



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 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 16-108**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2016.

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

**Motion 16-109**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2016.

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

Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman announced that the fund balance on deposit is \$3,423,755.24 and provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report from September, 2016.

After thorough interviewing and background checks, Police Chief Darryl Haussler presented Thomas M. Brill to the Board as a candidate for the position of Part-time Police Officer and requested that the Board consider a motion to hire Thomas M. Brill to that position.

**Motion 16-110**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to hire Thomas M. Brill 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 Officer Thomas M. Brill.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** – Bob Bass provided an explanation for a resolution to declare a nuisance at 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2012 Layhigh Road. He then provided the Board with a report on the status of currently open and recently abated nuisances.

He also reported on the following matters: the November 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for applications for CDBG grant funding and noted that he is applying for sidewalks on SR 128 as requested; the cancelled September UDF variance hearing is rescheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>; provided details of the September 28<sup>th</sup> Project Spark meeting to encourage business activity in Butler County; and in the absence of Fire Chief Steve Miller, requested that the Board consider a motion to hire Eric Schaub to the position of part time Firefighter/Medic at the rate of \$16.00 per hour; and to hire Brandon Sparks to the position of volunteer Firefighter; and to move volunteer Jason Bunger to the position of part time firefighter/EMT at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

**Fire Department** – Absent

**Road Department** – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach reported that after next Tuesday he expects all 2016 road contracts to be successfully completed.

**Police Department** – Chief Darryl Haussler provided the Monthly report for September, 2016 and provided an explanation for a resolution to enter into an OVI Task Force agreement.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Tim Daniel of Central Drive complained of excess speed and ignoring stop signage in his neighborhood as well as an increase in traffic due to the closure of Wade Mill Road. Trustees Willsey and Wurzelbacher explained that the closure is permanent due to the erosion caused by the Great Miami River and that the Police Department would step up traffic enforcement in his area.

Business owner Jared Hendel of Venice Boulevard, reacting to the last meeting's complaints of his business, presented the Board with a petition of people in favor of his business. He also advised the Board of his intent to request an expansion of the business uses on his property by variance through the Butler County Zoning Department.

## **TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

### **Old**

The agenda item relating to Hendel's Affordable Tree Service was tabled as the matter was discussed under Public Participation.

## New

### Announcements

After discussion of the issue, the Board agreed to change the date of next meeting from October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Correspondence

The City of Hamilton Police Department sent a letter of thanks to the Ross Police Department for the role played by its' officers capture of three murder suspects on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District sent notice that they have selected Ross Township to receive its' Innovative Community Partnership Award with Colerain and Springfield Townships for the joint contract for waste collection and recycling. The Township will be invited to an award ceremony set for Tuesday, November 15, 2016. This is the first time a Butler County agency has received this award.

## LEGISLATION

**Purpose** - The Police Department has an ongoing contract to participate in the Butler County OVI Task Force reimbursement of the departments expenses relating to the Task Force are recouped through the City of Oxford, acting as the lead agency on an Ohio Department of Public Safety Grant. The following resolution enters into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Oxford for those reimbursements.

### **Resolution 2016-045**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Oxford, acting as the lead agency for the Butler County OVI Task Force on an Ohio Department of Public Safety grant for OVI traffic safety within the township; authorizing the Police Chief to execute the agreement.

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

**Purpose** - - Earlier in the meeting, the Administrator provided evidence of nuisance violations to exist at 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2012 Layhigh Road. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

### **Resolution 2016-046**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor 2084 Cardinal Avenue and 2012 Layhigh Road.

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

**Motion 16-111**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$674,822.73 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
43339	OHIO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTRAL	\$435.37
43340	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$82.50
43341	ARCADIA BENEFITS GROUP INC	\$600.00
43342	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$630.00
43343	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$193.50
43344	DELTA DENTAL	\$609.86
43345	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$152.79
43346	INVENTORY TRADING COMPANY	\$394.00
43347	JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED	\$250.00
43348	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$78.21
43350	MONTAGE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED	\$152.03
43351	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$152.27
43352	STOP STICK, LTD	\$582.00
43353	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$245.00
43354	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$1,079.20
43355	TASER TRAINING ACADEMY	\$225.00
43356	3Z VC, LLC	\$617.50
43357	AMERIGAS	\$293.22
43358	AT&T MOBILITY	\$950.13
43359	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$20.00
43360	BOB BASS	\$1,889.45
43361	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$274.01
43362	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$140.98
43363	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$160.00
43364	PARTSMASTER	\$51.41
43365	PREMIER LANDSCAPING LLC	\$405.00
43366	SILCO	\$148.00
43367	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$208.93
43368	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$500.00
43371	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$75.00
43372	OHIO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTRAL	\$435.37
43373	FAIRFIELD INCOME TAX DIVISION	\$112.46
43374	CITY OF TRENTON	\$98.49
43375	CITY OF BLUE ASH	\$104.48
43376	CITY OF LEBANON	\$84.36
43377	CITY OF MASON	\$40.52

43378	CITY OF CINCINNATI	\$27.96
43379	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$569.65
43380	ALERT-ALL	\$1,289.90
43381	AMERICAN PAVEMENTS INC	\$1,471.26
43382	APPARELMASTER	\$165.80
43383	BAKER HARDWARE	\$879.96
43384	CAMP SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$59.00
43385	DUKE ENERGY	\$3,629.90
43386	E-ONE INC	\$523,342.00
43387	FORTRESS SAFE & LOCK	\$741.75
43388	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$13,677.68
43389	PRO CHEM, INC	\$481.05
43390	ROSS AUTO PARTS	\$186.13
43391	ROSS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	\$65.00
43392	RUMPKE	\$230.34
43393	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$196.87
43394	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$179.98
43395	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$133.43
43396	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$21.15
43397	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$195.22
43398	USPS	\$640.37

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

**Motion 15-112**

Upon motion by Trustee Wurzelbacher and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to hire Eric Schaub to the position of part time Firefighter/Medic at the rate of \$16.00 per hour; and to hire Brandon Sparks to the position of volunteer Firefighter; and to move volunteer Jason Bunger to the position of part time firefighter/EMT at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. All are subject to the completion of pre-employment testing; 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.

**Motion 16-113**

After posing the question for additional action, 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.

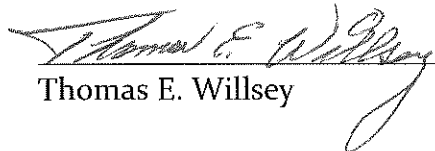
The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

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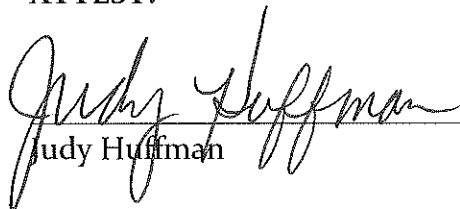
**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

  
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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