



## ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2015

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Present - Thomas Willsey, Raymond Wurzelbacher and Ellen Yordy.

### **PROCEDURAL ACTION**

As a result of the change to a new format for Trustee meeting minutes, the Administrator inadvertently omitted Resolution 2015-036 from the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting. The error requires amending action by the Board to include that resolution in the official minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Motion 15-077**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to amend Motion 15-070 to include a description of the purpose for and the adoption of Resolution 2015-036 into the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

#### **Motion 15-077**

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 July 2, 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 Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 2, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Amy Wylie, Southwest Ohio Council on Aging, provided information outlining the highlights and services from the 2014 Butler County Elderly Services Program and discussed the renewal of the existing Senior Services levy on the November, 2015 ballot.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Administration**

Administrator Bob Bass provided an update of existing and recently closed nuisance cases. He also advised the Board that he

is reviewing the current policy regarding the handling of nuisances and may recommend changes to the policy. Of concern are: the assessments which will likely never be collected, whether complaints should be allowed to be filed anonymously, the timing of complaints filed and changes in the law.

Further, he asked the Board to consider upcoming resolutions requesting the declaration of obsolete equipment for sale, the declaration of obsolete equipment with no value, and an agreement to convey the property at 2273 Cardinal Avenue to Habitat for Humanity to construct a new home on the property.

Finally, he announced a \$1,000 donation to the Fire Department from the Greg Rumpke family for their professional handling of an EMS run and that the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief will travel to Columbus this weekend to receive the Assistant Fire Chief's scholarship which pays the expensed of his Ohio Fire Executive classes.

**Fire Department**

Absent

**Road Department**

Superintendent Paul Bulach provided an update on the completion of culvert repair on Brown Farm and announced the upcoming replacement of two culverts on Kirchling Road beginning on July 28<sup>th</sup> and will require a 5-6 day closure of part of the roadway. Detours will be marked.

He announced that the department has received a Butler County Stormwater Grant in the amount of \$150,000 dollars which will pay for Ross' share of the construction of the salt barn which should be completed in October. Additionally the department has received a Butler County Stormwater Grant in the amount of \$10,000 dollars for building repairs to the existing salt barn to be utilized for storage of equipment.

**Police Department**

No report

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ed Bosse advised of a habitual nuisance on Brown Farm Road and Trustee Wurzelbacher advised that the nuisance was abated by the homeowner earlier this week. He asked if the Administrator could check on the possibility of obtaining a smaller sized recycling bin should the Township enter into the pending bid

waste removal contract. The Board instructed the Administrator to look into the matter and advise. Finally, he requested information regarding the Township's plans for use of the recently acquired Tragessor building. Trustee Willsey stated that the immediate plan is to move the Police and Administration Departments out of the Road Department's facility. Future uses for the building include a meeting hall and a relocated Fire Department. That expansion is not anticipated until the Fire Department requires additional space due to community growth. When that growth occurs and expansion is necessary, a new fire facility must be built because the existing station on Cincinnati Brookville Road is located in the flood plain and cannot be expanded.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcements**

Trustee Willsey announced that the Board of Trustees meeting regularly scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> is being rescheduled for Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> to offset a scheduling conflict within the Board.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that a Board of Trustees may by resolution sell property at an on-line Internet sale upon finding it is not needed for public use, is obsolete or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired. This resolution declares such property for sale.

#### **Resolution 2015-042**

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 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** - Section 505.10(a)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that a Board of Trustees may dispose of or salvage township property upon finding it is not needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired and that the property has no value. This resolution declares such property unusable, having no value and ordering its disposal.

#### **Resolution 2015-043**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy,

the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring certain township inventory items no longer needed for public use, obsolete, unfit for the use acquired, having no value, authorizing disposal or salvage thereof. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - As discussed earlier in this meeting, the Administrator announced a \$5,000 grant from the Land Bank to demolish the house at 2273 Cardinal Avenue. The Land Bank is in the process of clearing the deed for the property which will enable the Township to convey the property to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity will find a partner family to construct a new home on the property to put the property back on the active tax register at no cost to the Township. This resolution enters the Township into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the property Transfer.

**Resolution 2015-044**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into a Land Bank Property Transfer Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati for the sale of property at 2273 Cardinal Avenue pursuant to Article Eight, Section Thirteen of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-080**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$79,077.15 and authorized payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
42139	ALL PRO PEST CONTROL	\$100.00
42140	ALVIS MATERIALS	\$31.00
42141	APPARELMASTER	\$146.75
42142	COX OHIO PUBLISHING	\$96.05
42143	CRAIG KOELBLIN	\$104.58
42144	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,338.71
42145	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$29.11
42146	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$943.17
42147	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$519.97
42148	JEFF CLARK	\$157.66
42149	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$95.38
42150	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$1,452.58
42151	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,971.00
42152	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	\$1,550.42
42153	OHIO ASSOC. OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.	\$195.00
42154	PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	\$664.76
42155	PRO CHEM, INC	\$1,117.99
42156	ROSS HARDWARE	\$768.08
42157	RUMPKE	\$253.20

42158	SENSIBLE PRODUCTS	\$66.77
42159	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$182.74
42160	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$35.26
42161	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
42163	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$179.97
42164	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO (FUND 83F)	\$600.00
42165	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$61.00
42166	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$99.86
42167	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$82.50
42168	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$1,573.60
42169	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$512.95
42170	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$158.50
42171	MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT	\$1,363.97
42172	MCCULLOUGH HYDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$396.00
42173	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$476.45
42174	PAUL BULACH	\$168.35
42175	PRO CHEM, INC	\$133.05
42176	SEVEN MILE AG CENTER	\$141.35
42177	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$69.57
42178	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$472.50
42179	TEXAS ROADHOUSE	\$525.00
42180	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$99.99
42181	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$170.30
42182	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$1398.74

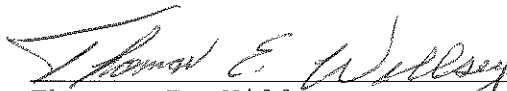
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-081**

There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, 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 August 4, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

  
 Thomas E. Willsey President

  
 Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Vice President

*Ellen Yordy*  
Ellen Yordy \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee

**ATTEST:**

*Judy Huffman*  
Judy Huffman \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer

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