

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
APRIL 14, 2025
MINUTES**

The Twin Township Trustees regular meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. at the Twin Township Firehouse, US Rt. 50, Bourneville, Ohio by President Michael Darbyshire.

Roll call: present were Township Trustees Michael Darbyshire, Michael Whitt, Bryan Bethel, Fiscal Officer Kimberly Litter and Fire Chief Marty Johnson.

Guests were: Kenneth Miller, Shaun Allen, Dylan Estep, Jason Leasher, Wes Spradlin, Jen Spradlin, Holli Johnson, Todd Johnson, Jenna Pearce, Cody Spelman, Bill Jones, Mike Norman, Chris Benson, Ricky Cutright, Dale Beavers, Brenda Beavers, Rhonda Shelton, Ken Shelton, Tami Marvin, Shawn Skaggs, Stacia Skaggs, Whiz Detty, Nathan Aber, Kayla Aber, Roy Gregg Jr., Deric Newland, Regina Newland, Machele McBee, Dicky McBee.

Mr. Darbyshire explained the EMS Policy with history and how EMS was eliminated and contracted to Scioto, Huntington and Bainbridge Departments. Union Township does run in Twin Township but is billed by Scioto Township.

Mr. Darbyshire presented the paving project for 2025 to include Hatmaker Lane, Glenn Dr., Fry Dr., Adrian Dr., Keran St., Cropp St., Taylor St., North Alley, Cemetery Entrances at Twin Cemetery. He also explained that Ross County Townships will be receiving an annual percentage of a ½% tax initiated in 1979 for paving and culvert repairs. This tax had been overlooked by Ross County Commissioners until this year. This percentage will be based on road mileage. Twin Township has approximately 36 road miles.

Mr. Darbyshire explained the contract to be voted at the meeting for fire protection. This contract would be with Scioto, Huntington, and Bainbridge Fire Departments. This will be a contract for one year beginning May 1. Twin and corresponding Fire Department will be toned out at same time. If Twin replies to tone, other township will stand down. If Twin does not reply, other township will respond to the call. If other township Fire Department responds, they will receive payment for the call.

Public Participation

Todd Johnson and Wes Spradlin spoke to Trustees voicing concerns about lack of active Fire Department and desire for part-time staff.

Mr. Bethel left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes-Mr. Darbyshire moved waiving of reading previous minutes. Mr. Whitt 2nd. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Financial Report-Mr. Darbyshire moved to accept Financial Report. Mr. Whitt 2nd. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

EMS Contracts—Still need Huntington Township contract signed.

Mowing Contract—Mr. Darbyshire moved to accept Nate McNeal's bid for mowing as long as he understood it was for Twin Cemetery. If he declines, contract will go to Dylan Dotson. Mr. Whitt 2nd. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Fire Department Contract—**Resolution—04-14-01**

Mr Darbyshire moved to accept the proposed contract for fire protection with Scioto, Huntington and Bainbridge Fire Departments beginning May 1. Mr. Whitt 2nd. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Cemetery Cement Building Roof—Roof has been replaced as well as a few pieces on Firehouse. Marty will check with Matt to get an invoice. Price will be \$1,500 split between Fire Department and Road Garage.

Roller—Roller has been sold for \$1,200. Kim will send Ryan Elliott a copy of receipt in order for Township to be paid.

New Business

Lateral Roads from Rt. 50 to North Alley—Mr. Darbyshire said Rick Stith asked trustees to review if some of the alleys can be closed to public as his property is being damaged by those going through the alley. Mr. Darbyshire will check with Ross County Engineer on this process.

Alamo Mower—Mr. Darbyshire would like to proceed with legal action against company for defective mower purchased two years ago. Mr. Darbyshire will develop a letter to be sent from Trustees to Ross County Prosecutor asking for advice on how to proceed.

Cemetery Section G Lots—Kim informed trustees that this area needs to be developed soon as we are running out of plots to sell for those families wanting family plots of four or more graves. Mr. Jones volunteered to head up this project and will work with Chad.

Fire Chief Report

Fire Department report for month of March—9 out 10 Fires; 2 out of 2 mutual aide calls. Fire Department had 1 meeting and 1 training.

Trustees asked Chief Johnson to maintain and report each month a schedule of those volunteers being on call.

Resolution—04-14-01

Mr. Darbyshire moved each volunteer must schedule at least 8 hours on call a month to remain active. Mr. Whitt 2nd. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Chief Johnson presented a bill from Quickdraw McGraw Handyman Services for repair of bathrooms in Firehouse for \$688 and a requisition form for hoses, shut off and nozzle for fire trucks for \$2,848. Mr. Darbyshire moved to accept these expenditures. Mr. Whitt 2nd. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Chief Johnson reported Brush Truck needs a tune-up. Mr. Darbyshire suggested he work with Mr. Bethel to get a quote.

Chief Johnson will get a quote on sealing the parking lot.

Motion made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

J. Michael Darbyshire, President

Michael Whitt, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee-at-Large