

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2022**  
**MEETING LOCATION: 11474 KERAN ST., BOURNEVILLE, OHIO**

President Michael Whitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 were Fire Chief Marty Johnson, Fire Department EMS Captain Melissa Weaver Ball, and fire department/EMS member Jackie Johnson.

***MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING***

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

***RESOLUTION 2022-04-11-01: Motion*** was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented and also the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

none

***CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION***

Mr. Bethel and Mr. Darbyshire reported on information about the flooding occurring on Alexander Hollow Road that Mr. and Mrs. Yoakum complained about at the previous meeting. The Ross County Engineer said that they did not have permission to do any adjustments to the stream as this violated rules from the Ohio E.P.A. Also, according to the Ross County Engineer, the right-of-way for the road is "up to" 16 feet from the center line, and to change that would require many legal procedures. The Trustees agreed to discuss this again with Mr. and Mrs. Yoakum to see what their specific concerns are regarding the right-of-way.

Mr. Darbyshire reported that he was contacted by new township resident Joe Wilt that there were potholes on Franklin Circle that needed fixed.

The Trustees discussed a need for a road broom to attach to the skid steer. Road Employee Chad Miller will be instructed to search for one and price it out for the Trustees.

***FINANCIAL***

***RESOLUTION 2022-04-11-02:***

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

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) supplemental appropriations and fund reallocations as presented

All voted yes. Motion passed.

***OLD BUSINESS***

none.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Bids for a new mower for the cemetery were reviewed. ***Motion*** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Bethel to approve purchase of the John Deere mower from Koenig Equipment Company as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Purchase of a new grader blade for the township was discussed. Mr. Darbyshire will research the appropriate blade for the township use. Motion by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt to approve purchase up to \$5,000 if the proper blade can be found. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Darbyshire reported that Tim Baxter, who lives at 11496 U.S. Route 50, and Ron Yoakum, who lives at 11486 U.S. Route 50, Bourneville, have personal property stored on township property and also the south alley right-of-way. They were instructed to move this in January, 2022, and it has not yet been done. Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to have a certified letter sent to them to have them remove the property or the Ross County Sheriff and Prosecutor will be contacted.

Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to donate \$2,500 each to the two food banks in Bainbridge. During discussion, Mr. Bethel asked if there were any agencies in Twin Township that the donations could go to instead of supporting agencies outside our township. Mr. Darbyshire said there were no organized food banks in Twin Township that he was aware of. Upon call for vote, all voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees discussed the EMS mutual aid proposal presented by Paxton Township. All had questions about some of the contract items. Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to table the proposal so the items in question could be clarified by the Paxton Township Trustees. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees reviewed the letter from the Ross County Prosecutor regarding his opinion on reimbursing Fire Department member Mike Norman's attorney fees for his recent criminal trial. Mr. Darbyshire pointed out that the Fiscal Officer had contacted Brad Cutler in January, 2019 about the township's legal responsibilities in this matter when it had first been brought to the Trustees' attention. Mr. Darbyshire concluded from this correspondence that these legal fees may be eligible for reimbursement from the township's insurance carrier. Motion by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt to relay this information to the Ross County Prosecutor to see if, in his opinion, this request for payment should be submitted to the township's insurance carrier. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### ***FIRE CHIEF REPORT***

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

Request for:

1. purchase of miscellaneous supplies for the fire department not to exceed \$500.
2. repairs to fire truck 1605 by Tim's Tires at an estimated cost of \$700.
3. Proceed with installation of interior divider doors to the fire house as discussed last year.
4. Purchase for new sections of fire hose as needed at a cost of approximately \$4,500.

***Motion*** to approve by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.

There is an issue with the 501-c-3 status of the Twin Township Fire and Rescue Association. Until this is resolved, donations to the association should be made to the township treasury. Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to pay for the fish for this year's department fish fry. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The hose and ladder test will be conducted on 5/9/22. Road employees will be asked to sweep Clayton Mills roadway prior to the event.

The payment schedule for EMS was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to table this issue until results of the new 3.0 mill fire levy is determined. All voted yes. Motion passed.

***Motion*** by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn the current meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 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