

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 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**

Trustee Willsey requested a Moment of Silence in memory of Richard Bulach, father of Road Superintendent Paul Bulach.

**Motion 15-019**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-020** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2015. 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 \$3,144,019.06. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for January, 2015.

Upon his resignation to take a full time position at Xavier University, Chief Haussler gave a presentation of thanks to outgoing Police Officer Greg Stewart.

On the occasion of his retirement, Chief Miller gave a presentation of thanks to newly retired District Chief Ron Holt for his 30 years of dedicated service. Retired District Chief Ron Holt thanked the Board, the Chief and the members of the Fire Department for many years of fond memories.

The Board offered their thanks to both men for their loyal service to the Ross Community.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Bob Bass advised that a meeting will take place on March 20<sup>th</sup> to review the specifications for a Solid Waste District request for proposals. He also announced that the March newsletter will feature an article regarding the possibility of Ross' possible role in the District.

Finally, he provided an explanation for the three resolutions to be considered later in the meeting.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller requested that the Board hire Justin Moody and Cody Meyer to the position of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic in the Fire Department at the rate of \$15.50 per hour.

**Road Department** - no report

**Police Department** - no report

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Pete Ballauer stated that he felt dismissed by the Township because he left two messages for Trustee Willsey without a returned response. Trustee Willsey explained that he has been out of town until January 18<sup>th</sup>. He also acknowledged and thanked Trustee Wurzelbacher for his response to his lone request.

At the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Ballauer expressed concerns the Police Chief's handling of a bomb threat incident at Ross High School. At that meeting, the Board advised him that they would look into and implement additional administrative controls, if needed. He advised that he is disappointed that the Board did not reply to him on the matter. Note: The Board's minutes from that meeting do not reflect that a request was made to do so.

Mr. Ballauer also took exception to the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes which state in part, "He did admit however that the information he received to verify this issue was not entirely conclusive or complete." He stated that he thought his information that evening was thorough. Consequently, he stated that he would seek two formal record requests the next Monday and that he was washing his hands of the matter as of now.

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Announcements - none**

#### **Correspondence**

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent a request for renewal of a liquor license for the Liberty Home Association at 2361 Hamilton Cleves Road. The Police Department has no objection and no hearing is required.

Wright State University sent a letter inviting the elected officials to "Raider Country Night" on February 26<sup>th</sup>. An RSVP is requested. Trustee Willsey noted that the Township's elected officials will be attending the annual County Engineer's meeting on that evening.

#### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - The Board has expressed the desire to collaborate with Butler County Land Revitalization Corporation through a Memorandum of Understanding to further mutual goals in the operation of a land bank pursuant to RC 1724 and 5722. This resolution enters

into a Memorandum of Understanding for that purpose.

**Resolution 2015-012** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Butler County Land Revitalization Corporation to collaborate in the operation of a land bank pursuant to RC 1724 and 5722. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - The Fiscal Officer has determined that Board Resolution Number 2015-007 must be amended to revise the amounts originally appropriated to several funds in the 2015 appropriations budget as a result of their amended 2014 year end balances.

**Resolution 2015-013** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending Ross Township Resolution Number 2015-007 by revising the amounts originally appropriated to several funds in the 2015 appropriations budget 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** - Having purchased the property at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville, the Township has requested and obtained quotes from four contractors to demolish the existing structure on the site. This resolution enters into a contract for demolition which is most advantageous to the Township.

**Resolution 2015-014** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with Disposal Solutions to provide demolition services at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4334 Hamilton Cleves Road and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-021** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$123,615.50 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
41747	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$82.50
41748	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$545.56
41749	AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE COMPANY INC	\$192.49
41750	APPARELMASTER	\$117.75
41751	ARROW INTERNATIONAL, INC	\$636.52
41752	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$405.00
41753	BOB BASS	\$769.04
41754	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$1,535.20
41755	COX OHIO PUBLISHING	\$113.90
41756	DUKE ENERGY	\$1,959.67
41757	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$3,259.83
41758	ENGRAVING UNLIMITED	\$282.65
41759	ENQUIRER MEDIA	\$1,040.90
41760	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$1,828.40
41761	FOLEY'S FABRICATION	\$65.00
41762	HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT	\$225.70
41763	HIGHWAY CONSULTING SERVICES INC	\$500.00
41764	KLEEM, INC	\$191.70

