

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Trustee Bryan Bethel was absent. Also present was Fire Chief Marty Johnson, and Ross County Sheriff's Deputy Emily Schmidt.

***MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING***

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

***RESOLUTION 2023-09-11-01: Motion*** was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the minutes as presented and also the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

Deputy Sheriff Emily Schmidt was present on behalf of Sheriff Lavender. She asked the Trustees if there were any issues they wished to report to the Sheriff's department. Fire Chief Johnson said that Dispatch was still not toning out the Twin Township Volunteer Fire Department when there were motor vehicle accidents in the township. Since the responding EMS department has a fire truck dispatched also, there must be a communication problem with some of the dispatchers. Deputy Schmidt will make the sheriff aware of the issue.

***CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION***

Mr. Darbyshire reported that an electric pole on Lower Twin Road was damaged by Ross County Engineer's department when mowing the right-of-way. It will be fixed by the Engineer's office.

***FIRE CHIEF REPORT***

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

1. Fire Department member Caleb Swepston was to be present at tonight's meeting for a discipline hearing regarding his conduct at the February 7, 2023 Trustee's meeting. Mr. Swepston told the Fire Chief he would not be attending this evening due to "personal reasons". Mr. Darbyshire and Mr. Whitt directed the Fire Chief to get more information about why he could not be in attendance and to share that information with the Trustees. Mr. Darbyshire also asked the Fire Chief why Mr. Swepston was responding to fire calls when he was supposed to be on administrative leave. The Fire Chief said it was a mis-understanding, and that he now knows he is not to respond to fire calls until he is placed back on active duty.

***FINANCIAL***

***RESOLUTION 2023-09-11-02:***

***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 as presented
- d) approve tax rates and amounts for 2024 and submit certification to Ross County Auditor

All voted yes. Motion passed.

***OLD BUSINESS***

none

***NEW BUSINESS***

***RESOLUTION 2023-09-11-03:***

***Motion*** by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire to approve direct mail correspondence to township registered voters about the 1.5 mill EMS/Fire levy on the November, 7, 2023 ballot. Purpose of the mailing is to inform the residents of the township the need for the levy to pay for EMS services provided by adjoining townships.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

Ross County Engineer's office has requested information about paving projects proposed for 2024. The information needs to be to the Ross County Engineer's office by September 20, 2023 so Issue 1 funds can be applied for by them for paving. The township is expected to receive \$20,000 from Issue 1 funds to aid in paving next year through this program.

**RESOLUTION 2023-09-11-04:**

Mr. Darbyshire introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

That the Ross County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Round 38 for improvements and execute such contracts as required

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure and

Whereas, The Twin Township Board of Trustees are planning to make capital improvements to Hurless Road (T-103), and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be priority need for the community and is a qualified project under OPWC programs,

Now therefore be it resolved by the The Twin Township Board of Trustees:

Section 1: the Ross County Engineer is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: the Ross County Engineer is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining the financial assistance.

Mr. Whitt seconded the motion and the roll being called upon the question of adoption of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

J. Michael Darbyshire: aye

Michael Whitt: aye

**Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to enter into Executive Session for personnel issues. Remaining in Executive Session with the Trustees was the Fiscal Officer. Executive Session began at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 7:25 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2023-09-11-05:**

**Motion** by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire to cancel the regular meeting for October 9, 2023. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn the current meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.