



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 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 18-147

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 November 1, 2018.

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

Motion 18-139

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 1, 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 \$3,396,504.93. She provided the Board with copies of the Bank Reconciliation Statement and the Cash Summary by Fund Report for October, 2018.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Administrator Bob Bass requested resolution consideration for Fire Department Lexipol Standard Operation Procedures adoption, and nuisances at 4054 Hamilton Cleves Road, 2205 Thrush Avenue and 1192 Donna Marie Drive; and provided a report detailing the status of nuisance abatement cases.

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Chris Johns discussed the sending of a letter regarding the installation of fire hydrants to New London Road residents; and announced that new SCBA's have arrived and have been added

to inventory and fit testing and training will begin soon. The projected goal is to have them all in service by mid-December.

Road Department – In the absence of Superintendent Paul Bulach, the Administrator announced the findings for a speed study which led to a reduced speed on Herman Road. Signs have been posted and the new limit is being enforced. The Board ordered for that information to be posted on the website.

Police Department – Acting Chief Jack Tremain gave a special thank you to the Ross community and to the donors and volunteers who aided in the successful passage of a police levy on election day; and announced the receipt of a S.R. 128 traffic crash report from the Ohio State Highway patrol. The report led to discussion of Ross Township’s possible role in fixing the various problems that exist. The Board will discuss this further at their next meeting after reviewing the report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Black Road resident David Carson filed a noise complaint regarding outdoor concerts at Big Bulls Bar. The Board asked the Acting Police Chief to discuss the issue with the business owner and advise of a solution.

Layhigh Road resident Jerry Hilbert thanked the people who worked on the Police levy and noted that it was good to see the officers in attendance.

Cypress Lane resident Steve Fagaly filed a complaint that a business on Wade Mill Road is using his subdivision as a cut through and speed is a concern. The Board asked the Acting Police Chief to look into the issue and advise of a solution.

1st Baptist Church Trustee Don Guill stated that the County Building Department is requiring a letter of support for a breezeway they are building at the church. The Board asked the Administrator to prepare the letter.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Tom Willsey provided a detailed report on the Township’s attendance at a recent County Commissioner’s meeting to discuss the County’s lack of effort to bring the property at 2456 Ross Millville into compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

None

Correspondence

The Hamilton County Engineer announced the closing of Old Colerain Road (Bridge), located between State Route 128 and East Miami River Road in Colerain Township. Barrett/Eagle Bridge Company will be waterproofing on the bridge beginning Tuesday, November 13, 2018 thru Saturday 17, 2018 (weather permitting). The detour will be routed over East Miami River Road to State Route 126/US 27 to Hamilton Cleves Road to Cincinnati-Brookville Road to Old Colerain Road and vice versa.

Legislation

Purpose – The Fire Department has concluded the process of updating its' operating procedures through the online Lexipol policy management program. Those policies have been rewritten and are now ready for adoption as the department's standard operating policy. This resolution adopts that policy.

Resolution 2018-054

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution adopting the Ross Township Fire Department Lexipol Policy Manual.

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 property on Hamilton Cleves Road, Thrush Avenue and Donna Marie Drive. This resolution declares those properties to be a nuisance and orders their abatement.

Resolution 2018-055

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris and/or excessive vegetation at 4054 Hamilton Cleves Road, 2205 Thrush Avenue and 1192 Donna Marie Drive.

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

Motion 18-149

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$193,077.68 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE / AMOUNT
45373	A. E. DAVID COMPANY \$433.60
45374	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES \$761.96
45375	DELTA DENTAL \$502.74
45376	DUKE ENERGY \$4,950.42
45377	ELLEN W. YORDY \$9.93
45378	FORTRESS SAFE & LOCK \$4,488.20

45379 JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED \$250.00
 45380 KRISTEN L. GILLUM \$160.00
 45381 MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC \$92.08
 45382 MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO \$13,181.14
 45383 OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL \$275.00
 45384 QUILL CORPORATION \$1,794.99
 45386 THE BANK OF NEW YORK \$65,873.91
 45387 TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNTIVE \$40.60
 45388 VERIZON WIRELESS \$509.44
 45389 VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT \$3,614.00
 45390 WATSON GRAVEL, INC. \$319.80
 45391 WEX BANK \$2,855.39
 45392 3Z VC, LLC \$1,834.62
 45393 A. E. DAVID COMPANY \$67.60
 45394 BEST GENERAL CONTRACTING TIRES \$1,700.00
 45395 BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC \$36.90
 45396 CINCINNATI SAFETY UPFITTERS LLC \$8,170.72
 45397 LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT \$161.99
 45398 PRO CHEM, INC \$764.09
 45399 ROSS AUTO PARTS \$481.26
 45400 ROSS HARDWARE \$34.75
 45401 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT \$323.15
 45402 TIME WARNER CABLE \$225.56
 45403 UNIFIRST CORPORATION \$61.00
 45404 VISION AUTO GLASS \$21.30
 45405 WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV \$190.00
 45406 CHIEF STEVE MILLER \$80.00

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

Motion 18-150

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to rehire Kyle Todd into the position of part time Police Officer at the hourly rate of \$16.50 per hour pending successful completion of all pre-employment testing. This action is in compliance with the current Staffing Level and Pay Summary resolution.

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

Motion 18-151

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to retire to executive session to discuss the employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) at 6:35p.m.

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

