

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 2014**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PROCEDURAL ACTION**

**Motion 14-088** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-078** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: Trustee Yordy and All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer, Judy Huffman reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$3,527,853.49. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Fund Summary Report for July, 2014.

David Brown provided a report on behalf of Butler County Auditor, Roger Reynolds. He stated that the County's recent forfeited land sale was a great success and provides hope that soon, these properties will be back on the productive tax records. Unfortunately, the sale of these 53 forfeited properties meant that \$827,595.00 dollars in tax debt was eliminated from the tax record. He also detailed the procedure for how residents can appeal their newly determined residential tax value.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Administrator Bob Bass gave a report of the disposition of current nuisance violations. He then provided photographic evidence of and requested consideration for a resolution involving possible nuisances at two vacant residential lots on Cardinal Avenue; and provided photographic evidence of and requested consideration for a resolution involving a possible nuisance and two unsecured structures 1877 Ross Hanover Road; and requested consideration for a resolution to certify nuisance violation abatement expenses at 3841 Brown Farm Road And 2310 Robin Avenue to the County Auditor for assessment. He also provided an explanation for the Wade Mill and FEMA grant resolutions. The Board had no questions regarding his presentation.

He then gave a summary of a meeting he attended regarding the County's Land Bank. He advised that has begun the process of tracking homes that are involved in Sheriff's

sale to determine whether the Township would derive any benefit to becoming a member of the Land Bank.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for July, 2014 He advised the Board of ongoing maintenance issues for the Station 102 HVAC system, Squad 101, Squad 103, Rescue 101 & Engine 102; and that the first of two BWC grant PowerLoad systems has been installed. He also provided an update on the construction progress of the new life squad.

The Chief also requested consideration for a resolution to enter into a bariatric response mutual aid agreement with the Butler County Fire Chief's Association and requested that the Board hire part time Firefighter / Emergency Medical Technician Justin Boyce at the entry salary of \$11.56 per hour. The Board had no questions regarding the Chief's report.

**Road Department** - Superintendent Paul Bulach reported that the previously reported sink holes around manholes in Venice Gardens Subdivision will be repaired by the County Water and Sewer Department and gave a cost summary for the signs for the Wade Mill closure and a tree removal on Morgan Ross Road. Finally, he announced the successful completion of the annual crack sealing contract. Trustee Wurzelbacher requested that the department apply some crack sealing in the parking lot at Fire Station 102.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for July, 2014 and reported that the department has taken delivery on its new police cruiser. The Board had no questions regarding the Chief's report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board held a discussion of the report from the Road Superintendent on the intersections he has concerns regarding sight distance visibility. After discussing the possible options for handling the matter, the Board instructed the Superintendent to note all trees obstructing the proper sight distance. The Administrator will then prepare a letter to each resident owning those trees with instructions as to what must be done to rectify the problem. They will work together to solve the problem and report back to the Board with specific problems and resolutions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Announcements**

The Township received a generous donation of \$1,047.00 from the Venice Gardens Community Association to be used to the benefit of Venice Gardens Park.

##### **Correspondence**

The Butler County Zoning Department sent notice of a Board of Appeals meeting to determine a property split

without proper frontage at 3127 Kirchling Road. The hearing is set for 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Butler County Government Services Building (315 High Street).

The Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District sent notice of a proposed fee decrease for a generated ton of recyclable material. The reduced cost per ton will drop from the current \$1.00 fee to 0.82¢ per ton. The notice also establishes August 4<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup> as the legally required thirty day public comment period. Anyone wishing to comment should contact Anne Fiehrer Flaig at (513) 887-3963.

The family of William C. Williams sent a thank you note for the floral arrangement sent in honor by the Board at the time of his passing. Officer Williams was Ross Township's first Police Constable in 1956.

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - To finalize the ongoing issue of the vacation of a portion of Wade Mill Road and Canary Avenue, this resolution orders the right-of-way to be vacated; portions the parcels to the abutting property owners and certifies a copy to the Butler County Engineer and the Butler County Recorder.

**Resolution 2014-050** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of two township roads and certifying a copy to the Butler County Engineer and the Butler County Recorder in accordance with R.C. 5553.045. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - The Fire Chief applied to FEMA earlier in the year hoping to procure a grant for the purchase of a new brush truck in the Fire Department. He successfully obtained the grant which will pay an amount equal to 95% of the estimated truck purchase amount of \$200,000.00 for a maximum of \$190,000.00. This resolution enters the Township into the grant agreement with the FEMA for the purchase of the brush truck.

