



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

**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 19-023

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting, the January 21, 2019 special meeting and the January 23, 2019 special meeting.

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

Motion 19-024

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2019.

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

Motion 19-025

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 21, 2019.

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

Motion 19-026

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 23, 2019.

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

David Brown, representing the Butler County Auditor's Office, announced the following deadlines for various Auditor related activities: March 4th for filing for a CUV farm designation; February 28th for the due date of the 2019 first half tax bills; and April 1st for filing for a Board of Revision decision on a tax bill.

Chief Darryl Haussler presents new officers Corrie Lives and Morgan Zeiser for hire.

Motion 19-027

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to hire Corrie Lives into the position of Part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.50 per hour and to hire Morgan Zeiser into the position of Auxiliary Police Officer. These employments are subjected to the completion of all pre-employment testing and are in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate resolution.

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

Board President Yordy then administered the Oath of Office to new Officers Corrie Lives and Morgan Zeiser.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration – Bob Bass provided an explanation for three resolutions to be considered as follows: Adoption-2019 permanent Appropriations Budget, Staffing Level and Pay Summary to order step pay rate level adjustments for particular employees and Village of Millville Emergency Services Agreement effective January 1, 2019. The Administrator also reported on the results of the OTARMA building value study for township-owned structures and that the UDF TIFF-Tax Incentive forms have been filed and collections of the TIFF have begun.

Fire Department – Chief Steve Miller presented the monthly report for January 2019. Chief Miller also reported on Jared Morris' receipt of a scholarship for the OFE Academy and the resignation of Captain Shane Packer.

Road Department – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach reported on the delivery of the new Durapatcher. Trustee Willsey complemented the Road Department staff on their efforts during the recent snowy conditions.

Police Department – Chief Darryl Haussler presented the monthly report for January 2019. He also announced that Officer Trevor Lutterbie's probationary period is complete and that ODOT will be conducting a speed reduction study on SR 128 from the high school to the north.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ross-Millville Road resident Dennis Fernbach asked for additional consideration from the township with assistance in stopping further damage to his driveway caused by the overflow of water through the drainage ditch. The Road Superintendent reminded Mr. Fernbach to apply for a permit prior to any driveway modification installations.

Hamilton New London Road resident Jim Schwab asked for the township's assistance in clarification of ODOT's proposed US 27 turn lanes.

Demoret Lane resident Martha Mehl encouraged the Board to Trustees to establish the Township's own Zoning Board to provide Ross Township more control over future development.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Trustee Willsey provided information on an up-coming Ross Lions Club fundraiser.

Correspondence

The Southwest Regional Water District sent an invitation to the Board for its annual meeting at Hueston Woods Lodge. The invitation includes a ballot for the election of members to the Board of Directors. Trustee Willsey informed the Board of a sponsorship opportunity with the Miles for Matthew 5K.

Legislation

Purpose - Approval of the emergency services agreement with the Village of Millville at the annual rate of \$63,250.00 per year. The resolution authorizes the agreement.

Resolution 2019-008

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on entering into an agreement with the Village of Millville for the provision of emergency services for fiscal year 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 2019 Appropriations Budget was the sole topic of conversation at a Special Meeting of the Board on January 23, 2019. The following two resolutions approve and establish projected income and expense levels and employee pay increases under the 2019 Appropriations Budget.

Resolution 2019-009

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted on the adoption of a resolution making permanent appropriation of funds for expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019; 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.

Resolution 2019-010

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted on amending staffing levels and pay rates for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

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

Motion 19-028

Upon motion by Trustee Ballauer and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to approve the following voucher/warrants totaling \$72,163.65 and authorize payment:

NUMBER	PAYEE / AMOUNT
45566	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC. \$45.00
45567	MARK SMITH \$550.00
45568	SRM CONCRETE \$150.00
45569	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC \$221.90
45570	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS INC \$169.88
45571	STEVE BARNES \$50.00
45572	CHIEF STEVE MILLER \$82.50
45573	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK \$4,151.96
45574	A. E. DAVID COMPANY \$16.95
45575	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC \$679.30
45576	D&R TARPING \$1,663.50
45577	ELLEN W. YORDY \$54.48
45578	GLEDHILL ROAD MACHINERY \$716.66
45579	JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED \$250.00
45580	KLEEM, INC. \$109.85
45581	LEGENDARY WELDING & REPAIR LLC \$100.00
45582	REFFITT'S GARAGE AND TOWING \$650.00
45583	ROSS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH \$50.00
45584	STAPLES ADVANTAGE \$243.12
45585	UNIFIRST CORPORATION \$61.00
45586	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH) \$455.26
45587	WESTERN AUTO BODY AND FIBERGASS REPAIR, LLC, \$263.33
45588	PAUL BULACH \$95.77
45589	A. E. DAVID COMPANY \$191.50
45590	BILL SPADE ELECTRIC INC \$443.00
45591	D&R TARPING \$354.64
45592	DUKE ENERGY \$394.31
45593	JEFFERY BAKER & ASSOCIATES INCORPERATED \$250.00
45594	KRISTEN L. GILLUM \$160.00
45595	LEADER MACHINERY COMPANY, LTD \$55,863.00
45596	NANCY NIX CPA, BUTLER COUNTY TREASURER \$830.44
45597	PRO CHEM, INC \$583.49
45598	RUMPKE HYDRAULICS, INC. \$147.44
45599	TIME WARNER CABLE \$134.77
45600	WOODHULL LLC \$512.15

45601 DELTA DENTAL \$1,383.45
45602 CHIEF STEVE MILLER \$85.00

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

Motion 19-029

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to order step pay rate level adjustments as follows: Firefighter/EMT Nick Alvis from \$15.57 to \$15.73 per hour; Firefighter/Medic Bret Fogel from \$16.97 to \$17.14 per hour; Firefighter/Medic Jeremy Waldroff from \$16.25 to \$17.23 per hour; Safety Officer Charlie Caudill from \$18.30 to \$18.48 per hour; Police Administrative Assistant Dan Horgan from \$13.39 to \$15.00 per hour; and Road Laborer Adam Davis from \$16.50 to \$18.50 per hour.

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

Motion 19-030

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to retire to executive session to consider confidential information related to a specific business strategy, and to negotiation with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8). Time: 7:03 p.m.

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

Motion 19-031

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to return from executive session to the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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

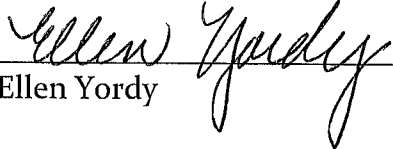
Motion 19-032

There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, 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 February 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Ross Township Government Center.

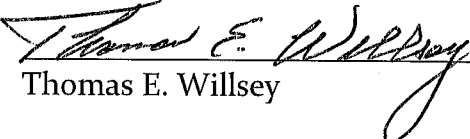
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ATTEST:



Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer