



# ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12, 2018

The Ross Township Board of Trustees met in regular session to transact the business for Ross Township.

## CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

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

### PROCEDURAL ACTION

#### Motion 18-047

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 March 12, 2018.

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

#### Motion 18-048

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 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 \$2,604,926.11. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for March, 2018.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Administration** – Administrator Bob Bass gave a report on three resolutions for consideration. They consisted of the Fire Department’s Medicount Management renewal, the Police Department’s OVI Task Force amendment and evidence for nuisance abatements on Cardinal Avenue. He also requested and received permission to begin roof repairs at the Government Center as discussed during the budget meeting.

**Fire Department** – Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for March, 2018; advised that Dave Chaney received his paramedic certification and Rob Embry is a certified fire investigator and Chris Johns will graduate as a the Ohio Fire Executive on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Finally, he advised the Board

that the NFPA is looking into adopting standards to require bulletproof vests for firefighters in hot zones.

**Road Department** – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach informed the Board that the County’s annual paving contract has been awarded to Jurgensen; that Fenton Road will be closing for culvert installation; that truck traffic has increased on Silax for Venice Crossings construction. He also requested and received permission to proceed with the annual crack seal contract.

**Police Department** – Acting Chief Jack Tremain presented the monthly report for March, 2018; requested that the Board rehire Nick Lutterbie; and requested and received permission to purchase two AR-15 rifles for the cruisers as discussed during the budget meeting.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Mike Luther of School Road noted the “eyesore” trailers on US 27 where a new business is moving in. The Board advised that the business has obtained all needed permits and was supposed to be completely moved into by March 1<sup>st</sup> as determined as a result of legal action brought forth by the Township. Unfortunately, the legal case was dropped by the Prosecutors Office and needs to be refiled to gain compliance. The Administrator was ordered to keep the Board apprised of the situation as it unfolds.

Jerry Hilbert of Layhigh Road and Joe Schuler of Ficus Court requested that the Township check into the possibility of having the roadways used for construction traffic for the Venice Crossing subdivision designated as “haul” roads for the purpose of requiring the subdivision developer to repair any damage resulting from the additional construction traffic. The Road Superintendent will look into the matter.

Larry Doran of Banyon Court requested two specific properties be inspected for nuisance violations and Lee Collins of Mikehill Drive requested one specific property be inspected for nuisance violations. The Administrator will look into the issues.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Yordy led a discussion which resulted in the Boards decision to attend the April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the levy amount, rates and strategies.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Announcements

Trustee Willsey announced that the Butler County Land Bank has accepted the property at 2290 Venice Boulevard on behalf of the Township. The Administrator is working to turn the property over to Habitat for Humanity to rebuild a home on the site. The previously donated property at 2273 Cardinal Avenue is currently under construction of a new home.

### Correspondence

The Butler County Engineer's Office sent notice that Fenton Road will close 0.7 mile east of Morgan Ross Road and 0.4 mile west of Ohio 748 beginning Monday, April 16, 2018 for a culvert replacement by crews from the Ross Township Road Maintenance Department. The road is tentatively scheduled to reopen the week of April 23, 2018. Eastbound Fenton Road traffic will detour south on Morgan Ross Road, southeast on Layhigh Road, and northeast on Ohio 748 to Fenton. Westbound traffic will reverse this route.

The Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities sent an invitation to it's' annual Community Recognition Dinner on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at Receptions in Fairfield. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.butlerdd.org](http://www.butlerdd.org)

### Legislation

**Purpose** – The Fire Chief is requesting that the Board continue its agreement with Medicount Management, Inc. for EMS billing services. This resolution agrees to a four (4) year term continuation of that service.

#### **Resolution 2018-017**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution entering into an agreement with Medicount Management, Inc. for the provision of billing services for emergency medical services 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 Acting Police Chief is requesting that the Board amend its resolution entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Oxford, acting as the lead agency for the Butler County OVI Task Force to identify the method of compensation its' employees under the terms of the agreement. This resolution amends the annual OVI Task Force resolution.

#### **Resolution 2018-018**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution amending by inclusion of Section 1-C of Ross Township Board of Trustees Resolution Number 2017-045.

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 2155 and 2169 Cardinal Avenue. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

**Resolution 2018-019**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris and/or excessive vegetation at 2155 and 2169 Cardinal Avenue.

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

**Motion 18-049**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$185,254.09 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE	AMOUNT
44653	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$666.91
44654	AMERIGAS	\$655.88
44655	BENISTAR/HARTFORD - 6795	\$898.08
44656	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$97.90
44657	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$762.30
44658	MT PLEASANT ASPHALT COMPANY	\$219.05
44659	RON'S MACHINE SHOP	\$103.10
44660	RUMPKE	\$332.49
44661	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$109.98
44662	WATSON GRAVEL, INC	\$209.48
44663	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$87.50
44664	ADMIRAL FLAG POLE CO	\$123.75
44665	ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	\$58.68
44666	ARROW INTERNATIONAL, INC	\$1,109.92
44667	BOBCAT ENTERPRISES INC	\$3,142.60
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44668	BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$8.85
44669	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$61.00
44670	WATSON GRAVEL, INC	\$238.88
44673	A. E. DAVID COMPANY	\$104.95
44674	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$15.00
44675	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	\$309.94
44676	DELTA DENTAL	\$502.74
44677	MONTAGE ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED	\$153.66
44678	OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL	\$275.00
44679	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC.	\$73.72
44680	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$128.08
44681	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$29.50
44682	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	\$181.12
44683	ZIP GRAPHICS	\$199.00
44684	CLARK EQUIPMENT COM	\$3,142.60
44685	CHIEF STEVE MILLER	\$92.50

44686	CCA	\$248.77
44687	CITY OF BLUE ASH	\$50.92
44689	CITY OF FRANKLIN	\$150.52
44690	CITY OF MASON	\$29.35
44691	CITY OF MIDDLETOWN	\$53.94
44692	CITY OF MONROE	\$121.97
44693	CITY OF TRENTON	\$252.66
44694	FAIRFIELD INCOME TAX DIVISION	\$246.44
44695	KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER	\$463.34
44696	RITA	\$34.70
44697	CITY OF CINCINNATI	\$25.79
44698	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	\$738.53
44699	BC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	\$3,184.74
44700	BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION	\$400.00
44701	CRONIN FORD INC	\$152.55
44702	DUKE ENERGY	\$3,403.83
44703	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC	\$623.87
44704	KLEI LAWNMOWER SALES & SERVICE CO.	\$465.09
44705	KRISTEN L. GILLUM	\$200.00
44706	LEXIPOL LLC	\$960.00
44707	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$35.45
44708	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	\$14,489.26
44709	NORTHGATE FORD LINCOLN MERCURY INC	\$165.16
44710	PAUL BULACH	\$112.03
44711	PRO CHEM, INC	\$708.50
44712	QUILL CORPORATION	\$345.85
44713	ROSS HARDWARE	\$330.92
44714	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	\$224.66
44715	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$189.70
44716	TIME WARNER CABLE	\$225.56
44717	TRACTOR SUPPLY STORE	\$33.96
44718	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$798.00
44719	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$30.50
44720	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$21.15
44721	WHOLESALE TIRE MART	\$37.92
44722	WM E FAGALY & SON INC	\$857.05
44723	ZIMMER TRACTOR	\$309.62
44724	ZIP GRAPHICS	\$89.00
44725	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNTIVE	\$67.90

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

**Motion 18-050**

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to rehire Nick Lutterbie to the position of Mechanic in the Police Department at the rate of \$14.42 per hour. The employment is in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate resolution.

