

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 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 15-024** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to appoint the Township Administrator as the Acting Fiscal Officer for the purpose of this meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-025** 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 February 19, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-026** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Administrator Bob Bass provided an update of the significant dates for the proposed joint purchase bid for solid waste collection services. The Board directed the Administrator to set a special public meeting for some time during the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> preferably at one of the Ross schools. The meeting is to be advertised in the upcoming newsletter.

He also announced that McGill Smith Punshon (MSP) has been chosen as the most qualified firm for the Venice Business District Redevelopment project. He and Trustee Willsey will negotiate a price for MSP'S services on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, he advised the Board on the two resolutions presented for its' consideration later in the meeting including photographic evidence of a possible nuisance.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for February, 2015. He also announced that he would take delivery of the new brush truck which is fully funded by a grant, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Road Department** - Superintendent presented the annual road mileage report to the Board for signature.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for February, 2015. He also provided an update on the hiring process for Police Officers.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none**

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Announcements**

Trustee Yordy announced that she will be working on collecting names of owners of historic buildings, houses and other structures in Ross for a video project. Ten percent of the proceeds of the video come back to the Township.

**Correspondence**

The Butler County Board of Zoning Appeals sent notice of a hearing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Butler County Government Services Building. A variance request has been filed by Anne and Stephen Burkhardt to locate more than 10% of the parking in the front yard of the proposed Family Dollar store. Trustee Willsey noted that the variance request is in line with the negotiated changes suggested by the Board at a previous meeting.

Martha Bulach sent a thank you note to the Board for its kind remembrances at her husband's funeral.

**Legislation**

**Purpose** - The Fiscal Officer is requesting that the Board advance the Fire Fund \$200,000 through the General Fund with the intent to repay the General Fund in 2015. The resolution is necessary to insure proper cash flow in the Fire Fund prior to the County Auditor's anticipated April tax settlement.

**Resolution 2015-015** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing an advance of General Funds to Fund Number 2191, entitled "Fire Fund" and authorizing the repayment of said advance to the General Fund in fiscal year 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - The Township has received a complaint regarding junk motor vehicles, excessive debris and an individual living on a vacant lot on Robin Avenue at Finch Avenue. This resolution declares a nuisance at that property.

**Resolution 2015-016** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, 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 at Finch Avenue. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

