



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**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 17-121

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2017.

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

Motion 17-122

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2017.

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

Tim Abbott from Duke Energy presented the Board of Trustees with a check in the amount of \$5,000. The check is representative of the award of a grant in that amount to pay for the creation of a zoning overlay district to work in concert with the adopted Downtown Venice Redevelopment District.

After thorough interviewing and background checks, Acting Police Chief Jack Tremain presented David Foley to the Board requesting that he be hired into the position of Auxiliary Police Officer. After the candidate's credentials and qualifications, Acting Chief Tremain requested that the Board consider a motion to hire the Mr. Foley to the auxiliary position.

Motion 17-123

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to hire David Foley to the position of Auxiliary Police Officer 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 Yordy then administered the Oath of Office to new Officer David Foley.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for a resolution to be considered to certify the abatement expenses to the County Auditor for assessment of nuisance expenses at 2364 Robin Avenue.. He also provided an update on open and recently closed nuisance cases.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller advised the Board of various fire prevention classes given in the Ross Schools in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month. The Chief also requested and obtained preliminary approval to seek a Firefighters Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant through the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation.

Road Department Road Superintendent Paul Bulach had no report.

Police Department – Acting Chief Jack Tremain reported that Officers Sam Giver and Scott Hamilton have resigned to accept full time positions in the City of Cincinnati and Trenton respectively..

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Diane Siereveld of Wagon Wheel Drive requested that the Board intervene to assist her in obtaining a resolution to the illegal parking of campers, boats and trailers in her neighborhood. She states that numerous attempts to get a positive response from the Butler County Rural Zoning Department have gone unanswered. The Board will look into the matter and advise Ms. Siereveld of its findings.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Yordy announced that Ross Township and the Ross Local School District are collaborating to raise awareness of addiction and provide community education aimed at prevention and treatment. A seminar will be conducted from 7:00pm until 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 14th in the Ross High School Performing Arts Center. A speaker from Community First Solutions, and the Ross Police and Fire Departments will highlight the discussion. The public is invited to attend.

She also announced two upcoming events: Halloween will be observed on October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm and the Lions Club Hog Roast will be held on

Sunday, October 29th from 2-7pm at Stricker's Grove.

Lastly, she provided a detailed account of the detailed the October 12th Law Enforcement Conference Award Luncheon where Police Captain Jack Tremain was one of two statewide recipients of the 2017 Law Enforcement Valor Award. She noted that the Board was extremely proud of Captain Tremain and the entire Police Department for the outstanding work done to keep the citizens of the Township safe.

Correspondence

Scott Gates, the Ross Local School District Superintendent reports that the speed limit on SR-128 will be changed to 45mph from ODOT log points 2.14 through 2.71. This is the area of SR-128 in front of the Ross High School and Ross Middle School. ODOT is currently completing a work order to get the signs ordered and installed. It may take 6 weeks to get the signs ordered and delivered to our county forces to install. The new 45mph speed limit will be official once the signs are installed.

MetroParks of Butler County sent a letter advising of their plan to apply for a grant to purchase 1 acre of land contiguous with the Forest Run Park in the Timbermen Ridge area. The project will increase public access to the park and give the district the ability to link existing trails and provide restroom and educational facilities.

The Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District sent a letter announcing their sponsorship of a waste tire recycling event to be held at Ross High School on Saturday November 4th from 9:00am until 1:00pm. There is a 10 tire limit and the program is free to any Butler County resident.

The Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District also sent a letter announcing the completion of the Solid Waste Management Plan. A 30 day written public review and comment period is currently underway and will end on November 14th. The District has scheduled a November 20th public hearing commencing at 9:30am at the Butler County Government Services Center, 315 High Street in Hamilton.

Legislation

Purpose- At Board of Trustees Resolution Number 2017-037 the Trustees declared a nuisance existed at 2364 Robin Avenue which required abatement by the Township's abatement crews. This resolution certifies the abatement expenses to the County Auditor for assessment.

Resolution 2017-052

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution certifying dangerous structure or nuisance violation abatement expenses at 2364 Robin Avenue to the County Auditor for assessment.

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

Motion 17-124

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$137,244.64 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
43714	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	\$752.87
43714	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	-\$526.15
44052	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	\$739.87
44052	NANCY NIX, TREASURER	-\$526.15
44224	CITY OF BLUE ASH	\$43.19
44225	CITY OF CINCINNATI	\$36.35
44226	FAIRFIELD INCOME TAX DIVISION	\$215.09
44227	CITY OF MASON	\$36.92
44228	CITY OF MIDDLETOWN	\$103.27
44229	CITY OF MONROE	\$60.83
44230	CITY OF TRENTON	\$133.04
44231	CITY OF FRANKLIN	\$155.58
44232	KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	\$264.60
44233	CCA	\$324.21
44234	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$576.81
44235	ATLAS OUTFITTERS	\$560.50
44236	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$135.82
44237	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$1,284.73
44238	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,745.88
44239	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$83.84
44240	JACK TREMAIN	\$669.97
44241	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$200.00
44242	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$11,318.03
44243	MILLER MASON PAVING	\$38,304.18
44244	PAUL BULACH	\$96.61
44245	PRO CHEM, INC	\$827.00
44246	ROSS HARDWARE	\$244.46
44247	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$208.27
44248	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$186.19
44249	STEVE MILLER	\$783.00
44250	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$132.55
44251	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$932.37
44252	ZIP GRAPHICS	\$58.00
44253	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$472.11
44254	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$54.55
44255	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$750.00
44256	JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED	\$250.00
44257	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$252.77
44258	MAJOR SUPPLY CORP.	\$165.68

44259	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	\$86.08
44260	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$52.92
44261	ROSS AUTO PARTS	\$74.49
44262	RUMPKE	\$315.63
44264	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$219.98
44265	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$208.55
44266	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$87.50

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

Motion 17-125

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.

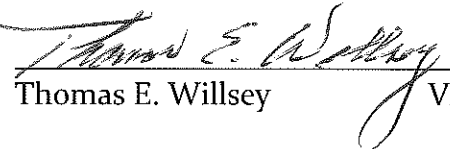
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on November 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



 Ellen Yordy President



 Thomas E. Willsey Vice President



 Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

ATTEST:



 Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer