

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2016**

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.

Visitors present were: Fire Chief Bill Ford, III, Bill Ford, Jr., Ross County Sheriff Administrative Assistant, Emily Schmidt

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived.

RESOLUTION 2016-05-09-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ross County Sheriff Administrative Assistant, Emily Schmidt addressed the Trustees regarding updates with the Sheriff's office. Mr. Darbyshire asked if any data was available for the "speed cart" that was on Emerald Lane recently? There was some discussion about the cart being on the south side of route 28 instead of the north side, where residents had complained about speeding. Ms. Schmidt said she would check into that.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Ford, III gave the following report:

- 1) Request was made to repair squad 1616. Motion was made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to have the squad repaired by Barnett Ford as proposed by the estimate of \$3,425.15. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- 2) Request to repair garage doors at the firehouse by True Line Garage Doors of Frankfort at a cost of \$1,455. Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve repair as quoted. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- 3) State Fire Marshal will provide "Grain Bin" rescue training at the Purdum Farm on May 14, 2016, for Twin Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue Personnel as well as surrounding departments that want to participate. Request for township to pay for lunch for those involved. As the amount is estimated to be less than \$500, no motion was necessary as the Trustees were in agreement with the proposal.
- 4) Discussion held regarding Adena Occupational Health Department to handle the department's drug screening, physical exams and respirator tests. There was no opposition from the Trustees to this request.
- 5) Request to approve 2 new members as recommended by the Fire Chief: Roger Smithson, Jr. to the Volunteer Fire Department and Teresa Eddie to the EMS department. Motion to accept by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- 6) Annual Fish Fry will be held at the Fire house on May 28, 2016.
- 7) Fire Chief asked to be reimbursed for parts he personally purchased to repair squad 1617 when the rear bumper fell off. Trustees directed him to present receipts to the Fiscal Officer for reimbursement.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

The Fiscal Officer reported on the Ross County Township Association meeting that was held May 5, 2016. Information was presented to Trustees and employees about the Ohio Deferred Compensation program. Discussion was held regarding participating in the State Treasurer's Ohio Checkbook program. Since the township's annual report is posted yearly on the township's website, it was agreed by the Trustees that this achieved the same purpose at this time. The nuisance notice to the McCloskey property in Bourneville was returned by the post office as Mr. McCloskey refused to accept the letter. The next step is that the notice will be posted and photographed with time/date stamp on the door of the property.

Mr. Whitt reported that the Township provided a letter to Joe McFadden indicating a culvert he owned was his personal property and did not belong to the township. He needed this so he could return the culvert for credit in order to purchase a new one from Scioto Farm Supply. Two residents have reported a nuisance property on Owl Creek road belonging to Denver Bethel. A nuisance violation notice will be prepared for the Trustees to sign at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Darbyshire reported that the problem with the road sinking on Harris Station Road may be due to a near-by culvert that appears to have collapsed. He recommended the road be maintained as has been until school is over, and then consider closing the road and repair it as necessary.

Mr. Bethel reported that Richard Chaney has complained that Rueb Hill is unsafe. Discussion was held regarding maintenance of the road.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2016-05-09-02:

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) supplemental appropriations as presented.
- d) interfund advances as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the disposition of the old road garage. The Trustees asked Ms. Schmidt to ask the Sheriff if he was interested in purchasing it as an “out-post” for the Sheriff’s department.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Darbyshire made the following motion:

RESOLUTION # 2016-05-09-03:

Purchase of a new Woods mower for Road and Cemetery use at a cost of between \$6,000 to \$8,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees agreed to have a list ready for the next meeting of equipment no longer needed that can be auctioned or sold off. Brad Cosenza of the Ross County Commissioners office has offered to post the sale of the items on the internet for the Trustees.

With no other business to come before the Trustees at this time, *Motion* was made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 05/09/2016 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee