

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 14-103 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 September 4, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-104 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - Administrator Bob Bass gave a report of the disposition of current nuisance violations. He then provided photographic evidence of and requested consideration for a resolution involving possible nuisances at 2484 Mardel Court, a vacant lot on Robin Avenue and at 3841 Brown Farm Drive. He also provided an update on the launching of the Township's upgraded website. The Board had no questions regarding his presentation.

Fire Department - Chief Steve Miller advised the Board on an upcoming resolution regarding the contract award for the department's new Brush/Quick Attack Apparatus. Ninety-five percent of the cost for the apparatus is paid through a FEMA grant agreement. He also requested that the Board consider a motion to hire Allan Coley to the position of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic at the rate of \$13.50 per hour pending successful completion of all pre-employment testing; accept the resignation of Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Justin Bogolo; and the transfer Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Simmons from part-time to volunteer status. He announce that Richard Caudill has taken a six month leave of absence to start his new full time position with the City of Cincinnati Fire Department and that he has received a \$1,500.00 grant from the Butler Rural Community Connection for the purchase of smoke detectors. The smoke detectors will be given to Ross residents who do not have them currently installed in their residence. The Board had no additional questions or comments.

Road Department - Superintendent Paul Bulach announced: that the BCEO planning meeting is set for 9:00am on the

9th of October; that under the Sky Meadows Drive agreement, Ross Township begins annual maintenance of October 1st; that on September 8th he sent letters to 14 residents who have created sight distance problems at various intersections; and that the Butler County Water and Sewer Department has repaired numerous sink holes around manholes in Venice Gardens. In light of recent news articles pointing to a shortage of salt for winter storm operations, Trustee Willsey asked Superintendent Bulach where we stood with salt supplies. Superintendent Bulach replied that ODOT has assured us that Ross has no supply problems because ODOT ordered enough salt to fill the new salt barn regardless of whether it is built in time for this winter or not.

Police Department - Chief Darryl Haussler had no report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None occurred during this portion of the meeting. See Motions below.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

The Board announced that 2014 Halloween would be observed on October 31st from 6:00pm. until 8:00pm.

Correspondence - none

Legislation

Purpose - Earlier in this meeting, the Board was presented with evidence of a nuisance at 2484 Mardel Court, a vacant lot on Robin Avenue and at 3841 Brown Farm Drive. The following resolution declares a nuisance at those addresses and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2014-065 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 2484 Mardel Court and 3841 Brown Farm Drive. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Purpose - At Resolution Number 2014-057, the Board of Trustees authorized the placement of a legal notice to bidders for proposals to supply and assemble a Brush/Quick Attack Apparatus in the Fire Department. The following resolution awards the contract for the apparatus to Midwest Fire Equipment and Repair Co., in the amount of \$180,767.00 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Resolution 2014-066

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution awarding contract to Midwest Fire Equipment and Repair Co. for the provision and assembly of one Brush/Quick Attack Apparatus - Specification No. 2014-FTF per the bid specifications and authorizing the President of the

Ross Township Board of Trustees to sign the Proposal Acceptance Document. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-105 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$267,959.48 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
41374	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$80.00
41375	LEBANON FORD	\$25,199.00
41376	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$534.13
41377	APPARELMASTER	\$114.50
41379	CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD	\$1,294.62
41380	COX OHIO PUBLISHING	\$345.05
41381	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$83.33
41382	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$2,096.20
41383	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$581.55
41384	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	\$300.00
41385	KLEI LAWMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$102.60
41386	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$67.74
41387	MOBILCOMM	\$5,313.00
41388	OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	\$85.00
41389	PENN CARE	\$189,360.00
41390	PRO CHEM, INC	\$572.58
41391	RUMPKE	\$263.19
41392	STEVE MILLER	\$261.19
41393	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$542.98
41394	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
41395	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40
41396	TRAGESSEER AUTOMOTIVE INC	\$570.94
41397	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$150.00
41398	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$1,645.08
41399	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$152.25
41400	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$70.69
41401	WHOLESALE TIRE MART	\$600.20
41402	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$548.03
41403	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,086.00

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

Motion 14-106 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to hire Allan Coley to the position of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic at the rate of \$13.50 per hour pending successful completion of all pre-employment testing. The motion also accepts the resignation of Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician Justin Bogolo and the transfer of Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Simmons from part-time to volunteer status. This motion is in compliance with the current Staffing Level and Pay Rate resolution. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-107 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 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) at 6:16pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-108 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded

by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to return from executive session to the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:40pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Trustee Willsey announced that he would be unable to attend the next Board meeting because of a scheduling conflict with the OTA and asked for consideration to change the next meeting date to September 30th.

Motion 14-109 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to change the next meeting date from October 2nd to September 30th. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, resident Alyssa Longworth requested and was granted permission to address the Board. She asked what property was discussed in executive session. Trustee Willsey advised that the purpose of executive session was to allow the Board to discuss such matters outside of the public portion of the meeting and that the information she requested would not be divulged at this time.

Ms. Longworth asked where the money would be coming from to build the salt barn. Trustee Wurzelbacher stated that the cost was being shared between the Township and ODOT. Fiscal Officer Huffman stated that the Township's portion the facility cost would be taken from Road Department Funds.

She then asked the Board for a copy of the Township Attorney's opinion regarding the Board's authority to regulate the proposed cell phone tower. She stated her opinion that the report is not covered under attorney-client privilege in light of the fact that Trustee Yordy read from or summarized from portions the report during the September 4th meeting. Trustee Yordy advised that she would speak with the Township's attorney for guidance on this matter and let her know the result as soon as possible.

Finally, she advised that she would be starting a petition drive to try to stop the construction of the proposed cell phone tower.

Motion 14-110 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy 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 30, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ellen Yordy

President

Thomas E. Willsey Vice President

Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

ATTEST:

Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer