



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 17, 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 15-063

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 June 4, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-064

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-065

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 June 9, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-066

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 9, 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 existing and recently closed nuisance cases. He asked the Board to consider two upcoming resolutions requesting consideration for the assessment for nuisance expenses incurred by the Township at 2084 and 2088 Cardinal Avenue; and to declare a nuisance at 2155 and

2169 Cardinal Avenue, at 4032 Lark Street and on a vacant lot on Finch Street.

Fire Department

Chief Steve Miller gave updated information on an ISO visit to the Township last Tuesday noting that some changes may be needed to dispatching to improve our ISO rating. He also congratulated Captain Chris Johns on his employment as full time Captain of the Oxford Fire Department.

Road Department

Superintendent Paul Bulach provided an update on the completion of culvert repair on Timberman and the beginning of roadside mowing and trimming.

He announced that ODOT has bid for the construction of the salt barn on Ross property and construction should be completed in October. He also discussed the County's plans for replacement of the Silax culvert with a 4'x6' concrete box culvert. He noted that the County has stated its intent to perform the work with their employees requiring the Township to pay for materials only. The Board requested a resolution of necessity be prepared for the next meeting.

Police Department

No report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Nancy Collins asked how the Silax culvert was being done so cheaply. Superintendent Bulach stated that the Township will be paying for materials only and not labor, equipment, insurance or bonding costs.

Resident Jerry Hilbert asked the Board if the developer of the new subdivision on Layhigh would be required to build all phases of the construction at one time. The Board asked the Administrator to check and report back at the next meeting

Resident Connie Glover stated that she did not get a copy of the recent newsletter advising of the public meeting on the solid waste contract. She was told that it was sent through a list prepared for the Township by the County Auditor of all properties in Ross. She also requested that future information of that type be placed on the website calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Willsey discussed the success of the June 9th Special Meeting of the Board regarding the possible Solid Waste contract.

The Administrator announced that a full summary of the contract details can be found on the Township's website.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Willsey announced that a public hearing for the 2016 Tax Budget will be set for the Board of Trustees meeting of July 2nd. The hearing will begin shortly after 6:00pm.

Trustee Willsey also announced that Layhigh Road at S.R. 748 will be closed for approximately three month beginning on June 29th while the Butler County Engineer performs the construction of a roundabout at that intersection. Detours will be maintained at all times.

Correspondence

None

Legislation

Purpose - This resolution orders the assessment of nuisance expenses incurred by the Township at 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2088 Cardinal Avenue. The nuisance was declared under Resolution Numbers 2015-031.

Resolution 2015-034

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2088 Cardinal Avenue to the County 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 2155 Cardinal Avenue, 2169 Cardinal Avenue, at 4032 Lark Street and on a vacant lot on Finch Street. Through this resolution, the Board declares this property to be a nuisance.

Resolution 2015-035

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle at 2155 Cardinal Avenue, 2169 Cardinal Avenue, at 4032 Lark Street and on a vacant lot on Finch Street. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-067

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following

voucher/warrants totaling \$55,893.94 and authorized payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
42062	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$609.22
42063	APPARELMASTER	\$111.75
42064	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,030.00
42065	ATLAS OUTFITTERS	\$1,174.00
42066	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$750.00
42067	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$160.50
42068	CDW GOVERNMENT	\$745.60
42069	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,162.12
42070	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$4.43
42071	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$1,599.82
42072	G & J PEPSI-COLA BOTTLERS INC	\$134.40
42073	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$278.85
42074	MATRE ARMS & AMMUNITION INC	\$675.00
42075	MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT	\$926.64
42076	MOBILCOMM	\$208.00
42077	PARTSMASTER	\$305.51
42078	PROGRESSIVE PLUMBING CO	\$150.00
42079	RUMPKE	\$254.23
42080	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$80.85
42081	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$222.50
42082	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$35.48
42083	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$144.87
42084	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
42085	UC HEALTH	\$48.41
42086	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$543.27
42088	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$90.00

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

Motion 15-070

There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Willsey 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 July 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES


Thomas E. Willsey President

Raymond J. Wurzelbacher
Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Vice President

Ellen Yordy
Ellen Yordy Trustee

ATTEST:

Judy Huffman
Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer

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