

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AUGUST 21, 2014**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PROCEDURAL ACTION**

**Motion 14-093** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 7, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-094** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 7, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Administrator Bob Bass provided an update on open nuisance cases and advised that a resolution was prepared for nuisance abatement at 3687 Windy Knoll Drive. The Board had no additional questions or comments.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller advised the Board on an upcoming resolution regarding the placement of a legal notice for a bid letting on a Brush/Quick Attack Apparatus in the Fire Department. Ninety-five percent of the cost for the apparatus is to be paid through a FEMA grant approved at Resolution Number 2014-052. The Board had no additional questions or comments.

**Road Department** - Superintendent Paul Bulach announced the completion of the Wade Mill/Canary roadway closure and that August 20<sup>th</sup> was the final day for Summer Crew member Matt Dameron.

He also provided the Board with an alternate strategy for the storm pipe repair needed in a rear yard on Silax. He suggested the use of a concrete blanket to wrap the pipe to eliminate the intrusion problem. The Board instructed the Superintendent to proceed with the concrete blanket repair.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler advised the Board on an upcoming resolution regarding the need for a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ross Local School District for work rules and a job description for the School Resource Officer position previously created. The Board requested that the Administrator check with legal counsel regarding the legality of a Ross officer working

in Morgan Elementary.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents Karen Conrad and Alyssa Longworth expressed their objection to the cell phone tower being considered on the Township's property at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road. The Board requested that Ms. Conrad and Ms. Longworth put all of their concerns in writing so that the Township can address them with the proper authorities and get back to them with the answers to their concerns.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Administrator Bob Bass gave a report on the result of a meeting with the County Planning Commission regarding a sidewalk exemption for the Villages of Venice Subdivision. He advised that the developer requested and received approval for the elimination of sidewalk only on the new addition to Mikehill Drive so that the street can be built to match the existing berm and ditch conditions. Sidewalk throughout the remainder of the public streets within the development is still included. The Board requested that the Administrator check with the Planning Commission to determine if the sidewalk exemption is already approved and if the design for the development of Mikehill Drive is for berm and ditch drainage.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Announcements - none**

#### **Correspondence**

The Ohio Department of Transportation announced the closure of State Route 748 on the north side of its intersection with Morgan Ross Road, between State Route 126 and SR 129. The closure will begin at 7:30am on Monday, Aug. 18 until 3:00pm on Friday, Aug. 22. Local traffic will be maintained. The detour for northbound SR 748 traffic will be east on SR 126 to north on SR 128 to north on U.S. 27 to west on SR 129, back to SR 748. Southbound SR 748 traffic will use the same detour in reverse.

Bill and Candy Grannis sent a thank you letter to Police Officer Craig Koelblin for his assistance with their grandson's serious medical condition.

#### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - Earlier in this meeting, the Board was presented with evidence of a nuisance at 3687 Windy Knoll Road. The following resolution declares a nuisance at that address and orders its abatement.

**Resolution 2014-056** 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 3687 Windy Knoll Drive. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - At Resolution Number 2014-051, the Board of Trustees entered into a grant agreement with FEMA to purchase a brush truck in the Fire Department. The following resolution authorizes the placement of a legal notice to bidders for the purchase of the truck in accordance with Revised Code Section 505.37.

**Resolution 2014-057** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the placement of a legal notice to bidders for the provision and assembly of a complete brush/quick attack apparatus. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - After successful passage of the Police Levy in 2013, the Board of Trustees created the position of School Resource Officer to promote safety in the Ross Local Schools. This resolution enters the Township into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ross Local School District for work rules and a job description for the position.

**Resolution 2014-058** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ross Local School District outlining the work tenets and creating a job description for a School Resource Officer within the Police Department and authorizing the Police Chief to execute the agreement. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Purpose** - At Resolution Number 2014-044, the Board of Trustees adopted a Tax Budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2015. 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 2014-059** 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, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-095** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$86,354.62 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
41300	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$75.00
41301	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$587.69
41302	BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$1,124.91
41303	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,668.00
41304	D&R TARPING	\$102.62
41305	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$354.01
41306	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$42.00
41307	J&A CONSTRUCTION	\$38,028.50
41308	KEITH BALLAUER	\$4.30
41309	MAJOR SUPPLY CORP.	\$139.57
41310	PENN CARE	\$598.00
41311	PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	\$1,309.60

41312	RENEE LUTTERBIE	\$115.36
41313	RUMPKE	\$263.74
41314	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$597.64
41315	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
41316	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40
41317	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$71.78
41318	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$398.29
41319	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$377.00
41320	BREWPRO, INC.	\$384.60
41321	BROWN'S TREE SERVICE	\$1,175.00
41322	BUTLER COUNTY RECORDER	\$68.00
41323	DARRYL HAUSSLER	\$736.43
41324	HAMILTON RENTAL CENTER	\$205.00
41325	HOUSE'S TOWING LLC	\$125.00
41326	JOSH READNOWER	\$1,085.00
41327	MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT	\$846.05
41328	NFPA	\$165.00
41329	FESF	\$1,900.00
41330	PRO CHEM, INC	\$110.01
41331	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$390.53
41332	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$167.13

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

**Motion 14-096** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to retire to executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or the sale of property at competitive bidding in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) at 6:52pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-097** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to return to the regularly scheduled meeting from executive session at 7:30pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-098** 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 September 4, 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