



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

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

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 17-102

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 August 1, 2017.

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

Motion 17-103

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2017.

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

Trustee Yordy proudly announced that Ross Police Captain, Jack Tremain, has been honored by his selection as a 2017 recipient of the Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award. She noted that this prestigious award is a result of Captain Tremain's heroic efforts in apprehending a murder suspect on August 3, 2016 and is one of many reasons why he is considered an extremely valuable asset to the Ross Township Police Department and the Ross community

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for four resolutions to be considered as follows: evidence of new nuisances at 2862 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4112 Dry Run Road; the need to recover nuisance abatement costs through assessment at 2364 Robin Avenue, 2333 Central Drive and the Vacant Commercial Land on Venice Boulevard and Finch Street; a Revised Code change which requires a change in policy for towing of junk motor vehicles; and a contractual agreement for towing of junk motor vehicles with Houck's Cars Classics and Recovery Inc. Additionally, he reported on the status of all open nuisances and requested and received permission from the Board to research the costs and process for upgrading the Township's website.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller reported that Jim Fletcher has announced his retirement from the department after 37 years of loyal service; asked that the Board consider approval to hire Kyle Swadener and Andrew Flannery as Part time Firefighter/Paramedics; and provided an explanation for two resolutions to be considered as follows: the need to hire three Full time Firefighter/Paramedics to fill voids in the department’s scheduling which requires amending various sections of the Ross Township Personnel Policy and amending the Staffing Level and Pay Summary rates. The Board agreed with the need for the Chief’s request after a detailed look into the staffing issue.

Road Department – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach provided the Board with contract updates which included the completion of the annual double chip sealing project and the start of the black mat paving contract..

Police Department – Acting Chief Jack Tremain had no report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

None

Correspondence

None

Legislation

Purpose-At Board of Trustees Resolution Numbers 2017-022,2017-027 and 2017-032the Trustees declared a nuisance existed at 2364 Robin Avenue, 2333 Central Drive and the Vacant Commercial Land on Venice Boulevard and Finch Street respectively, which required abatement by the Township’s abatement crews. This resolution certifies the abatement expenses to the County Auditor for assessment.

Resolution 2017-037

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 2364 Robin Avenue, 2333 Central Drive and the Vacant Commercial Land on Venice Boulevard and Finch Street to the County Auditor for assessment.

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

Purpose- As discussed earlier in this meeting, the Administrator advised that the Township is now required by a change in the Ohio Revised Code to enter

into an agreement with either a motor vehicle salvage dealer or scrap metal processing facility in order to tow junked motor vehicles from private or public areas under its' nuisance abatement policy. The next two resolutions amend the current policy and enter into such an agreement to facilitate the change in the law.

Resolution 2017-038

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending the policy for declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle adopted at Ross Township Resolution Numbers 2011-012 and 2011-081. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Resolution 2017-039

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into a contractual agreement with Houck's Cars Classics and Recovery Inc. for services authorized under Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code to provide for the removal of junk motor vehicles from public or private property in the township; and directing the Township Administrator execute and to take steps necessary to satisfy the contract contingencies to be performed by Ross Township. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Purpose- Earlier in this meeting and at several previous meetings, the Fire Chief provided details of the need to hire full time employees into the department. The Board agrees that the need exists and proposes to hire three full time Firefighter/Paramedics. The next two resolutions amend the Personnel Policy, and the Staffing Level and Pay Summary resolutions to allow for those positions.

Resolution 2017-040

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending various sections of the Ross Township Personnel Policy to allow for full-time employment in the Fire Department. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Resolution 2017-041

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending the Staffing Level and Pay Summary rates for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Purpose- Earlier in the meeting, the Administrator provided evidence of nuisance violations to exist at various properties on Cincinnati Brookville and Dry Run Roads. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2017-042

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 2862 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4112 Dry Run Road.

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

Purpose- At Resolution Number 2017-031, the Board of Trustees adopted a Tax Budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2018. The Budget Commission then certified the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by the Board without and within the ten mill tax limitation. The following resolution accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission.

Resolution 2017-043

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

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

Motion 17-104

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$82,246.91 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
44084	3Z VC, LLC	\$615.00
44085	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$581.71
44086	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$765.00
44087	CRONIN FORD INC	\$931.87
44088	D&R TARPING	\$16.00
44089	DUKE ENERGY	\$406.58
44090	ECOLAB	\$277.64
44091	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$10.00
44092	KLEEM, INC.	\$83.50
44093	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$200.00
44094	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$14,648.88
44095	NORTHCOAST PRODUCTS	\$475.20
44096	OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL	\$600.00
44097	PINNACLE ENVIROMENTAL CONSULTANTS	\$2,290.07
44098	R A STEMPFLEY CONTRACTOR LLC	\$10,120.00
44099	ROSS HARDWARE	\$103.65
44100	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$225.80
44101	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$128.08
44102	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$560.42
44103	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	\$135.00
44104	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$82.50
44105	BENISTAR/HARTFORD - 6795	\$1,221.57
44106	BOB BASS	\$687.78
44107	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$3.00
44108	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,729.34

44109	FORTRESS SAFE & LOCK	\$550.50
44110	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$265.77
44111	LUTHER LANDSCAPING	\$400.00
44112	OFESF	\$75.00
44113	OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	\$170.00
44114	ROSS AUTO PARTS	\$110.55
44115	RUMPKE	\$310.40
44116	SIGN EFFECTS SIGN CO	\$710.00
44117	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$219.98
44118	TRIHEALTH	\$775.00
44119	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$185.00

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

Motion 17-105

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to hire Kyle Swadener and Andrew Flannery under the position of Firefighter/Paramedic, both at the rate of \$16.48 per hour into the Fire Department; subject to passing all pre-employment testing and to remove Jim Fletcher from the roster with best wishes upon his retirement. This action is in compliance with the current Staffing Level and Pay Summary resolution.

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

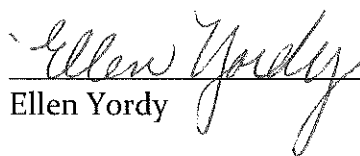
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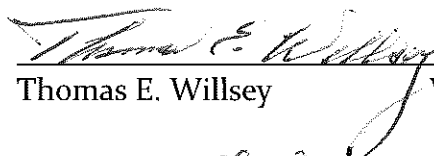
There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

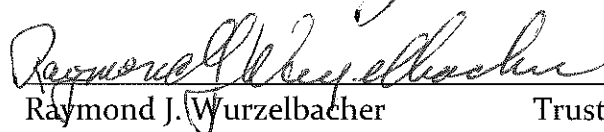
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The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on September 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

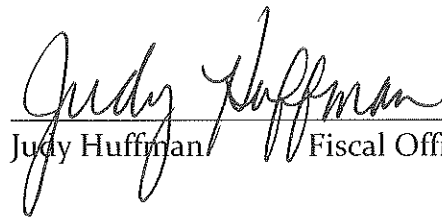
ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES


 Ellen Yordy President


 Thomas E. Willsey Vice President


 Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

ATTEST:



Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer