

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2015

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 15-049 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 May 7, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-050 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Upon request by Trustee Willsey, Police Chief Haussler presented three new Police Officer candidates.

Motion 15-051 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to hire Alicia M. Henson to the position of Auxiliary Police Officer in the Police Department to hire Daniel M. Hall and Jeremiah A. South to the position of Part-time Police Officer in the Police Department at the rate of \$16.50 per hour pending successful completion of a physical. This motion is in compliance with the current Staffing Level and Pay Rate resolution. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Board President Tom Willsey swore in newly hired Police Officers Henson, Hall and South. The Board welcomed the new officers to the department and wished them well.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - Administrator Bob Bass provided an update of existing and recently closed nuisance cases.

He asked the Board to consider upcoming resolutions regarding a General Fund Transfer to the Police District Fund which represents the amount of fines and fees collected from traffic tickets written by the Police Department during the previous fiscal year as discussed and approved at the annual Budget Meeting for 2015; and presented evidence of nuisances at 2084, 2088 and 2093 Cardinal Avenue, 2182 Thrush Avenue and 2053 Wagon Wheel Drive.

He presented the Board with a summary of the bids for the solid waste and recycling collection contract and reminded everyone present of the Special Public Meeting regarding this issue on June 9th. The apparent low bidder of the three bids accepted was from Rumpke, Inc. The Board was pleased with the bids and thought the savings was significant.

On behalf of Fire Chief Steve Miller, he advised that the Insurance Service Office (ISO) would perform an insurance audit on June 9th and advised of serious maintenance issues with Medic 101 which requires that the engine be replaced, fortunately under warranty.

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller was on vacation.

Road Department - Superintendent provided an update on engine brake signs noting that ODOT placed the signs on SR 128 on this date. The Board requested the Superintendent to find out if the southernmost signs could be relocated to the corporation line of Butler County/Ross Township. He also advised of the completion of the temporary Silax Drive culvert repair with the exception of finish grading and seeding.

Police Department - no report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Willsey announced that the Ross Township Board of Trustees will conduct Special Public Meeting to discuss the recent bids to reduce resident's solid waste and recycling collection service fees in the Ross High School Auditorium - 3601 Hamilton Cleves Road on June 9, 2015 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Trustee Wurzelbacher announced that the annual Memorial Parade will commence at 10:00am on Monday May 26th. Participants are to meet at 9:30am at the Ross Presbyterian Church.

Correspondence

The Butler County Rural Zoning Department sent notice of proposed amendments to the Subdivision Regulations regarding subordination of utility easements. The proposed amendment would provide an alternative resolution to developing public facilities (streets and utilities) across a pre-existing utility easement. The alternative process would allow for an encroachment agreement and concomitant fee to be submitted by the owner of the existing easement in lieu of subordinating their easement rights to the County. The Butler County Planning Commission will consider the amendment at its regular meeting on June 9, 2015.

The Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District

sent flyers announcing the District's 2015 Special Collection Programs and its' Recycle Right pamphlet. The information will be placed on the Ross Township website.

Legislation

Purpose - At the annual Budget Meeting for 2015, the Police Chief asked the Board's permission to annually transfer money from the General Fund to the Police District Fund which represents the amount of fines and fees collected from traffic tickets written by the Police Department during the previous fiscal year. The Board agreed that the request was prudent and ordered the following resolution to accomplish that purpose.

Resolution 2015-030 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing transfer of \$13,003.75 from the General Fund of Ross Township to its Police District fund pursuant to R.C. 5705.14(E) 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 - Upon receipt of several complaints, the Administrator gathered and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation at 2084, 2088 and 2093 Cardinal Avenue, 2182 Thrush Avenue and 2053 Wagon Wheel Drive. Through this resolution, the Board declares those properties to be a nuisance.

Resolution 2015-031 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 2084, 2088 and 2093 Cardinal Avenue, 2182 Thrush Avenue and 2053 Wagon Wheel Drive. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-052 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$115,501.24 and authorized payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
41994	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$581.15
41995	APPARELMASTER	\$157.25
41996	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$676.00
41997	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$516.00
41998	BUCKEYE POWER SALES CO., INC	\$555.00
41999	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$168.50
42000	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$50.30
42001	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$100.00
42002	EXPRESS GRAPHICS	\$248.71
42003	KLEEM, INC.	\$1,444.92
42004	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$73.83
42005	MAGNETSIGNS OF ROSS LLC	\$125.00
42006	MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT	\$1,364.48
42007	ODJFS	\$132.66
42008	PAUL BULACH	\$275.91
42009	RUMPKE	\$252.63
42010	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$215.58
42011	STEVE MILLER	\$319.50

Judy Huffman

Fiscal Officer