**Resolution 2014-051** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into project grant agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters grant for the purchase of a brush truck in the Fire Department; appointing the Fire Chief to serve as project manager and authorizing him to execute the project; establishing grant fund number 2916 entitled "FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant"; budgeting receipts and making appropriations for expenses; and requesting an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - Earlier, the Fire Chief detailed the need for a bariatric unit response mutual aid agreement with the Butler County Fire Chief's Association to deal with special equipment used for the transportation of an

obese patient to an emergency medical facility. He stated the desire to cost share with other EMS agencies for the equipment which will represent an overall cost savings to Ross Township. This resolution enters the Township into that mutual aid agreement.

**Resolution 2014-052** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into a bariatric unit response mutual aid agreement with the Butler County Fire Chief's Association and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose -** At Resolution 2014-042, the Board ordered the owner or township abatement of a nuisance at 3841 Brown Farm Road and also at 2310 Robin Avenue. As a result of the need for the township to abate the nuisances, the following resolution certifies the abatement expenses to the Auditor for assessment of these properties.

**Resolution 2014-053** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 3841 Brown Farm Road And 2310 Robin Avenue to the County Auditor for assessment. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose -** Earlier in this meeting, the Board was presented with evidence of a nuisance at two vacant lots on Cardinal Avenue. The following resolution declares a nuisance at that address and orders its abatement.

**Resolution 2014-054** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy 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 two vacant residential lots on Cardinal Avenue. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose -** Earlier in this meeting, the Board was presented with evidence of a nuisance and two unsecured structures at 1877 Ross Hanover Road. The following resolution declares a nuisance at that address and orders its securance and abatement.

**Resolution 2014-055** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and the existence of an insecure, unsafe or structurally defective buildings at 1877 Ross Hanover Road; ordering said structures to be secured and the nuisance be abated, and certifying abatement expenses to the Butler County Auditor for assessment. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-090** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$195,396.94 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
41205	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$60.00
41230	A&A SAFETY	\$10,776.33

41231	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$517.25
41233	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$66.16
41234	KLEI LAWMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$336.55
41235	PARTSMASTER	\$312.47
41236	PAUL BULACH	\$253.23
41237	QUALITY PUBLISHING CO	\$107.70
41238	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$237.00
41239	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$444.84
41241	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$48,420.26
41242	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$600.00
41243	UNIPOWER CORPORATION	\$79.42
41244	ALERT-ALL	\$190.50
41245	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$568.00
41246	D&R TARPING	\$24.00
41247	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$79.90
41248	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$64.69
41249	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$182.82
41250	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$103.07
41251	WEX BANK	\$1,656.62
41252	WHOLESALE TIRE MART	\$268.40
41253	WOODHULL LLC	\$358.89
41254	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
41255	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$67.50
41256	AMBULANCE MAINTENANCE COMPANY INC	\$1,244.27
41257	AT&T MOBILITY	\$990.57
41258	D&R TARPING	\$337.50
41259	DUKE ENERGY	\$447.48
41260	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$192.98
41261	JUDY HUFFMAN	\$153.22
41262	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00
41263	THERESA LEACH	\$315.00
41264	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$15.06
41265	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$321.38
41266	WEX BANK	\$958.89
41267	WEX BANK	\$2,201.38
41268	ZIMMER TRACTOR	\$379.81
41269	A&A SAFETY	\$2,855.50
41270	APPARELMASTER	\$140.75
41271	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$158.25
41272	DELTA DENTAL	\$583.27
41273	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,568.30
41274	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$42.00
41275	FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$1,541.00
41276	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$1,684.80
41277	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$1,290.45
41278	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	\$360.00
41279	HEALTHSPAN EMPLOYEE ASSIST. PROGRAM	\$775.00
41280	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$61.88
41281	LUTHER LANDSCAPING	\$130.00
41282	MAX STACY'S FLOWERS, INC	\$57.95
41283	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,417.21
41284	MONTAGE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED	\$145.91
41285	MORGAN TOWNSHIP	\$180.00
41286	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$230.10
41287	PRO CHEM, INC	\$604.21
41288	ROSS HARDWARE	\$222.82
41289	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$46.00
41290	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$160.38
41291	SITE SUPPLY INC	\$630.00
41292	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$185.47
41293	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$63.28
41294	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
41295	THOMAS E. WILLSEY	\$329.00

41296	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$191.67
41297	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$237.47
41298	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$672.78
41299	ZIP'S AUTO REPAIR	\$185.77

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

**Motion 14-091** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to hire Justin Boyce to the position of Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician at the hourly rate of \$11.56 pending completion of all pre-employment testing. The hiring carries a one year probationary period and is in accordance with the most recent staffing level and pay rate resolution. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-092** There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy 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 21, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Ellen Yordy President

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Thomas E. Willsey Vice President

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Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

**ATTEST:**

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Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer