



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

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 15-096**

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 20, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-097**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$2,563,496.47. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for August, 2015.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration**

Administrator Bob Bass provided the Board with an update on the closed and open nuisance violations. He also requested consideration for the following two resolutions: extending the emergency services agreement with the Village of Millville and declaring the property at 2290 Venice Boulevard to contain an insecure, unsafe or structurally defective building and declaring a nuisance at 2636 Cincinnati Brookville Road.

Finally he advised the Board of the results from the internet auction which was completed on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The total proceeds from the auction was \$19,109.90 of which \$18,133.23 is from Fire

Department surplus. He also noted that the 1987 brush truck originally bought for \$15,022 28 years ago; sold for \$8,001.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for August, 2015; discussed the possible purchase of Ross's first fire engine with proceeds from the Govdeals sale and requested that the Board hire Tyler Caudill to the position of Volunteer Firefighter EMT. The Board concurred with the hiring and the purchase of the antique fire truck and cited the following motions.

#### **Motion 15-098**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to purchase Ross' first fire truck from the Guenther family for \$18,000 and authorized the Fire Chief to execute the deal. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

#### **Motion 15-099**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to hire Tyler Caudill to the position of Volunteer Firefighter/EMT pending the successful completion of all pre-employment testing. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

### **Road Department**

Superintendent Paul Bulach provided information regarding the September 2<sup>nd</sup> commencement of the building of the salt barn construction; requested that the Board set dates of availability for the annual planning meeting of the Butler County Engineer; and advised of the completion for the repair of two sink holes in Venice Gardens. The Board requested that Paul obtain 2-3 options for meeting with the Engineer and work the meeting schedule through Trustees Willsey and Wurzelbacher.

### **Police Department**

No report.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Jerry Hilbert asked and was answered regarding the Projected September 30<sup>th</sup> date for completion of the paving of Union and Long streets to complete the sanitary sewer project. He also questioned the balancing of the floodplain dirt with the dirt dumped from the sewer project on the former Castle property owned by the Township. Trustee Willsey advised that the dirt was dumped with the permission of the County Floodplain Manager.

Resident Terry Hair asked who he should contact regarding the

placement of a utility in front of his house on School Road. He was told to contact the County Engineer.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcements**

Trustee Willsey announced that due to vacation scheduling conflicts, the regularly scheduled meeting of September 17<sup>th</sup> is being changed to Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The time and location for these meetings remain as usual.

### **Correspondence**

The Board received a memo from Deputy County Auditor David Brown stating that he will have a presentation for the Board's October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - At the Board's August 20, 2015 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 Board subsequently tabled the resolution under Motion 15-091, for further determination of the contract value. All investigations having been completed to the satisfaction of the Board, this resolution authorizes the extension.

### **Resolution 2015-051**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, 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. 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 an insecure, unsafe or structurally defective building at 2290 Venice Boulevard. Upon request, the Butler County Health Commissioner provided the Township with a letter requesting Ross use its dangerous structure authority to require that the building be made suitable for occupancy or removed. Through this resolution, the Board declares this property to contain an insecure, unsafe or structurally defective building and orders its abatement.

### **Resolution 2015-054**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring the existence of an insecure, unsafe or structurally

defective building at 2290 Venice Boulevard; ordering said structure to be abated, repaired, secured and/or removed; 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.

**Purpose** - Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator gathered and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation and/or junked automobile at 2636 Cincinnati Brookville Road. Through this resolution, the Board declares this property to be a nuisance.

**Resolution 2015-053**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey 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 2636 Cincinnati Brookville Road. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-100**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$120,021.57 and authorized payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
42267	HOWELL CONTRACTORS INC	\$11,125.00
42268	ROSS COMMUNITY UMC	\$750.00
42269	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$77.50
42270	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$333.69
42271	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$47.37
42273	AT&T MOBILITY	\$936.48
42274	BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC	\$403.20
42275	DELTA DENTAL	\$583.27
42276	EXPRESS GRAPHICS	\$232.88
42277	HIGHWAY CONSULTING SERVICES INC	\$5,400.00
42278	JEFF WYLER EASTGATE AUTO MALL	\$27,195.00
42279	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
42280	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$200.18
42281	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$1,165.25
42282	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
42283	ZIMMER TRACTOR	\$102.54
42284	ALL-RITE READY MIX OF MIAMI VALLEY LLC	\$475.66
42285	ALADTEC, INC	\$1,465.00
42286	ALL-RITE READY MIX OF MIAMI VALLEY LLC	\$170.45
42287	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	\$563.00
42288	AW DUKE ENERGY	\$1,081.86
42289	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$223.82
42290	KLEEM, INC.	\$99.44
42291	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$120.00
42292	MAJOR SUPPLY CORP.	\$85.39



