

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

**RESOLUTION 2016-09-12-01:** *Motion* was made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Phil Gray, an independent candidate for Ross County Commissioner, introduced himself to the Trustees and spoke about his platform for the office he is seeking this November.

Charles Clark, retired Fiscal Officer of Colerain Township, spoke to the Trustees regarding the up-coming levee for the Ross County Health District. His main concern was regarding the financial package provided to the Director of the District, explaining why he believed it to be excessive. The Trustees encouraged him to present his findings to the Ross County Township Association, as that group will be asked to support the up-coming levy at their next Association meeting by the Ross County Health District officials.

Emily Schmidt, Administrative Assistant to the Ross County Sheriff, was present to address any concerns the Trustees had regarding the Sheriff's department. Mr. Darbyshire asked if she would report back to them the results of the "speed" trailer that was used last summer at Emerald and Marble Lane. She said she would investigate that and let them know the results. There was also discussion regarding drug abuse problems in the county, and how the Sheriff is trying to address the problem.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

The Fire Chief reported that the helicopter landing zone is not being mowed on a regular basis. Mr. Bethel suggested that Fire Department members could use the township mowing equipment to mow that area if the township employee cannot get to it in a timely manner.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Whitt reported that Mr. Crank of Harris Station Road contacted him regarding road ditch needing to be cleaned out. Mr. Whitt said he directed the township employee to take care of that.

Mr. Darbyshire reported that he met with the resident of Scott Road regarding the problem discussed at the last meeting. Repair of the problem is being handled.

**FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION 2016-09-12-02:**

*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.
- e) Accept the rates and amounts as determined by the Ross County Budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the Ross County Auditor for 2017

- f) Request to Ross County Auditor an increase of 2% for each resident in the sub-divisions at the east end of the township who have a street light assessment. Purpose is to provide revenue necessary to cover electric increases in the street lights from American Electric Power. The increase would apply to the next real estate tax bill.

All voted yes. motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bethel reported that the on-line auction of used un-needed township equipment will be done in the following 2-3 weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Bethel to declare “Trick or Treat” night for Twin Township to be October 27, 2016, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to enter Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. All voted yes. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 8:17 p.m.

With no other business to come before the Trustees at this time, **Motion** was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 09/12/2016 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