

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2023**  
**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 was Fire Chief Marty Johnson.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-01: 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**

The Schoenholtz family and the family of Carl Cottrill reported damage to their family's monuments in the Twin Cemetery. The Fiscal Officer will contact representatives from Treber Memorial to inspect and report to the Trustees.

20 Diamond Lane has been determined to be a nuisance property. **RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-02: Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to contract with Estep Landscaping Company to clean up the property to standards comparable to the area. Estimated cost is \$5,500. Cost of the clean up will be reported to the Ross County Auditor to be added to the property taxes to the owner. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The North Alley nuisance property is to be cleaned up by the owner by July 10, 2023.

Twin Township Fire Department pays a rental of \$10.00 per month for the department's Marcs Radios. The township has 48 Marcs radios. **RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-03: Motion** by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Darbyshire to either take the inactive radios out of service, or keep 20 radios and sell the rest as there are currently less than 20 active firefighters on the department. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

1. The May Fire Chief report was reviewed.
2. There is still an issue whereby the Ross County Sheriff's Dispatchers are not toning out the Twin Township Fire Department for motor vehicle accidents or fires in the township. The Sheriff will be contacted again about the issue.
3. The Fire Department's air pacs have passed inspection and Howell Rescue Company will do the annual inspection and service on the "jaws of life" equipment.
4. Mr. Darbyshire inquired about the disciplinary status of Fire Department member Caleb Swepston in regard to his remarks made at the February 7, 2023 Trustees meeting. The Fire Chief reported nothing has been done yet. **RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-04: Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt that Mr. Swepston be placed on Administrative Leave until he comes to before the Trustees at a future meeting for a disciplinary hearing. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION 2023-6-19-05:**

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

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) supplemental appropriations as presented
- d) reviewed the 2024 tax budget and set the date for the public hearing for the budget as June 26, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. at the township garage. Public notice of the hearing will be posted on the township bulletin board located at the township garage.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Paving program for 2023 was discussed. **RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-06: motion** by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve up to \$50,000 for spot paving areas on Poplar Ridge, Hurless and Murphy Roads, and fix the potholes on MacDonald Hill Road.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-07:** motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to dissolve the Twin Township EMS Department. The Fiscal Officer was requested to draft a letter to be sent to EMS members asking them to turn in all township equipment to the Fire Chief. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Bainbridge Fire Department has requested to borrow the Lucas Device from Twin Township. A written agreement to the loan was signed by all Trustees. Bainbridge will also be contacted at a later time to see if there is interest in purchasing the device.

Huntington Township has requested the use of one of Twin Township's Emergency Squads for a few days at one of their's is out for repairs. **RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-08:** Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Bethel to approve the request. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2023-06-19-09:** Motion by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Bethel to approve \$100.00 annual "boot" allowance to all full-time employees. During discussion, it was explained that if full-time employees chose to purchase a pair of work boots to use on the job, the township would reimburse up to \$100 annually toward the purchase price. To receive reimbursement, the employee will submit a copy of the purchase receipt to the Fiscal Officer. 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 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6/19/23 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