

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

The Ross Township Board of Trustees met in regular session to transact business for Ross Township.

ROLL CALL

Present - Raymond J. Wurzelbacher, Thomas E. Willsey and Ellen Yordy.

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 15-015 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-016 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

David Brown, representing the Butler County Auditor, announced the following 2015 program deadlines: filing for homestead exemption is June 1st (exemptions double this year for 100% disabled veterans); CAUV status renewal letters are due by February 26th; and Board of Revision requests are due by March 1st. He also announced that the reappraisal of Ross Township properties has been completed and Ross property values rose 3.5%.

OLD BUSINESS

At the direction of the Board, David Fehr, Executive Director of the Butler County Department of Development led a discussion regarding the potential outcome of a zoning variance for a Family Dollar store on Hamilton Cleves Road. Mr. Fehr discussed two new proposals presented by Family Dollar store representative William Tippmann, Vice President of the Atwater Group.

Mr. Fehr proposed a third option which would reduce the number of front yard parking spaces by half and allow only one row of front yard parking spaces placed against the building. The Board and property owner/applicant Anne Burkhart were in favor of Mr. Fehr's counterproposal. Mr. Tippmann will discuss the compromise with his clients and advise the Township and the County of their decision.

A discussion regarding the possible creation of a Waste District in Ross Township was led by Anne Fiehrer-Flaig, Director of the Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District; and Holly Christmann, Director of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services. Ms. Flaig discussed the cost saving and contractual service control advantages of joining a waste disposal district and

stated that she thought that the concept could save 30% to 40% for the residents of the Township.

Ms. Christmann discussed the time line for obtaining proposals and contracting in conjunction with Colerain and Springfield Townships. She advised that the request for proposals would be placed in mid-March with contractual services likely to begin sometime in the fall of 2015 with a deadline of not later than February, 2016.

Both Directors noted that the RFP did not commit the Township to a contract. The Board agreed to enter into the group request for proposals with Colerain and Springfield Townships and instructed the Administrator to begin putting together a forum for residents to provide their input into the matter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - Bob Bass requested that Board President Willsey give consideration to naming at least one elected official and the three other employees who will become the selection committee for the professional design firm on the Venice Business District Redevelopment project. Trustee Willsey will advise by February 9th.

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for January, 2015. He also noted that Assistant Chief Charlie Caudill has received a \$3,000 scholarship toward the cost for his Ohio Fire Executive degree. The Board offered its congratulations to Asst. Chief Caudill.

Road Department - no report

Police Department - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for January, 2015. He also announced the resignation of Officer Greg Stewart who obtained a full time position at Xavier University. The Board offered its congratulations to Officer Stewart.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jerry Hilvert of Layhigh Road cautioned the Township to instruct ODOT to acquire right of way on new developments on state highways to allow for future roadway expansion.

Bob Long, of Spyglass Road complained that hunters were poaching deer out of season at the end of his street. Trustee Willsey asked the Police Chief to work with the County Game Warden to try to catch the poachers in the act. The Chief will report back to the Board and Mr. Long after his discussion with the Game Warden.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements - none

Correspondence

The Butler County Engineer has forwarded a notice of a safety improvement project to construct a roundabout in the intersection of Layhigh Road and S.R. 748. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in June, 2015.

Legislation

Motion 15-017 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$102,991.88 and authorized payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
41708	AMERIGAS	\$958.12
41709	CHASE ELECTRONICS	\$166.95
41710	D&R TARPING	\$401.60
41711	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$120.00
41712	MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT	\$1,328.28
41713	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40
41714	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$48.32
41715	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$85.00
41716	DARRYL HAUSSLER	\$1,539.26
41717	ALL PRO PEST CONTROL	\$100.00
41718	AT&T MOBILITY	\$925.56
41719	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,095.00
41720	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$98.20
41721	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$150.00
41722	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$200.18
41723	WOODHULL LLC	\$398.68
41724	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$179.50
41725	CAMP SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$37.00
41726	DARRYL HAUSSLER	\$133.85
41727	DELTA DENTAL	\$583.26
41728	DUKE ENERGY	\$1,941.31
41729	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$355.12
41730	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$386.45
41731	HEALTH & SAFETY INSTITUTE	\$40.00
41732	JUDY HUFFMAN	\$252.38
41733	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$150.00
41734	LEADSONLINE	\$1,758.00
41735	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,778.18
41736	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	\$390.00
41737	R E WATSON	\$80.00
41738	ROSS HARDWARE	\$240.04
41739	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$309.87
41740	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$100.08
41741	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
41742	THOMAS E. WILLSEY	\$452.38
41743	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$15.10
41744	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$3,314.24
41745	WARREN FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$1,656.00
41746	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00

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

Motion 15-018 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, 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 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm at

the Ross Fire Station #1.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thomas E. Willsey President

Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Vice President

Ellen Yordy Trustee

ATTEST :

Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer