

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 4, 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 15-056** 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 May 21, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-057** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 21, 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 \$3,532,430.99. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for May, 2015.

David Brown, representing the Butler County Auditor, announced that the deadline for filing for homestead exemption has passed but that they are working on a bill to pass a law to make it easier for veterans to receive the exemption. He stated that the forfeited land sale has been pushed back to October and the properties are listed on their website. Finally, he advised that the process for adjusting the value on property through the Board of Revisions has passed for the 2014 tax value but that the formal process is still open for revisions due to sales, catastrophic loss, etc.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Bob Bass provided the Board with an update on open nuisance violations; requested consideration for the following two resolution: to assess for nuisance expenses incurred by the Township at 4145 Bruce Drive and to declare a nuisance at 2231 Robin Avenue (photographic evidence provided). The Board had no additional questions for him.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for May, 2015. He advised that the Insurance Service Office (ISO) would perform an insurance audit on June 9<sup>th</sup>. His hope is that he can have the ISO rating reduced based on collaborative work done with the dispatch center through "run cards".

He announced that Captain Chris Johns completed all courses and successfully obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science and gave details of the Explorers competition last Saturday. He also announced that the Ross Fire Explorers placed third overall in competition last Saturday. The Board offered its congratulations to Capt. Johns and the Explorers.

**Road Department** - Superintendent Paul Bulach provided information regarding roadway repairs on a sink hole on Robina; culvert work on Brown Farm; and ditch corrections on Timberman. The Board had no additional questions for him.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for May, 2015. The Board had no additional questions for him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Willsey gave a reminder 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Announcements**

Trustee Willsey announced that the date for the next meeting will be changed from June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>. The time and location remains the same.

#### **Correspondence**

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control sent a request for a liquor license transfer at Skyview Market - 2401 Hamilton Cleves Road. The Police Department has no objection and no hearing is required.

Fire Department Captain Chris Johns sent a thank you note to the Board and the Administration of the Township expressing his appreciation for the support given by them while he completed his Bachelor's Degree.

#### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - This resolution orders the assessment of nuisance expenses incurred by the Township at 4145 Bruce Drive. The nuisance was declared under Resolution Numbers 2015-029.

**Resolution 2015-032** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 4145 Bruce Drive to the Bounty Auditor for assessment. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator gathered and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation and/or junked automobile at 2231 Robin Avenue. Through this resolution, the Board declares this property to be a nuisance.

**Resolution 2015-033** 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 2231 Robin Avenue. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-058** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$97,604.10 and authorized payment:

| <b>NUMBER</b> | <b>PAYEE</b>                       | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 42027         | AT&T MOBILITY                      | \$926.81      |
| 42028         | BUCKEYE POWER SALES CO., INC       | \$645.93      |
| 42029         | BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE     | \$82.00       |
| 42030         | CHRIS JOHNS                        | \$1,744.67    |
| 42031         | DELTA DENTAL                       | \$583.28      |
| 42032         | EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC     | \$45.00       |
| 42033         | JUDY HUFFMAN                       | \$140.99      |
| 42034         | KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO. | \$95.88       |
| 42035         | STAPLES ADVANTAGE                  | \$24.04       |
| 42036         | TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO           | \$150.00      |
| 42037         | VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)         | \$200.18      |
| 42038         | CHIEF STEVE MILLER                 | \$92.50       |
| 42039         | A. E. DAVID COMPANY                | \$434.95      |
| 42040         | AIRGAS GREAT LAKES                 | \$78.54       |
| 42041         | ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY    | \$1,465.00    |
| 42042         | BAKER HARDWARE                     | \$58.44       |
| 42043         | DUKE ENERGY                        | \$422.76      |
| 42044         | GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC   | \$19.98       |
| 42045         | HAMILTON RENTAL CENTER             | \$175.00      |
| 42046         | KRISTEN L. GILLUM                  | \$150.00      |
| 42047         | LUTHER LANDSCAPING                 | \$95.00       |
| 42048         | MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO             | \$11,908.85   |
| 42049         | MOBIL TEK CONSULTING LLC           | \$274.00      |
| 42050         | PRO CHEM, INC                      | \$767.05      |
| 42051         | ROSS HARDWARE                      | \$49.99       |
| 42052         | SITE SUPPLY INC                    | \$1,260.00    |
| 42053         | SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  | \$182.44      |
| 42054         | THE VENICE CORNERSTONE             | \$65.00       |
| 42055         | TRACTOR SUPPLY STORE               | \$29.99       |
| 42056         | TREASURER STATE OF OHIO            | \$948.00      |
| 42057         | VERIZON WIRELESS                   | \$15.12       |
| 42058         | VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT           | \$211.86      |
| 42059         | WATSON GRAVEL, INC.                | \$23.47       |
| 42060         | WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC                 | \$2,400.00    |
| 42061         | WM E FAGALY & SON INC              | \$155.72      |

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

**Motion 15-059** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to retire to executive session to discuss the compensation of a public employee or official in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) at 6:40pm.

