



ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 20, 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 18-161

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 December 6, 2018.

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

Motion 18-162

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2018. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Motion 18-163

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve to hire Mollie Johnson into the position of full time Police Detective at the hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour; and to hire Art Brickles, Tom Brill and Bryan Rogers into the position of full time Police Officer at the hourly rate of \$21.00 per hour. 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.

Acting Police Chief Jack Tremain presented each candidate's credentials and qualifications, and offered them to the Board for swearing in under the Police Department's Oath. Trustee Willsey swore the newly hired employees in and a pinning ceremony followed where the Police Detective and each Police Officer had their badges pinned on them by an individual of each employee's choosing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Administrative Assistant Laurie Kile requested resolution consideration for 2042 Thrush Avenue.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller reported on the hiring of Steve Meyer as a Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic at \$16.50 per hour, the resignation of Will Haas, the award of a \$4,854.00 grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation that will be used to purchase thermal imaging cameras, reviewed the annual EMS billing report from Medicount Management and reported on the results of the Board of Pharmacy’s surprise inspection on December 18, 2018.

Road Department – In the absence of Superintendent Paul Bulach, Trustee Ballauer requested installation of LED lights on the exterior of the Road Department’s building. The Board ordered for the lights to be installed.

Police Department – Acting Chief Jack Tremain reported on the resignation of Officer Mark Bennett, the Police Department’s participation at the Black Road Subdivision’s Christmas with Santa event, the RAMM Christmas event and Christmas with Kids event which was held at the Ross Township government Center, and Toys for Tots collection event.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cincinnati-Brookville Road resident Marcella Byrd thanked Officer Art Brickles and the Police Department for coming to her aid and for going to court with her.

Wagon Wheel Drive resident Steve Bosse congratulated the Police Department on the hiring of their full time Police Detective and Full time Police Officers and inquired about the hiring process that was used for the Administrative Assistant position.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

None

Correspondence

None

Legislation

Purpose –Earlier in the meeting, the Fire Chief announced entering into project grant agreement with the Hamilton Community Foundation for a thermal imaging camera program grant in the Fire Department. The following resolution grants that permission.

Resolution 2018-061

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution authorizing entering into project grant agreement with the Hamilton Community Foundation for a thermal imaging camera program grant in the Fire Department; establishing grant fund number 2928 entitled “HCF Thermal Imaging Camera Grant”; authorizing the Fire Chief to execute the project; authorizing an advance of funds; budgeting receipts and making appropriations for expenses; and requesting an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.

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

Purpose – Earlier in the meeting, the Administrative Assistant provided an up-date on evidence of nuisance violations existing at property located at 2042 Thrush Avenue This resolution declares that property to be a nuisance and orders its abatement.

Resolution 2018-062

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to table this resolution until the legal rights of Ross Township in this particular case have been clarified.

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

Motion 18-164

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Yordy, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$15,352.88 and authorize payment:

| NUMBER | PAYEE / AMOUNT |
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| 45458 | CHIEF STEVE MILLER \$87.50 |
| 45459 | A. E. DAVID COMPANY \$87.85 |
| 45460 | BHM CPA GROUP, INC. \$2,000.00 |
| 45461 | BUCKEYE POWER SALES CO., INC \$187.50 |
| 45462 | CENTER MASS DEFENSE \$349.00 |
| 45463 | D&R TARPING \$76.72 |
| 45464 | ENCORE PRECAST, LLC \$87.00 |
| 45465 | JEFF CLARK \$182.38 |
| 45466 | JOHN R. JURGENSEN COMPANY \$8,050.20 |
| 45467 | LOWES BUSINESS ACCOUNT \$40.40 |
| 45468 | MILLENNIUM BUSINESS SYSTEMS \$92.47 |
| 45469 | OHIO CAT \$9.08 |
| 45470 | PAUL BULACH \$1,229.09 |
| 45471 | PRO CHEM, INC \$948.84 |
| 45472 | ROSS AUTO PARTS \$300.59 |
| 45473 | ROSS HARDWARE \$256.05 |

45474 RUMPKE \$336.99
45475 SIGN EFFECTS SIGN CO \$125.00
45476 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT \$231.21
45477 TIME WARNER CABLE \$454.05
45478 UNIFIRST CORPORATION \$30.96
45479 WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV \$190.00

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

Motion 18-165

Upon motion by Trustee Willsey and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to hire Steve Meyer into the position of Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic 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.

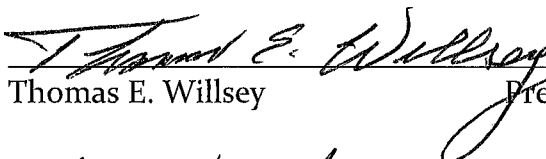
Motion 18-166

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

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

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on January 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.


ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Thomas E. Willsey President



Ellen Yordy Vice President



Keith Ballauer Trustee

ATTEST:



Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer