



**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

**The Ross Township Board of Trustees met in special work session to have an open forum discussion with the varied departments.**

**CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PROCEDURAL ACTIONS**

**Motion 19-033**

Upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Willsey, the Board voted to appoint Township Administrator, Robert Bass as the Acting Fiscal Officer for the purpose of taking minutes for this meeting.

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

**OPEN DISCUSSION FORUM**

**Administration** – Township Administrator Bob Bass discussed the possible effects on Ross Township due to Hamilton’s new Spooky Nook Sports development. All three members of the Board of Trustees would like to revisit the Land Use Plan, with special emphasis on the SR128 corridor. The inclusion of a survey in the Spring, 2019 Township newsletter to gather community input on a variety of issues to assist in long-range planning was discussed.

**Fire Department** – Chief Steve Miller provided the Trustees with a 10-year budget projection based on static revenue. He informed the Trustees that the expense for the Hurst Tool has been moved out of Capital Expenditures and that the only revision to the Fire Department’s Strategic Plan is the addition of full-time employees. The Board asked the question about refurbishing the 21 year old fire engine versus purchasing a new fire engine in 2020. The Chief is not in favor of this option due to the age of the vehicle. Chief Miller reminded the board that the status of the radios is still unknown and he recommends renewing the 2.75M levy when it is finished this year and replacing the 3M levy in 2021. The Board discussed the possibilities of running a permanent Fire levy. Chief Miller asked that the Board consider applying for a SAFER Grant in the near future.

**Police Department** – Chief Darryl Haussler reported that manpower continues to be a struggle.



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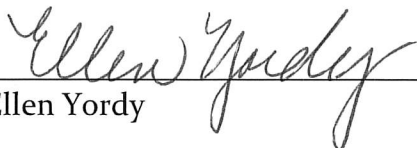
**Road Department** – Road Superintendent Paul Bulach asked that the Board maintain better control of the Public Participation portion of their meetings, particularly in defense of the statutory actions of their employees. Superintendent Bulach reiterated that additional funding is going to be required for imminent major road improvements and proposed consideration of a Road levy.


**Motion 19-034**

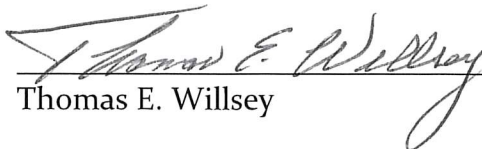
There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee Yordy and seconded by Trustee Ballauer, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, which motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on February 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Ross Township Government Center.

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Ellen Yordy President

  
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Keith Ballauer Vice President

  
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Thomas E. Willsey Trustee

**ATTEST:**

  
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Judy Huffman Fiscal Officer