



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 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**

**Motion 15-089**

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 August 4, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-090**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 16, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration**

Administrator Bob Bass advised that three possible zoning violations on Beechwood have been turned over to the Butler County Rural Zoning Department; requested that the Board consider possible projects for the 2016 CDBG application; and provided an update of existing and recently closed nuisance cases.

Further, he explained the need for, and asked the Board to consider upcoming resolutions accepting the amounts and rates from the Budget Commission for 2016; accepting the Rumpke bid for waste collection beginning April, 2016; amending the ODOT salt barn agreement; and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation and/or junked automobiles at five properties within the Township.

In the absence of Superintendent Paul Bulach, he advised the Board that the salt barn construction has begun; the 2015 paving

program has been completed; the department will begin its' repairs to Sink holes in Venice Gardens on August 24<sup>th</sup> and asked the Board to consider who will pay the \$1,280 cost to remove two dead trees in right-of-way on Herman Road. The Board requested that the Superintendent contact Duke Energy to determine if they will remove the tree in the electric wires while the Board considers setting a policy on how payment will be handled.

#### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Steve miller asked the Board to consider a resolution to extend the emergency services agreement with the Village of Millville through 2017; and gave an advanced notice that ODOT intends to close US27 for a period of at least three weeks sometime during the summer of 2016 to replace a culvert. He will keep the Board informed as this develops.

#### **Road Department**

Absent

#### **Police Department**

Police Chief Darryl Haussler asked the Board to consider a resolution to allow him to submit a Butler Rural Community Connection grant application; and advised the Board that he is currently interviewing for Police Officer positions. The Board inquired and the Chief advised that the department will be heavily patrolling the school zones when school opens next week.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Administrator announced that the current internet auction began at midnight on August 12<sup>th</sup> and will run until 8:00pm on August 26<sup>th</sup> on GovDeals.com. The auction item details and bidding requirements are listed on the Township's website ([www.rosstwp.org](http://www.rosstwp.org)).

### **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**

The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities has sent a copy of its annual Community Report.

The Butler County Board of Elections sent a request to contact eligible Ross citizens to work the polls on Election Day. The Board ordered that the Administrator place the notice on the website.

Trustee Willsey received a notice of a meeting of the Morgan Township Historical Society. The notice invites the public to the meeting which will feature a presentation by a guest speaker outlining the location of prehistoric people and monuments in Ross Township. The Board ordered that the Administrator place the notice on the website.

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - At Resolution Number 2015-037, the Board of Trustees adopted a Tax Budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016. 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 2015-048**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, 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, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - At Resolutions 2015-008 and 2015-019, the Board ordered the Administrator to first investigate and then jointly, with Springfield and Colerain Townships, request for bids for the collection, transfer, and disposal of solid waste by an independent contractor. The Board of Trustees has considered all the bids, public input from a Special Meeting, and all other available information to determine the lowest and most responsive bidder. This resolution accepts the bid for a waste and recycling contract with Rumpke of Ohio as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorizes the agreement.

#### **Resolution 2015-049**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution accepting bid for waste and recycling contract with Rumpke of Ohio and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - Earlier in this meeting, the Police Chief asked the Boards permission to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the Butler Rural Community Connection to purchase laser speed detection

guns. The resolution authorizes the application.

**Resolution 2015-050**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing application for a grant from the Butler Rural Community Connection to purchase laser speed detection guns in the Police Department and authorizing the Police Chief to execute any required documents in connection with the grant application. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - Earlier in this meeting, the Fire Chief asked the Board to extend the emergency services agreement with the Village of Millville through 2017 at the current annual rate of \$33,000 per year. The resolution authorizes the extension.

**Resolution 2015-051**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with the Village of Millville for the provision of emergency services for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the agreement. Upon discussion, the Board wanted additional time to study the dollar incentive in the contract and consequently decided to table the vote on the resolution.

**Motion 15-091**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to table the vote on **Resolution 2015-051** until further study of the financial portion of the contract is completed by the Board. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - At Resolution Number 2014-038, the Township entered into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Department Of Transportation desires to collaborate on a shared salt storage facility for winter snow and ice operation with Ross Township. The agreement asked for a 50% match from the township which by this resolution will be reduced to the maximum funding of \$150,000.

**Resolution 2015-052**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending Ross Township Resolution Number 2014-038 by reducing the amount of funding paid by the Township to the Ohio Department of Transportation for construction of a shared salt storage facility for winter snow and ice operation at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator gathered and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation and/or junked automobile at 2181 Beechwood Drive, 2255 Bella Vista Drive, 2364 Robin Avenue, 4032 Lark Street and 2182 Thrush Avenue. Through this resolution, the Board declares this property to be a nuisance.

**Resolution 2015-053**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle at 2181 Beechwood Drive, 2255 Bella Vista Drive, 2364 Robin Avenue, 4032 Lark Street and 2182 Thrush Avenue. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-092**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$48,911.91 and authorized payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
42216	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$154.70
42217	ALVIS MATERIALS	\$31.00
42218	APPARELMASTER	\$119.75
42219	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,870.60
42220	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$562.48
42221	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$209.34
42222	McGILL SMITH PUNSHON, INC	\$7,443.07
42223	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$12,052.28
42224	PRO CHEM, INC	\$956.35
42225	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$146.79
42226	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
42227	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$75.00
42228	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$527.47
42229	ARMS	\$13,625.00
42230	BAKER HARDWARE	\$11.90
42231	BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC	\$144.00
42232	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$158.50
42233	COX OHIO PUBLISHING	\$110.55
42234	D&R TARPING	\$67.46
42235	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$5.59
42236	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$1,689.59
42237	HANLEY PRINT & PROMOTIONS	\$62.48
42238	HEALTHSPAN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$775.00
42239	JEFF CLARK	\$70.00
42240	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$247.56
42241	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$684.45
42242	OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	\$170.00
42243	PAUL BULACH	\$138.60
42244	SHANE PACKER	\$504.00

42245	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$155.98
42246	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$87.98
42247	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$179.97
42248	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$59.54
42249	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$184.00
42250	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$186.01
42251	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$561.15
42252	ARSLAN UNIFORMS - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$160.00
42253	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$328.00
42254	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$62.90
42255	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$93.05
42256	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$1,234.13
42257	FLANAGAN'S SERVICE	\$291.20
42258	LEADSONLINE	\$154.17
42259	MATRE ARMS & AMMUNITION INC	\$80.00
42260	OFESF	\$50.00
42261	ROSS HARDWARE	\$256.39
42262	RUMPKE	\$251.63
42263	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
42264	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$99.99
42265	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$369.14
42266	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$303.02

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

**Motion 15-093**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy 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 6:45pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-094**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to return to the open meeting from executive session at 7:10pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-095**

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



