

In the absence of Road Superintendent Paul Bulach he presented the Board with the annual Mileage Certificate for the State of Ohio showing an increase of road mileage up to 46.431 miles.

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for January, 2016 and provided the Board with an update on his recent Baltimore deployment through the Butler County Incident Management team.

Road Department - absent

Police Department - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for January, 2016.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

None

Correspondence

Butler County Engineer Greg Wilkens sent an invitation to his Annual Township Seminar on Thursday February 25, 2016 at the Engineer's offices beginning at 6:30pm. An RSVP is required.

Legislation

Purpose-Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator gathered and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation and/or junked automobile at 2648 Main Street and 3949 Brown Farm Road. Through this resolution, the Board declares these properties to be a nuisance.

Resolution 2016-010 Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher 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 2648 Main Street and 3949 Brown Farm Road. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 16-024 Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$72,152.52 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
42677	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$77.50
42678	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$31.95
42679	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$62.62
42680	ALL PRO PEST CONTROL	\$100.00
42681	AMERIGAS	\$969.00
42682	APPARELMASTER	\$54.00
42683	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$87.00
42684	AT&T MOBILITY	\$928.92
42685	BILL MILLER PLUMBING	\$554.75
42686	CHRIS JOHNS	\$10.64
42687	D&R TARPING	\$47.33
42688	DELTA DENTAL	\$609.86
42689	DUKE ENERGY	\$424.29
42690	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$53.50
42691	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$471.73
42692	JUDY HUFFMAN	\$170.00
42693	MOLLIE JOHNSON	\$128.52

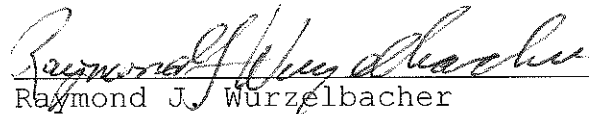
42694	RAYMOND J WURZELBACHER	\$359.40
42695	ROSS HARDWARE	\$808.96
42696	SHANE PACKER	\$567.00
42697	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$185.30
42698	TEACHERS PROT. MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	\$499.30
42699	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
42700	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$341.53
42701	TRACTOR SUPPLY STORE	\$75.44
42702	TRIANGLE SIGN CO	\$4,800.00
42703	TRI-TECH INC	\$1,003.17
42704	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$3,942.77
42705	ZIP GRAPHICS	\$596.00
42706	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00


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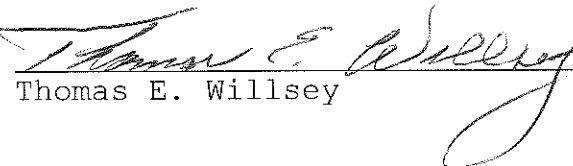
Motion 16-025 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on February 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES


 Raymond J. Wurzelbacher President


 Ellen Yordy Vice President


 Thomas E. Willsey Trustee

ATTEST:


 Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer