

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 16, 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 14-117** 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 30, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-118** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 30, 2014. 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 \$3,662,933.97. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Fund Summary Report for September, 2014.

A presentation was given by David Brown, Butler County Auditor's Office, who advised the successful completion of the biennial property appraisals advised that homeowners are encouraged to apply for a formal review if they feel that the appraised value needs to be disputed. Disputes may be made by phone or through the website portal. He also noted that the Auditor returned 1.93 million dollars to local governments in 2014. Speaking as a member of the Ross Local School District Board he noted that the Board is very pleased with the Police Department and the SRO program and that they will be working to correct some misinformation that is circulating regarding the SRO activity.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Administrator Bob Bass reported that all nuisances are currently closed. He also reminded the Board of the upcoming deadline for the 2015 CDBG application.

**Fire Department** - Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for September, 2014. He announced the retirement of the departments Medical Director, Dr Arthur Walls, M.D. and thanked him for his many years of outstanding service to the community having never requested to be paid for his service. Additionally, he announced the new Medical Director as Dr Conal Roush, M.D.

Finally, he advised that he attended the Open House Forest Run Park in the Timberman Ridge area of Ross Township which is a new Butler County MetroPark with 3.7 miles of walking trails.

**Road Department**

Superintendent Paul Bulach provided the Board with an update on outstanding right-of-way issues and winter equipment servicing. He also reported that part of Ross Trails will be crack sealed as a condition of the expiring bond.

**Police Department** - Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for September, 2014.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Police Chief reported that engine brake signage may be placed by resolution in Ross Township. The Township must then buy the signage and ODOT will place them on state right-of-way. The Police Department may cite violators under R.C. 4511.12. Trustee Willsey will meet with the Administrator to lay out the zones for this purpose and the Administrator will prepare a resolution for the next meeting after conferring with Trustees Yordy and Wurzelbacher individually on the zone locations. The Police Chief was instructed to alert the Municipal Court on the matter.

Trustee Yordy provided an update on request for multi-way stop sign at the intersection of Venice and Lark noting that the Butler County Engineer felt the signs unnecessary. The Engineer observed the need to remove several bushes to cure a sight visibility problem issue at the intersection and the Road Superintendent was instructed to make sure that the removal took place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Announcements**

Trustee Yordy reminded the meeting attendees that Halloween will be observed in Ross Township on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm and reminded everyone to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup> in the General Election.

**Correspondence - none**

**Legislation**

No resolutions were considered.

**Motion 14-119** Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$170,074.05 and authorize payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
41449	CITY OF CINCINNATI	\$13.98
41450	CITY OF MASON	\$30.07
41451	CITY OF TRENTON	\$76.11
41452	FAIRFIELD INCOME TAX DIVISION	\$52.71

41454	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$65.00
41455	ALERT-ALL	\$1,849.65
41456	ALICE TRAINING INSTITUTE	\$595.00
41457	APPARELMASTER	\$148.75
41458	BRK/FIRST ALERT BRANDS	\$1,600.00
41459	BROWN'S TREE SERVICE	\$1,220.00
41460	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$159.25
41461	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,447.98
41462	ECOLAB	\$430.78
41463	EXPRESS GRAPHICS	\$232.88
41464	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$239.65
41465	GROUNDSTECH LANDSCAPE SERVICES	\$160.00
41466	JERRY McADAMS	\$6,500.00
41467	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,417.21
41468	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$172.90
41469	ROSS HARDWARE	\$100.05
41470	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$165.35
41471	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
41472	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$164.00
41473	USPS	\$674.21
41474	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$15.10
41475	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$23.68
41476	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$95.99
41477	ZIP GRAPHICS	\$135.00
41478	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	\$1,971.56
41479	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$52.38
41480	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$1,002.15
41481	JUDY HUFFMAN	\$2,077.25
41482	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$155.62
41483	OHIO CAT	\$924.37
41484	PARTSMASTER	\$110.33
41485	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$45.95
41486	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
41487	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$191.67
41488	ZACKARY MORRIS	\$250.00
41489	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$617.34
41490	APPARELMASTER	\$200.00
41491	GNS EMBROIDERY	\$960.00
41492	MOBILCOMM	\$35.00
41493	PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	\$11,596.00
41494	ROY TAILOR UNIFORM CO., INC.	\$22.00
41495	RUMPKE	\$262.17
41496	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$230.90
41497	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	\$67,510.00
41498	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40
41499	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$28.44

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

**Motion 14-120** 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 6:30pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 14-121** 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.

