

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 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.

Before the business portion of the meeting began, Trustee Yordy announced that the audio recording device that was placed on the Board's table would have to be removed. She stated that under the rules of the Board, anyone is permitted to record the meeting but that the recording device needed to be kept with the individual doing the recording. The owner of the device refused to retrieve the device so Trustee Yordy called the Police Chief to the table to remove the device and give it back to its owner.

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 14-130 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 November 20, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-131 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2014. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration - Administrator Bob Bass reported that the electric service contract with Duke Energy for Fire Station #2 and the Maintenance facility is set to expire in December and gave the Board three options for renewal. Trustee Yordy stated that she was most interested in the 31 month locked-in contract but inquired as to whether that option had an early termination penalty. The Administrator advised that he is waiting for a response from Duke Energy retail services and will report back at the next meeting.

Fire Department - No report

Road Department

Superintendent Paul Bulach provided the Board with an update on the Snow event November 16th and 17th and advised that he has received the signage needed for ODOT to establish the "No Engine Brake" zones.

Police Department - No report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Mark Longworth gave a presentation on the health and safety concerns he has with the placement of the cell phone tower at 3133 Hamilton Cleves Road. He asked the Board to carefully weigh the "risk vs. reward" of its placement. Trustee Yordy asked if he would leave the materials he was using with his presentation in the possession of the Board so that they could review the information he provided. He agreed.

Michael Gibson requested an update on what action was taken at the previous meeting on the truck engine brake issue. He was provided with the update and thanked the Board for their consideration on the matter.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Yordy announced that the Board of Trustees will conduct a special meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5:00pm at Ross Township Fire Station #1 (2565 Cincinnati Brookville Road). The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss all facets of the 2015 Appropriation Budget with the head of each department.

Correspondence - none

Legislation

Purpose - Near the end of the November 6th meeting the Board returned from executive session and passed motion 14-128 compelling Trustee Willsey and the Township Administrator to make a formal offer for the purchase of property for public purposes. An offer of \$165,000.00 was made on November 18th to Harry B. Bowman, Tr. to purchase the properties located at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4334 Hamilton Cleves Road (formerly known as the Castle). Mr. Bowman has accepted the terms of the offer. The following resolution authorizes the purchase of the properties for the possible construction of a replacement south fire station, a new police station, administrative offices and a township meeting hall.

Resolution 2014-070 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing the purchase of the properties located at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville Road and 4334 Hamilton Cleves Road, authorizing and directing the Township Administrator to take steps necessary to satisfy those contingencies to be performed by Ross Township and to execute all necessary closing documents. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 14-132 Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$45,941.09 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
41562	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$619.82

41563	BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES	\$1,115.00
41564	D&R TARPING	\$350.36
41565	DAVE STINSON dba STINSON TOOL SALES	\$35.59
41566	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$69.21
41567	HENDEL'S AFFORDABLE TREE SERVICE	\$159.75
41568	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$35.98
41569	MORGAN TOWNSHIP	\$840.00
41570	PARTSMASTER	\$455.43
41571	RUMPKE	\$261.05
41572	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	\$1,137.98
41573	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$85.15
41574	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$149.40
41575	WATSON GRAVEL, INC.	\$23.47
41576	ZIP'S AUTO REPAIR	\$614.26
41577	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$77.50

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

Motion 14-133 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, 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 December 4, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1. Trustee Willsey announced that he will not be in attendance for that meeting as his presence is required in Columbus for an OTA event.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ellen Yordy President

Thomas E. Willsey Vice President

Raymond J. Wurzelbacher Trustee

ATTEST:

Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer