

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 2015**

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 15-147**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to appoint Township Administrator, Robert Bass as the Recording Secretary for this meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-148** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-149** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2015. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The Acting Recording Secretary provided the Board with the Bank Reconciliation Statement for November, 2015.

Police Chief Darryl Haussler introduced three candidates for the position of Part Time Police Officer and request that the Board entertain a motion to hire each candidate.

**Motion 15-150** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to

hire Andrea L. Stevens, Ryan E. Gray and Lawrence S. Johns to the position of Part-time Police Officer pending successful completion of all pre-employment testing necessary. The hiring is in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate Summary. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Trustee Willsey administered the Oath of Office to each newly hired Police Officer.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Administration** - Administrator Robert Bass provided photographic evidence of a nuisance at 4160 Layhigh Road; and requested a decision on the possible renewal of the current employee Health Care Insurance Plan. The Board decided to stay with the current policy pending their negotiation with the Kettering Health Alliance by January 31, 2016.

At the Administrator's request, the Board set January 13, 2016 (5:00pm at Fire Station #1) as the special meeting date for the 2016 Appropriations Budget Workshop. Additionally, he provided the Board with an updated move in date of February 1, 2016 for Administration and Police Departments into the Tragesser Building. The delay is a result of broken deadline dates by Time Warner. He also requested final revisions of the Board for the Venice Downtown Redevelopment Study by years end.

Finally, on behalf of the absent Fire Chief, he requested that the Board rehire Brett Fogel to the position of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic at the rate of \$16.00 per hour; announced the retirement of Paul Bricking effective 12/11/15 and provided a snapshot of the departments five year Master Plan accomplishments.

**Fire Department** - absent

**Road Department** - Road Superintendent Paul Bulach provided an update on the Salt barn and Tragesser facilities.

**Police Department** - Police Chief Darryl Haussler provided his monthly report for November, 2015 and announced the resignation of PO Chris Neisen effective

December 26<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Willsey asked the Chief to pass along the Board's thanks for his years of service to the community.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Keith Ballauer inquired as to the reason behind the purchase of the Morgan Road property in light of the fact that fill dirt delivered to the property at 2575 Cincinnati Brookville that did not come from the Morgan Road site. Trustee Willsey advised that the dirt delivered to the Cincinnati Brookville site last week was delivered from another property for expediency to meet certain deadlines for completion of the fill. He explained that the Morgan Road site was not yet ready for excavation as additional clearing of the site is needed but assured that the site will be ready for future projects.

Resident Steve Bosse inquired as to the reasons behind the decision to bid garbage collection with Colerain and Springfield Townships noting that some older people like his mother are currently not paying for garbage service but will now be required to under the new contract. Trustee Willsey stated that the Board was aware that a few cases like hers would exist, the 30% to 40% cost savings to roughly 95% of the people in Ross currently utilizing Rumpke service far outweighed those few instances.

Mr. Bosse further asked whether the Township government facilities would "at Least" be receiving free service for "Making Rumpke richer" by entering into this contract. The Administrator explained the public bid process that was utilized which led to the selection of Rumpke over the other legally bid competitors. He explained that the Board did not request for free service to its facilities in the bid specifications because the bid was about getting the best price for the residents of Ross and not the best deal for the Township's facilities.

Finally, Mr. Bosse asked why Time Warner was not contacted before November which could have expedited the move into the Tragger Building. The Administrator advised that prior to contacting Time Warner, the Township was exploring the possible use of another internet service vendor.

Resident Gene Gillespie, Outpost Drive, registered a complaint about mud on several streets in the subdivision he lives in due to construction traffic. The Police Chief advised that his department would address the problem the next day and advised him to contact the Police Department whenever the problem occurred.

Resident Dennis Fehrenbach inquired as to whether the Township was working on obtaining a title for the antique fire truck the Township acquired earlier in the year. Trustee Yordy advised that she would work on the title issue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Announcements**

In addition to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on January 7<sup>th</sup> the Board will hold a special meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2016 Appropriations Budget. The meeting will be held at 5:00pm at Ross Fire Station #1.

### **Correspondence**

The Ohio Department of Liquor Control sent an application requesting a new liquor license be granted to Katie J. Philpot d.b.a. Ross Drive Thru on Cincinnati Brookville Road. The Police Department has no objection to the issuance of a new license to the property. Further discussion by the Board resulted in the Board giving preliminary approval for the business to become a State Liquor Store.

### **Legislation**

**Purpose** - Upon receipt of a complaint, the Administrator gathered and presented evidence of accumulated debris and excessive vegetation and/or junked automobile at 4160 Layhigh Road. Through this resolution, the Board declares this property to be a nuisance.

**Resolution 2015-070** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris, excessive vegetation and/or junk motor vehicle at 4160 Layhigh Road. The vote of the

Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

**Motion 15-151** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$127,573.82 and authorized payment:

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
42511	HIEF STEVE MILLER	\$80.00
42533	BILL MILLER PLUMBING	\$210.35
42534	D&R TARPING	\$49.92
42535	DUKE ENERGY	\$428.68
42536	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$1,690.88
42537	ESRI	\$395.00
42538	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$413.33
42539	HUFF'S GNS	\$96.94
42540	OVERHEAD DOOR	\$3,385.00
42541	PRICE CONSULTATION SERVICES, LLC	\$500.00
42542	ROCK SOLID CONSTRUCTION	\$5,900.00
42543	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$948.00
42544	WAYNE'S GARAGE LLC	\$50.00
42545	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$169.95
42546	APPARELMASTER	\$221.00
42547	BAKER HARDWARE	\$87.28
42548	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$168.50
42549	DUKE ENERGY	\$2,274.13
42550	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	\$180.00
42551	JEFF CLARK	\$25.00
42552	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$675.14
42553	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$12,992.41
42554	OHIO STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC	\$100.00
42555	PRO CHEM, INC	\$550.82
42556	ROCK SOLID CONSTRUCTION	\$5,900.00
42557	ROSS HARDWARE	\$119.18
42558	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$97.17
42559	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$227.62
42560	THE VENICE CORNERSTONE	\$65.00
42561	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$179.97
42562	WERDEN ELECTRIC CO	\$265.00
42563	WINELCO INC	\$500.00
42564	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$75.00

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

**Motion 15-152** Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to rehire Brett Fogel to the position of Part-time

Firefighter/Paramedic at the rate of \$16.00 per hour pending successful completion of all pre-employment testing necessary. The hiring is in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate Summary. Trustee Yordy requested the Board table the motion so that she can discuss this hiring with the Fire Chief before proceeding. The other Board members agreed; the motion was rescinded and tabled for future consideration.

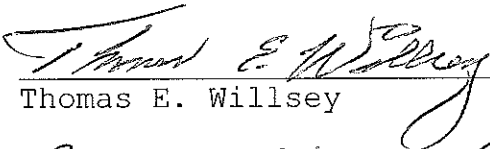
Motion 15-153 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Wurzelbacher, the Board voted to retire to executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or the sale of property at competitive bidding in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) at 6:56pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-154 Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to return from executive session to the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:51pm. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

Motion 15-155 There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Willsey 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 January 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Fire Station #1.

## ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES




Thomas E. Willsey

President




Raymond J. Wurzelbacher

Vice President

  
Ellen Yordy \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee

**ATTEST:**

  
Judy Huffman \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer

