

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022
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 and fire department members Adam and Melissa Ball, Chris Benson and Brandi Adams.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

RESOLUTION 2022-11-14-01: 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

Sammy Dennis was present. He is the township's representative serving on the Pleasant Valley Sewer District Board of Directors. He was available to answer any questions from the Trustees regarding issues with the sewer district. When asked about expanding the sewer district lines, Mr. Dennis said there are no current plans to expand the district to any more homes along the route 28 area. The Trustees thanked Sammy for his participation and for attending the Trustees meeting to keep the township informed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Bethel reported that the rotary head mower has been ordered.

Resident Jan Knisley asked for "no engine brake" signs at each end of Bourneville. Mr. Darbyshire will contact ODOT.

Paul Corcoran is trimming trees along the right-of-way on Camelin Hill for the next 3 days.

Resident of Minnihen Bend Road complained of someone driving recklessly on the road. Sheriff referred them to the Trustees. The Trustees determined this is a law enforcement matter.

Mr. Whitt said he received a call from a resident on Queen Drive. The resident said that he has seen several big trucks using the road as a short-cut from state route 28 to county road Maple Grove. As there are no weight limit signs posted, there is not much that can be done to stop this.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

1. Fire Truck pump testing will be done soon by the Dill company.
2. Assistant Fire Chief Adam Ball presented a list of equipment totaling \$55,000 that he said would up-grade the rescue capacity of the fire department. During discussion, it was decided this would be considered later after the budget was reviewed to see what could be afforded at this time. In the meantime, the current equipment is still useable.
3. Discussion was held regarding funding options for a full-time EMS crew. Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to have EMS Captain Melissa Ball research the cost to hire a grant writer to try to secure a federal "SAFER" grant. All voted yes. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2022-11-14-02:

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

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

VIII NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Whitt made the following statement: "Based upon advice of the Ross County Prosecutor, I so move that the following resolution be adopted":

RESOLUTION 2022-11-14-03:

A member of the Twin Township Fire/EMS Department that has been "inactive" from the department for a period of 90 consecutive days, without prior approval of administrative leave or leave of absence from the Fire Chief, may be recommended, in writing, from the Fire Chief to the Trustees of Twin Township, for removal from the department. Before making the recommendation, the Fire Chief

shall also follow the directives of Article III Section 1.5, and Article VII, Section 3.1 and Article VII, Section 3.2, of the Twin Township Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG).

“Inactive” shall be defined as: not participating in any fire/EMS department meetings or trainings during the period in question, or not being involved as a participant in any emergency runs or fire runs during that time.

After written notification from the Fire Chief to the Trustees of a member or members being accused of being “inactive”, the individual or individuals involved shall be notified of the charge. Notice shall be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall also specify that the individual or individuals have the right to a hearing of the charges brought against them, to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Twin Township Trustees, in accordance with Ohio Revised Codes 733.35 through 733.39. Following the hearing, the Trustees shall follow directives of Ohio Revised Code 733.36 by voting for removal or non-removal of the member or members from the Twin Township Fire Department upon which the charge of “inactivity” has been brought. If the accusation of “inactive” is found to be true, this shall be considered a case of “nonfeasance”, one of the conditions for which a member of the Fire Department may be dismissed as described in Ohio Revised Code 733.35.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Notice of this resolution shall be provided to all current members of the Twin Township Fire and EMS Department by the Fire Chief through the normal methods of communication to members as per past practice, which includes, but not limited to: email and/or other electronic social media, and posting of this notice at the Fire House in a public location. This resolution shall be added to the current Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) of the Twin Township Fire Department under Article VII, Section 3, and as subsection 3.3.

This resolution shall supersede Resolution 2022-03-14-03, passed March 14, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Darbyshire. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2022-11-14-05:

Motion made by Mr. Whitt: The letter dated August 4, 2022, to Twin Township Fire Department members Joe Alexander, George Jenkins and Michael Norman informing them to turn in their township issued department equipment due to “inactivity” shall be rescinded. Motion seconded by Mr. Darybshire. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2022-11-14-06:

Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve the bid sheet for the 2023 cemetery mowing contract. The bid sheet is the same as the one for 2022. 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 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 11/14/22 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee