



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 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 17-126 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to appoint Township Administrator, Robert Bass as the Acting Fiscal Officer for the purpose of taking minutes for this meeting.

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

Motion 17-127

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 October 19, 2017.

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

Motion 17-128

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2017.

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

On behalf of Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman, Administrator Bass reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$3,228,743.42. He provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for October, 2017.

David Brown from the Butler County Auditor's Office provided the following updates from that office: Triennial property values are out based on sales data from nearby sales. Value appeals must go through the Auditor's Office; and another gas pump credit card skimmer has been found in Butler County making it the 20th device found in the last two years. Mr. Brown advised the community to exercise caution when using a credit card to fill up with gas.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for three resolutions to be considered as follows: a grant application for safety equipment in the Fire Department; a grant award from Duke Energy in the Administration Department; and two new nuisances. He also discussed new proposed signage regulation in the Rural Zoning Resolution and the need for law changes to give more local authority to address repeat offenders to both the zoning code and nuisance violators. Trustee Willsey will discuss this issue with the Ohio Township Association to gain their support.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for October, 2017 and provided an update on department’s centennial dinner on November 19th from 3pm to 5pm.

Road Department Road Superintendent Paul Bulach reported that the Warvel Road culvert repair will be pushed back to 2019 due to the Engineer’s heavy 2018 workload.

Police Department –Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for October, 2017.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Jerry Hilbert of Layhigh Road asked the Board to look into traffic flow from the new Skyline on Hamilton Cleves Road and asked the Board to consider looking into the Township forming its own Zoning Department and redoing the Land Use Plan. The Board advised that they are looking into the zoning issue, that they plan to update the Land Use Plan in 2018 and that the intersection of Herman and Hamilton Cleves will be reviewed by ODOT when Skyline submits its application.

Resident Mike Bird requested that an additional entrance be added to Ross High School. The Board advised that the School Board would have to address that issue with ODOT.

Resident Troy Kordenbrock provided his contact information and volunteered to work on the Land Use Plan or possible future zoning boards.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Yordy announced that Election Day is on November 7th and reminded people to vote.

Trustee Yordy also 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.

Trustee Willsey thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their extra effort keeping the community safe on Halloween.

Correspondence

None

Legislation

Purpose – At the last meeting, the Fire Chief discussed the need to apply for a Safety Intervention Grant through the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation to make firefighters safer from environmental elements conducive with their job. This resolution authorizes that application.

Resolution 2017-053

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing application for a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation for Safety Intervention Grant funds for Firefighters Exposure to Environmental Elements and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute any required documents in connection with the grant application.

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

Purpose – The Administrator has requested and received Board of Trustee permission to apply for a Local Community Development grant through the Duke Energy Foundation for the Downtown Venice Redevelopment Zoning Plan in the amount of \$5,000.00. The addition of \$1,000 from the Township will cover the \$6,000 expense. This resolution authorizes the acceptance and execution of the grant.

Resolution 2017-054

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into project grant agreement with the Duke Energy Foundation for its Local Community Development Grant in the Administration Department; establishing grant fund number 2921 entitled “Downtown Venice Redevelopment Zone Plan”; authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the project; authorizing a transfer of funds; budgeting receipts and making appropriations for expenses; and requesting an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.

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

Purpose – Earlier in the meeting, the Administrator provided evidence of nuisance violations to exist at various properties on Thrush Avenue and Robin Avenue. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2017-055

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris and/or excessive vegetation at 2042 Thrush Avenue and 2186 Robin Avenue.

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

Motion 17-129

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$208,197.70 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
44179	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	\$26.42
44179	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	-\$13.21
44270	3Z VC, LLC	\$145.00
44271	ALADTEC, INC	\$1,665.00
44272	ALERT-ALL	\$1,520.15
44273	AMERICAN PAVEMENTS INC	\$59,371.40
44274	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	\$129.80
44275	BENISTAR/HARTFORD - 6795	\$1,628.76
44276	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	\$2,152.00
44278	HEALTH & SAFETY INSTITUTE	\$253.35
44279	KLEEM, INC.	\$1,526.00
44280	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$75.95
44281	LUTHER LANDSCAPING	\$150.00
44282	MARK SMITH	\$350.00
44283	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$64.98
44284	QUALITY PUBLISHING CO	\$2,780.26
44285	QUILL CORPORATION	\$440.79
44286	SENSIBLE PRODUCTS	\$1,245.45
44287	SRM CONCRETE	\$331.00
44288	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	\$68,599.88
44289	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$6.18
44290	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$954.86
44291	WOODHULL LLC	\$682.80
44292	WORKER BEE MEDIA, LLC	\$1,600.00
44293	COMPASS POINT PLANNING, LLC	\$2,725.50
44294	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$2,894.71
44295	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$782.75
44296	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$129.54
44297	BOB BASS	\$23.04

44298	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$445.28
44299	DELTA DENTAL	\$551.17
44300	ELLEN W. YORDY	\$159.01
44301	HUFF'S GNS	\$203.46
44302	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$94.63
44303	MATRE ARMS & AMMUNITION INC	\$55.50
44304	PAUL BULACH	\$662.30
44305	SENSIBLE PRODUCTS	\$627.87
44306	STEVE MILLER	\$1,302.58
44307	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$199.55
44308	WHOLESALE TIRE MART	\$148.00
44309	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$85.00
44310	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	\$110.56
44311	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$173.11
44312	CHRIS JOHNS	\$142.31
44313	DUKE ENERGY	\$1,143.59
44314	KNOX COMPANY	\$637.00
44315	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$160.00
44316	MIAMI VALLEY TOPSOIL LLC	\$32.40
44317	ROSS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	\$346.00
44318	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$128.08
44319	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$852.86
44320	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$217.08

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

Motion 17-130

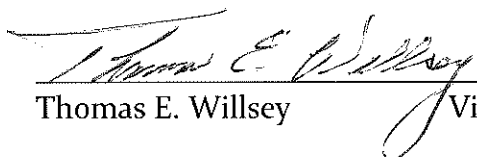
There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

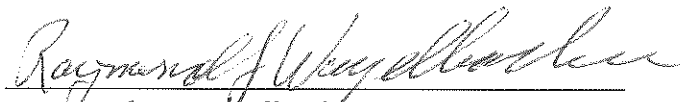
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on November 16, 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