



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 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 15-054

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2016.

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

Motion 15-055

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2016.

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

Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman announced that the fund balance on deposit is \$3,218,836.28 and provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report from April, 2016.

After thorough interviewing and background checks, Police Chief Darryl Haussler presented two candidates to the Board for the position of Part-time Police Officer. The Chief requested that the Board consider the rehire of Alex R. Kabuss and to hire Samuel L. Giver to the position of Part-time Police Officer.

Motion 16-056

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to rehire Alex R. Kabuss and to hire Samuel L. Giver to the position of Part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.50 per hour; subject to the completion of all pre-employment testing which is in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate resolution.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for the following resolutions to be considered: an amending resolution which changes the meeting location of future Board of Trustees meetings; assessment for nuisance abatement expenses; and the filing of 5 new property nuisances. He then provided the Board with a report on the status of currently open and recently abated nuisances.

A discussion ensued regarding updating the current Land Use Plan. The administrator stated that David Fehr, Butler County Director of Development, has agreed to assist the Township with guidance through the process. The Board will form a committee and provide the Administrator a list of candidates in the near future.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller presented statistics from the monthly report for April, 2016.

Road Department – absent

Police Department – Police Chief Darryl Haussler presented statistics from the monthly report for April, 2016.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Outpost resident Gene Gillespie congratulated the Board on a job well done with the Downtown Venice Redevelopment Study. After providing photos of inadequate erosion control measures at various construction sites, he asked the Board to investigate the efforts of the Stormwater District to monitor erosion controls. The Board will look into the matter.

Wagon Wheel resident Steve Bosse asked the Board for an answer to several questions. He asked what the March 17th check paid to Trustee Wurzelbacher was for. Trustee Wurzelbacher explained that it was an annual reimbursement for medical expenses under his health care insurance. Mr. Bosse followed up asking if the elected officials are provided health care through the Township. Trustee Willsey affirmed that it is offered as allowed under Ohio law. He further asked what measures are being taken to insure that stormwater drainage from the new UDF store do not adversely affect the Fire Station and was told by the Administrator that the provisions of the building permit would address those concerns. He also inquired as to how does the UDF store fit into the “walkable community” aspect of the Downtown Venice Redevelopment area. Trustee Willsey advised that the “walkable community” concept referred to the area along SR128, north of SR126. Additionally, he asked why the Board occasionally change meeting dates and why that information not placed on the website. He was told that with a three member Board that requires a quorum

the Board prefers to have all three members available for each meeting, when possible, and that sometimes the original schedule is not conducive to that schedule. It was also noted that the meeting schedule changes are posted on the websites "Calendar". Lastly he asked why the elected officials of the Township receive health care benefits. Trustee Willsey advised that the benefit is permitted by law and that the Township elected officials have been receiving such benefits for the entire duration of his time on the Board.

Plover resident Don Heis asked the Board's assistance in dealing with a problem business on his street. The complaint is that the diesel trucks are started early in the morning and left to idle for long periods of time disrupting his sleep. He further noted that the truck leaves ruts in his front yard causing property damage and that the trucks often block traffic on the roadway. Trustee Yordy stated that the business was allowed a variance to exist and that she believes the variance carries certain restrictions. She will pull the provisions of the variance to see what assistance it may lend to help abate some of the problems he is experiencing. She took Me Heis' phone number and told him she would respond when she had that information.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

OLD

The Administrator stated that all conditions have been or are in the process of being met to allow for the scheduled Movie Nights in Venice Gardens Park.

Trustee Yordy updated that the Township has now acquired a legal title for the 1929 fire truck.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Wurzelbacher announced a permanent change in Board meeting location from Fire Station #1 to the Ross Township Government Center at 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road starting with the Board meeting on June 2nd. The Board invites the community to an Open House for the new Government Center on Thursday, June 2nd at 4pm and run until the Board of Trustee's meeting at 6pm.

Trustee Wurzelbacher also announced that this year's first Movie Night in Venice Gardens Park is scheduled for Friday, May 20th from 8:30 to 10:30pm.

Correspondence

The Butler County Engineer's Office sent notice that School Road will close between Layhigh Rd. and Mardell Court from May 5th until sometime during the week of May 9th for culvert replacement. The detour is as follows: Eastbound School Road traffic will detour south on Layhigh Road and northeast on Ohio 128 to School. Westbound traffic will reverse this route.

LEGISLATION

At Board of Trustees Resolution Number 2016-002 the Trustees stated the dates, time and location for Board meetings for 2016. With the following resolution, the Board makes a permanent change in Board meeting location from Fire Station #1 to the Ross Township Government Center at 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road starting with the Board meeting on June 2nd.

Resolution 2016-024

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending Section 1-A of Ross Township Board of Trustees Resolution Number 2016-002.

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

At Board of Trustees Resolution Number 2016-021 the Trustees declared a nuisance existed at 2678 Moeller Drive which required abatement by the Township's abatement crews. This resolution certifies the abatement expenses to the County Auditor for assessment.

Resolution 2016-025

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 2678 Moeller Drive to the County Auditor for assessment.

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

Earlier in the meeting, the Administrator provided evidence of nuisance violations to exist at 2373 Venice Boulevard, 2364 Robin Avenue, 2181 Beechwood Drive, and 4253 Hamilton Cleves Drive. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2016-026

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher 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 2373 Venice Boulevard, 2364 Robin Avenue, 2181 Beechwood Drive, a vacant lot on Hamilton Cleves Road and 4253 Hamilton Cleves Road.

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

Motion 16-057

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$193,031.88 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
42912	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$3,160.92
42913	AW BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$173.70

42914	DANIEL HALL	\$24.98
42915	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$2,019.15
42916	HANLEY PRINT & PROMOTIONS	\$442.71
42917	INSERTA FITTING, CO	\$142.52
42918	JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED	\$500.00
42919	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$95.88
42920	MATRE ARMS & AMMUNITION INC	\$1,366.00
42921	MOLLIE JOHNSON	\$206.28
42922	RAYMOND J WURZELBACHER	\$862.20
42923	ROBINSON FENCE	\$1,295.00
42924	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	\$68,624.93
42925	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$99.99
42926	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
42927	WOODHULL LLC	\$661.45
42928	BC DEPT OF DEVELOPMENT	\$103.00
42929	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$3,011.86
42930	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$43.47
42931	ALL-RITE READY MIX OF MIAMI VALLEY LLC	\$1,605.15
42932	APWA	\$340.00
42933	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$180.00
42934	AT&T MOBILITY	\$1,162.65
42935	BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$6,839.60
42936	CHRIS JOHNS	\$153.04
42937	COLERAIN TWP FIRE DEPT & LIFE SQUAD	\$200.00
42938	DELTA DENTAL	\$609.86
42939	FAST MEASURE	\$32.50
42940	LUTHER LANDSCAPING	\$110.00
42941	MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO., LLC	\$365.00
42942	NICK LUTTERBIE	\$85.60
42943	OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY	\$1,500.00
42944	PRO CHEM, INC	\$462.09
42945	QUALITY PUBLISHING CO	\$640.62
42946	STEVE MILLER	\$124.20
42947	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$500.00
42948	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$14.43
42949	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$1,820.69
42950	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
42951	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$75.00
42952	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$300.00
42953	BOB BASS	\$164.78
42954	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$91.92
42955	BAKER HARDWARE	\$21.78
42956	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$40.00
42957	DIGITAL COMBUSTION, INC	\$675.00
42958	AW EXPRESS GRAPHICS	\$248.82
42959	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$200.00

42960	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	\$16,500.20
42961	PARTSMASTER	\$172.13
42962	ROCK SOLID LLC	\$340.00
42963	ROSS AUTO PARTS	\$1,028.59
42964	ROSS HARDWARE	\$413.05
42965	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$196.11
42966	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$743.99
42967	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$400.00
42968	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$133.43
42969	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$208.93
42970	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$915.09
42971	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$119.99

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

Motion 16-058

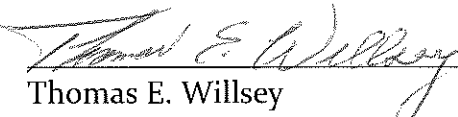
There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on May 19th, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

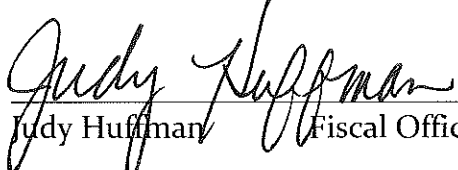
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 Raymond J. Wurzelbacher President


 Ellen Yordy Vice President


 Thomas E. Willsey Trustee

ATTEST:


 Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer