



## ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2016

**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 15-088**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2016.

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

#### **Motion 15-089**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2016.

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

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** – Bob Bass provided a report on the status of currently open and recently abated nuisances and requested that the Board contact the Road Superintendent with several available dates for the Engineer's fall planning meeting for next year's road contracts.

He presented a memo with options for how the Board may consider handling a moratorium on the growing of medical marijuana under recently passed House Bill 523. The Board requested that the Administrator prepare a moratorium resolution with term duration of the moratorium based on legal counsel recommendations. They further instructed the Administrator to forward his findings to them as they were obtained.

Lastly, he discussed an anonymous citizen's request for placement of a multi-way stop sign installation at the intersection of Brown Farm Road and Quercus Drive. He advised that the request is a result of a perceived speeding problem

and that the proper signage is in place and the portable speed limit sign has been set up there for three weeks. He further noted that the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices advises against using stop signs for speed control because it actually tends to increase the speeding problem between stop signs. The Board does not want to post a multi-way stop installation at the intersection and requested that the Road Department determine whether additional speed limit signage is needed.

**Fire Department** – Chief Steve Miller reported the resignation of Randy Davenport and announced the acquisition of a \$5000 grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation for the purchase of a chest compressor for CPR. Lastly, he requested that the Board consider a motion to purchase a paramedic unit through the State Purchasing Program.

**Road Department** – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach was absent.

**Police Department** –Police Captain Jack Tremain reported that the individual responsible for damage to township, county and state roadway signage and several individuals mailboxes has been cited to court where he pled guilty to several charges and is now required to provide restitution for the damages to all parties involved.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Wagon Wheel Drive resident Steve Bosse asked if the paramedic unit was bid and the Administrator advised that the unit would be purchased through the State's Cooperative System which is in compliance with the competitive bidding laws. He also asked if the Township was aware that medical reimbursements were subject to taxation as income via benefits. Trustee Willsey advised that the Township passed a resolution last year which spoke to the issue he was referring to and also provided additional information on the matter. Mr. Bosse thanked Trustee Willsey for the clarification.

## **TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

### **Old**

None

### **New**

#### **Announcements**

None

#### **Correspondence**

None

## **LEGISLATION**

### **Resolutions**

None

## **Motions**

**Purpose** – Earlier in this meeting and at a previous meeting, the Fire Chief discussed the wisdom of purchasing a new paramedic unit for \$249,276.00 in 2016 instead of 2017. His proposal is based on the ability to save on the 2017 5% price increase and getting a jump on the 10 to 12 month build out period. He has requested that the Board proceed with the acquisition of a new paramedic unit. This motion authorizes the purchase of this unit.

### **Motion 16-090**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the acquisition of a paramedic unit through the State of Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorize the Fire Chief to execute any and all documents related to the purchase. Under further discussion, Trustee Willsey asked the Fire Chief to confirm that this motion allows the Township to save on the 2017 5% price increase and insures that we will take delivery on the unit in 2017; the Fire Chief concurred. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

### **Motion 16-091**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$126,119.53 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
43224	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$87.50
43225	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$75.78
43226	AMERICAN PAVEMENTS INC	\$51,084.95
43227	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$180.00
43228	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,446.62
43229	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$1,642.40
43230	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$2,777.87
43231	HIRLINGER MOTORS INC	\$292.69
43232	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$167.80
43233	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$13,677.66
43234	ODJFS	\$182.91
43235	OFESF	\$75.00
43236	PARTSMASTER	\$68.87
43237	PERFORMANCE SIGNAGE	\$475.00
43238	PRO CHEM, INC	\$327.53
43239	RUMPKE	\$350.18
43240	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$5.40
43241	SEVEN MILE AG CENTER	\$176.25
43242	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$478.75
43243	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$496.52
43244	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$101.40
43245	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$179.99
43246	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$99.99
43247	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$25.00

43248	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5,173.66
43249	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$157.50
43250	ZIMMER TRACTOR	\$86.39
43251	BUTLER CO WATER & SEWER DEPT	\$1,070.78

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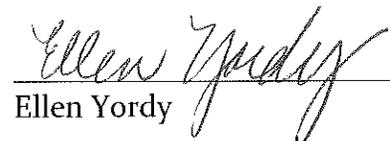
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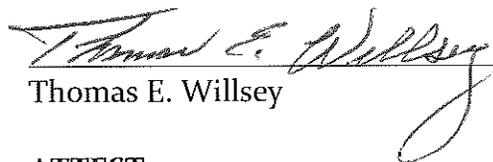
After posing the question, there being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

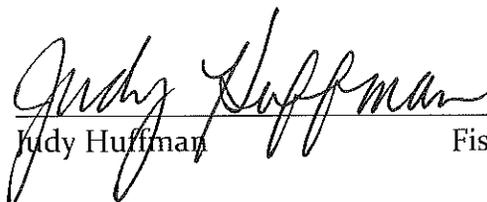
**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

  
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Raymond J. Wurzelbacher                      President

  
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Ellen Yordy                                      Vice President

  
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Thomas E. Willsey                              Trustee

**ATTEST:**

  
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Judy Huffman                                      Fiscal Officer