



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 2, 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 15-069**

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 17, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-070**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 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 \$3,576,392.07. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for June, 2015.

**Motion 15-071**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to open the public hearing on the 2016 Tax Budget. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Fiscal Officer, Judy Huffman presented the proposed 2016 Tax Budget to the Board. She detailed the anticipated 2016 revenue and expenditures in each fund and noted that a resolution for adoption is prepared for later in the meeting and that, if approved, figures from the Tax Budget will be used as the 2016 Temporary Appropriations Budget.

Trustee Willsey asked what the Capital Outlay funds are used for. Fiscal Officer Huffman responded that the funds usually cover large purchases such as building construction and

renovation, real estate purchases and large equipment costs.

**Motion 15-072**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to close the public hearing on the 2016 Tax Budget. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration**

Administrator Bob Bass provided the Board with an update on open nuisance violations; requested consideration for the following two resolution: declaring a necessity to replace the Silax culvert; and to request a speed reduction on Skymeadow.

Additionally he advised of a grant of \$5,000 from the Butler County Land Bank to clear the tax foreclosed title at 2273 Cardinal and transfer it to the township. The Township will then transfer the property to Habitat for Humanity who is looking for a sponsor family to build for.

**Fire Department**

Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for June, 2015 and advised that his department is now ready for the sale of two brush trucks. The Administrator explained that he will present a resolution at the next meeting which lists all current property to be auctioned. The Board will take up that resolution when it is presented.

**Road Department**

Superintendent Paul Bulach provided information regarding repairs on a culvert on Brown Farm.

**Police Department**

Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for June, 2015. The Board had no additional questions for him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

In response to a question raised at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Administrator advised that the Butler County Department of Development determined that there is no requirement that precludes the developer of the newly approved Ross Trails subdivision from developing the subdivision in phases.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcements**

Trustee Willsey announced that the Township has negotiated for the purchase of the Tragesser property at 4055 Hamilton Cleves for \$695,000 and has also negotiated the sale of the old Castle property at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4334 Hamilton Cleves Road to Dearborn Land Investment, LLC for \$400,000. He noted that the Tragesser property acquisition will allow the Township to grow with the community throughout the anticipated future development while the land investment company will be looking for a business to build on that site.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - After consideration of all discussion during the public hearing earlier in this meeting, the following resolution adopts the tax budget and makes the temporary appropriation of funds for expenditures for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016.

#### **Resolution 2015-037**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution adopting the tax budget and making the temporary appropriation of funds for expenditures for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016 pursuant to R.C. Sections 5705.14, 5705.28, 5705.29 5705.30 and 5705.38. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - At the last meeting, Superintendent Paul Bulach announced the Butler County Engineer's project to design and build a culvert on Silax Drive which would require that the Township supply materials for the project. This resolution declares the project a necessity; orders the design to move forward and commits the Township to the material expenses.

#### **Resolution 2015-038**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a necessity for the repair, maintenance, reconstruction, resurfacing or improvement of a road in Ross Township. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - The Butler County Engineer is responsible for performing all traffic engineering studies on behalf of Ross Township. Upon receipt of a complaint and through this resolution, the Board requests a study to consider the reduction of the current 55 m.p.h. speed limit on Skymeadow Drive.

**Resolution 2015-039**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution requesting consideration of the Director of Highways for reduction of the existing prima facia speed limit on Skymeadow Drive in Ross Township. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - During the announcement portion of the meeting, it was announced that the township has negotiated for the purchase of the Tragesser property at 4055 Hamilton Cleves for \$695,000 and has also negotiated the sale of the old Castle property at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4334 Hamilton Cleves Road to Dearborn Land Investment, LLC for \$400,000. The next two resolutions consummate those deals.

**Resolution 2015-040**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the purchase of the property located at 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road, authorizing and directing the Township Administrator to take steps necessary to satisfy those contingencies to be performed by Ross Township and to execute all necessary closing documents. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Resolution 2015-041**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the sale of the properties located at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4334 Hamilton Cleves Road, authorizing and directing the Township Administrator to take steps necessary to satisfy those contingencies to be performed by Ross Township and to execute all necessary closing documents. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-073**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$87,034.74 and authorized payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
42089	ADMIRAL FLAG POLE CO	\$725.80
42090	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$1,144.60
42091	APPARELMASTER	\$207.00
42092	COX OHIO PUBLISHING	\$482.40
42093	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	\$180.00
42094	LUTHER LANDSCAPING	\$2,300.00
42095	PARTSMASTER	\$445.14
42096	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$99.99

42097	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$2,326.37
42098	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$36.40
42099	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$480.26
42100	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$6.00
42101	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$52.15
42102	BARRACUDA NETWORKS, INC.	\$600.00
42103	BOB BASS	\$501.41
42104	BROWN'S TREE SERVICE	\$1,050.00
42105	DELTA DENTAL	\$583.28
42106	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$116.06
42107	JUDY A HUFFMAN	\$1,678.20
42108	MAJOR SUPPLY CORP.	\$113.16
42109	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$242.38
42110	SENSIBLE PRODUCTS	\$1,107.71
42111	SENSIBLE PRODUCTS	\$45.53
42112	SIRCHIE	\$272.60
42113	THOMAS WILLSEY	\$1,559.40
42114	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$200.18
42115	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$208.71
42116	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$2.50
42117	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$82.50
42119	AT&T MOBILITY	\$926.61
42120	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$116.96
42121	CAMP SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$59.00
42122	DUKE ENERGY	\$414.23
42123	FORTRESS SAFE & LOCK	\$1,786.12
42124	HUFF'S GNS	\$671.32
42125	IAFC	\$259.00
42126	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00
42127	PAUL BULACH	\$799.45
42128	TOM LICATA	\$1,449.44
42129	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$15.14
42130	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$3,545.32
42131	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$125.70
42132	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$395.59
42133	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$500.00
42134	KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	\$77.18
42135	CITY OF TRENTON	\$82.41
42136	CITY OF MASON	\$43.60
42137	CITY OF LEBANON	\$6.35
42138	WH CAMDEM	\$6.72

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

**Motion 15-074**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to retire to executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) at

