

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017**  
**MEETING LOCATION: TWIN TOWNSHIP GARAGE 11474 KERAN STREET**

President Michael Whitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Officials present at roll call were: President Michael Whitt, Vice-President Michael Darbyshire, Trustee Bryan Bethel, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Also present was Bill Ford, Jr., Fire Lieutenant.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

**RESOLUTION 2017-02-13-01: Motion** was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

The report was given by Bill Ford, Jr., Fire Lieutenant. Request to the Trustees to pay for lunch for department EMT's who will participate in mandatory training at the fire house on February 26, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$150 total. Motion to approve above request by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Whitt reported that he had been contacted by a realty company in Cleveland regarding maintenance of the vacant property at 505 Franklin Circle. The company representative said they would maintain the property by mowing the grass as needed.

Mr. Darbyshire reported that he traveled to Lorain County and inspected the pavement roller the township there had for sale. He recommended purchase at the cost of \$5,000 which had been approved at the previous meeting. Mr. Darbyshire will contact the Ross County Engineer to see if they have any equipment large enough to transport the roller.

Fiscal Officer William Jones announced that he would attend the Public Records Training to be held at the Ross County Service Center on May 8, 2017. He also shared a communication from the Ohio Township Association indicating that payment for health insurance premiums may soon be allowed again by townships. He will keep the Trustees informed as this develops.

**FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION 2017-02-13-02:**

**Motion** by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt to approve:

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) 2017 Annual Appropriation as presented

All voted yes. motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion was held regarding paying off the fire truck loan early as there are 2 years left on the loan. It would save about \$1,200 in interest. After review of the annual appropriation, the Trustees decided the budget was not in a position to do that this year.

2. Discussion was held concerning paving for 2017. Roads will be inspected before the 3/13/17 Trustees' meeting and a plan for 2017 will be discussed at that meeting. The plan to be approved will be delivered to the Ross County Engineer before 3/17/17.

3. Changes to the cemetery rules were discussed. The following resolution was presented:

**Resolution 2017-02-13-03:**

Payment for "Opening and Closing" of a grave for burial in any cemetery controlled by the Twin Township Trustees shall be made, on behalf of the family, by the funeral home in charge of serving the family involved. This payment shall be made at the time of the internment or at the end of the month in which the burial occurs, whichever is most convenient for the Funeral Home.

There may be circumstances where exceptions may be made. An example of an exception would be the internment of cremains, by the family, with the proper internment certificate, and not under the direction of a Funeral Home. In this case, payment can be made by the family at the time of the internment of the cremains. Any other requests to an exception to this policy shall be determined by the Twin Township Trustees.

Motion made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.

*Motion* to enter into Executive Session made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt. Purpose of the Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of township property. All voted yes. Motion passed. Remaining in Executive Session with the Trustees was the Fiscal Officer. Executive Session began at 7:35 p.m. and ended at 7:46 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2/13/17 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

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Michael Whitt, President

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Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

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Bryan Bethel, Trustee