



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2016**

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

**CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL**

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

Trustee Wurzelbacher welcomed the members in attendance to the first Board meeting at the new Ross Township Government Center.

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 15-063

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 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 Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 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 \$3,101,330.03 and provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report from May, 2016.

Trustee Wurzelbacher noted that as part of the acquisition of the new Government Center, the Township agreed that it would be proper to pay tribute to the Tragesser family for the 103 years that they were in business in Ross Township. He then called Vern, Mike and David Tragesser to the dais to present to the Tragesser family, a ¼ scale replica of the tribute found the inside the Government Center to commemorate to the 103 years of Tragesser family business to the Ross community. The family thanked the Board for the tribute and congratulated the Board on its' successful opening of the facility.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for the following resolutions to be considered: establishing a TIF district, the Renewal Fire Levy Necessity and two possible nuisance abatements. He then provided the Board with a report on the status of currently open and recently abated nuisances.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller presented statistics from the monthly report for May, 2016. He requested that the Board consider two new hires within the department.

Road Department – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach had no report.

Police Department – In the absence of Police Chief Darryl Haussler, the Administrator had no report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ed Bosse, Ross Local School District Board Member, inquired about the Boards' intent for the distribution of taxes from the UDF TIF District as it pertains to school districts within the Township. The Board advised Mr. Bosse that there will be a separate resolution between the Township and the two School Boards at a later meeting but that it is the Boards intention to assure the schools that their portion of the TIF allowable by law would be provided.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Old

None

New

Announcements

Trustee Wurzelbacher announced the original Movie Night in Venice Gardens Park was rained out and will be rescheduled for June 17th from 8:30 to 10:30pm.

Correspondence

The Butler County Department of Community Development sent a notice of an "Opportunity to be Excluded" from Program Years 2017-2019. Townships are automatically included in the CDBG program unless they choose to be excluded.

The Butler County Engineer's Office sent notice that the replacement of three culverts requires closing U.S. Route 27 beginning Monday, June 6 until mid-August. U.S. 27 will be closed just south of Millville, between Kirchlind Road and SR 129 from 7:30 a.m. Monday, June 6. The road will be closed for approximately three weeks and the posted detour will use SR 748 and SR 126. Upon completion of the first culvert, U.S. 27 will be closed between Stillwell-Beckett and Stephenson roads for approximately three weeks. The detour will

use SR 130, SR 177 and SR 73. Upon completion of the second culvert, U.S. 27 will be closed at the Booth Road intersection for approximately three weeks. The detour will use SR 130, SR 177 and SR 73. Motorists should expect delays. All work is weather dependent. Arrow boards and/or signs will be in place prior to the work zone to alert motorists of the upcoming road closure.

LEGISLATION

Purpose - As a condition of the sale of the Township owned property on Hamilton Cleves Road at Cincinnati Brookville Road, the UDF company agreed to allow the Township to place a Tax Increment Financing designation on the property. This resolution recognizes that further development of the Parcels within the Ross Township UDF TIF may place direct additional demand on the Public Improvements and services.

Resolution 2016-029

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in Ross Township, Ohio to be a public purpose under Section 5709.73 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, exempting such improvements from real property taxation, declaring certain public improvements to be necessary for the further development of those parcels and establishing a Tax Increment Equivalent Fund.

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

Purpose - In an effort to keep the department fully self-sufficient, discussion regarding the need to renew the current 3.0 mill levy in the Fire Department is necessary. The Board requested the Butler County Prosecutor prepare the following resolution which begins the process of placing the renewal levy on the November General Election ballot.

Resolution 2016-030

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring the necessity for levy of a tax.

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

Purpose - Earlier in the meeting, the Administrator provided evidence of nuisance violations to exist at 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2678 Moeller Drive. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2016-031

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 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2678 Moeller Drive.

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

carried.

Motion 16-065

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$13,794.16 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
43018	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$748.50
43019	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$201.00
43020	ALLCRAFT MARINE	\$164.24
43021	AT&T MOBILITY	\$928.45
43022	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$2,045.00
43023	BOBCAT ENTERPRISES INC	\$103.94
43024	CAMP SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$565.00
43025	CINCINNATI SAFETY UPFITTERS LLC	\$208.45
43026	DELTA DENTAL	\$609.86
43027	ERNST CONCRETE	\$329.00
43028	HEALTH & SAFETY INSTITUTE	\$23.64
43029	PAUL BULACH	\$198.31
43030	ROSS IGA	\$184.90
43031	ROSS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	\$281.00
43032	SNYDER'S ANTIQUE AUTO PARTS INC	\$79.61
43033	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$390.98
43034	TOM LICATA	\$1,298.67
43035	TRIANGLE SIGN CO	\$300.00
43036	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$208.93
43037	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
43038	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$85.00
43039	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$195.50
43040	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$30.00
43041	CDW GOVERNMENT	\$689.70
43042	DUKE ENERGY	\$961.80
43043	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$197.70
43044	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$160.00
43045	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	\$82.08
43046	NORTHCOAST PRODUCTS	\$827.20
43047	SIGN EFFECTS SIGN CO	\$710.00
43048	SUNNY COMMUNICATIONS, INC	\$265.00
43049	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$133.43
43050	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$21.27
43051	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$316.00

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

Motion 16-066

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the

Board voted to hire Jason Bunger to the position of volunteer Firefighter/EMT and to hire Jacob Smith to the position of Firefighter/Medic at the rate of \$15.50 per hour; subject to the completion of all pre-employment testing; 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.

Motion 16-067

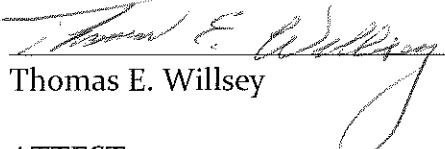
There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on June 2nd, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.


ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES


Raymond J. Wurzelbacher President


Ellen Yordy Vice President


Thomas E. Willsey Trustee

ATTEST:


Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer

