



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12, 2018

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 – Keith Ballauer, Thomas E. Willsey and Ellen Yordy.

PROCEDURAL ACTION

Motion 18-040

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2018.

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

Motion 18-041

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2018.

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

Fiscal Officer Judy Huffman reported as of this date the township has on deposit \$2,677,011.77. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for February, 2018.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Administrator Bob Bass was absent.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for February, 2018; discussed a proposal for the Fire Department to join Lexipol to rewrite the department's SOP's; and stated that he did not think it was a good idea to apply for a SAFER Grant to hire three additional full time employees with the assistance of a federal grant since the grant would not allow the hiring of existing employees. Without objection, the Board requested that the Chief move forward with the Lexipol SOP Program and agreed that the SAFER grant was not a good option at this time.

Road Department – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach informed the Board of ongoing ditch restoration project on Fenton Road.

Police Department – Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for February, 2018

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Yordy led a discussion which resulted in the Boards decision to attend the April 3rd meeting of the Millville Village Council to discuss the Fire and EMS contract. The Board intends to advise the Village that they need to increase the amount of the contract to be in line with the amount per run currently being paid by Ross Township residents.

Trustee Willsey polled each member of the Board who unanimously agreed to support of a police levy on the 2018 General Election ballot. The Board will convene a special meeting at 6:00pm on April 9th to discuss the levy amount, rates and strategies.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Willsey announced that the Ross Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 11:00am on March 31st at Ross High School. He also announced that the Township has been awarded the Ohio BWC's 2018 Group Rating which entitles the township to a 48% reduction of the standard BWC rate for the upcoming year.

Correspondence

None

Legislation

Purpose – The Board has approved annual pay increases for it's' employees for fiscal year 2018. This resolution amends the Staffing Level and Pay Rate Summary to reflect that change. Exhibit "A" of the resolution details both the dollar and percentage increase for each position.

Resolution 2018-014

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending the staffing level and pay summary rates for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

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

Purpose – Through written communication, the Board has been advised that the township qualifies for the savings from the BWC’s 2018 Group Rating Program. The following resolution enters the township into that program which runs from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Resolution 2018-015

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC), sponsored through the CareWorksComp Company for the BWC’s 2018 group retrospective rating program and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the agreement.

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

Purpose – The Butler County Land Bank is being gifted the property at 2290 Venice Boulevard from Bank of America after it foreclosed and demolished the house on the property. The Land Bank is again looking to Ross to accept the gifted property which will enable the Township to convey the property to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity will find a partner family to construct a new home on the property to put the property back on the active tax register at no cost to the Township. This resolution enters the Township into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the property Transfer.

Resolution 2018-016

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into a Land Bank Property Transfer Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati for the sale of property at 2290 Venice Boulevard pursuant to Article Eight, Section Thirteen of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.

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

Motion 18-042

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$38,354.81 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
44604	3Z VC, LLC	\$145.00
44605	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	\$27.26
44617	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	\$7.90
44618	ERNST CONCRETE	\$451.50
44619	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$160.00
44620	MAJOR SUPPLY CORP.	\$217.54
44621	OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL	\$270.00
44622	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$133.66

44623	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$29.50
44624	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$512.47
44625	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$181.12
44626	WHOLESALE TIRE MART	\$149.61
44627	WORKER BEE MEDIA, LLC	\$1,600.00
44628	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$90.00
44629	ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS INC	\$134.24
44630	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$81.14
44631	ALVIS MATERIALS	\$66.00
44632	BAKER HARDWARE	\$33.00
44633	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC	\$385.00
44634	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$718.24
44635	CareWorksComp	\$2,818.00
44636	DUKE ENERGY	\$3,777.15
44637	ERIC SIMON	\$257.04
44638	ERNST CONCRETE	\$442.50
44639	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	\$3,209.92
44640	GREAT MIAMI AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INC	\$430.38
44641	JEFF CLARK	\$3,737.96
44642	LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT	\$285.71
44643	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$15,372.15
44644	OHIO FIRE & EMERGENCY SERV. FOUNDATION	\$240.00
44645	PARTSMASTER	\$288.30
44646	QUALITY PUBLISHING CO	\$69.53
44647	ROSS HARDWARE	\$255.14
44648	ROSS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	\$1,038.00
44649	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$272.58
44650	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$108.72
44651	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$337.38
44652	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$21.17

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

Motion 18-043

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to retire to executive session to discuss the dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) at 6:29p.m.

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

Motion 18-044

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to return from executive session to the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:13p.m.

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

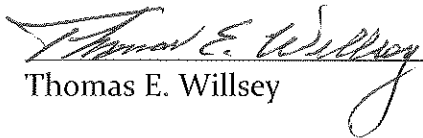
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There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

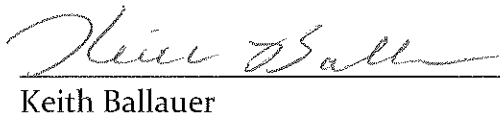
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The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on April 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

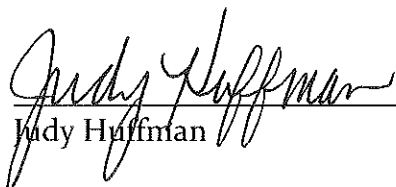
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Keith Ballauer Trustee

ATTEST:


Judy Hoffman Fiscal Officer