



# ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 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 15-100**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey Yordy, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2016.

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

### **Motion 15-101**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2016.

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

After thorough interviewing and background checks, Police Chief Darryl Haussler presented Candace S. Jones and Bryan G. Rogers to the Board as candidates for the position of Part-time Police Officer. Chief Haussler requested that the Board consider a motion to hire Candace S. Jones and Bryan G. Rogers to that position.

### **Motion 16-102**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to hire Candace S. Jones and Bryan G. Rogers to the position of Part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.50 per hour; subject to the completion of all pre-employment testing which is in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate resolution.

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

Board President Wurzelbacher then administered the Oath of Office to new Officers Candace S. Jones and Bryan G. Rogers.

Chief Haussler accepted the recommendation of Captain Jack Tremain and awarded Patrol Officer Larry Johns with the Department Commendation

Medal for his efforts in apprehending three suspects wanted for murder in Hamilton on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Chief further recommended Police Captain Jack Tremain for and subsequently awarded the Medal of Valor for his efforts in apprehending three suspects wanted for murder in Hamilton on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** – absent.

**Fire Department** – Chief Steve Miller provided an update regarding various flooding issues resulting from recent storms on September 10<sup>th</sup>; and announced the award of a \$10,000.00 FEMA grant to purchase smoke alarms for select Ross residents.

**Road Department** – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach advised that the Skymeadow Drive crack sealing project has not yet been completed and that the department will soon work on a sink hole problem in the intersection of Silax and Quercus. He also announce the 2016-2017 salt bid price at \$52.00 per ton noting that it is \$18.00 per ton cheaper than the County price.

**Police Department** – Chief Darryl Haussler provided the monthly report for August, 2016.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Debbie Redman of Silax Drive expressed her continued displeasure of the work performed within her yard on the culvert project and noted that the County has stated that they will do no more work on it. The Board advised that they will have a Township contractor look at the yard and provide recommendations and pricing for repairs.

Resident Connie Glover asked about the disposition of the Morgan Road property as she has someone interested in buying it from the Township. The Board advised that the property will be used as fill for the new UDF building as part of that purchase of Township property. Once completed, the Board will decide what to do with the Morgan Road property and noted that if it is put up for sale it will be a public sale open to any interested party.

Trustee Yordy reported that she is still working with resident Steve Faigley regarding the two recent attacks by pit bull dogs on his street.

Resident Meritta Eby presented the Board with a petition signed by 43 Venice Garden residents listing grievances toward and requesting Board assistance in the removal of Hendel Tree Service from their residential neighborhood. The Board advised that they are already working on the matter and will keep the

neighbors informed of future developments. Chief Haussler noted that he would require extra patrol of the area to attempt to alleviate some of the noted traffic issues.

## TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

### Old

The Fire Chief continued discussion regarding the purchase of a replacement fire truck as discussed at the Board meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. He advised that the purchase, if approved at this meeting, would save over \$20,000.00 over the price of a 2017 model. The Board advised that they have discussed the purchase with the Fiscal Officer and find no reason to hold up the purchase.

#### Motion 16-103

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to purchase a new engine for the fire department through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing program for \$523,324.

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

### New

#### Announcements

None

#### Correspondence

The State of Ohio, Department of Taxation sent verification that the Township owned property at 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road and also the property owned on Morgan Lane is now tax exempt.

## LEGISLATION

### Resolutions - None

#### Motion 16-104

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$85,874.47 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
43301	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$90.00
43302	DAVID LIDDIL	\$203.05
43303	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$583.10
43304	APPARELMASTER	\$199.75
43305	BAKER HARDWARE	\$35.98
43306	DUKE ENERGY	\$1,033.79
43307	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,088.87
43308	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$214.23
43309	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$947.47
43310	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$822.10

43311	JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED	\$500.00
43312	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$13,677.67
43313	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$1,129.14
43314	PRO CHEM, INC	\$834.64
43315	ROSS AUTO PARTS	\$247.20
43316	ROSS HARDWARE	\$427.86
43317	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$197.09
43318	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$159.19
43319	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$179.99
43320	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$634.37
43321	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$148.10
43322	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$93.92
43323	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$750.00
43324	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$162.87
43325	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$23.95
43326	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$11.44
43327	OHIO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATON	\$49.00
43328	OVERHEAD DOOR	\$686.00
43329	PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	\$13,148.00
43330	ROSS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	\$591.00
43331	RUMPKE	\$351.17
43332	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$35.00
43333	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$122.74
43334	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$201.39
43335	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
43336	UC HEALTH	\$102.72
43337	ZIMMER TRACTOR	\$160.96

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

**Motion 15-105**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to retire to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) at 6:40 pm.

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

**Motion 15-106**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to return to the open meeting from executive session at 7:01 pm.

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

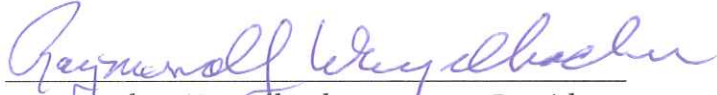
**Motion 16-107**

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 Yordy, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board


shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on October 6<sup>th</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