

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021**  
**MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUAL DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS (ZOOM)**

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 2021-02-08-01: Motion** was made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve the minutes as presented and also the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2021-02-08-02: Motion** was made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. All voted yes. Motion passed. Also in Executive Session was the Fiscal Officer. Executive Session began at 6:01 p.m. and ended at 6:19 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2021-02-08-03: Motion** was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire that for the foreseeable future, no public social gatherings shall be held in any township building due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, if any in-person township business meetings are held at any township building, all participants must wear a mask, and must be at least 6 feet apart, as per recommendations of the state and county health departments. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

none

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

1. The Fire Department Drone that was purchased in 2015 at a cost of \$1,717 is missing and presumed to be either lost or stolen. A drone can be very helpful in some emergency situations, such as a person lost in the woods. The Trustees advised the Fire Chief to get quotes on cost of purchasing a new one and present his findings at a future meeting for consideration of purchase.
2. The Fire Chief is working on performing an inventory of equipment and supplies for the Fire and EMS Departments.
3. The Fire Chief reviewed with the Trustees the list of fire and EMS members who had been nominated for officer positions. The Trustees instructed the Fire Chief to actively encourage members to participate in the voting for officers to be held during the month of February. Voting will be done by mail due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Results of the voting will be reported at the regular March 2021 Trustees' meeting.
4. The Fire Chief reported that the department's dump tank on one of the fire trucks was damaged in a recent fire run. He will get an estimate for repair and it will be submitted to the township's insurance agent.
5. Discussion was held regarding the department's life pac AED that is currently on loan to Paxton Township. Mr. Bethel will talk to Paxton Township Trustees about selling it to them, since our department no longer needs it.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

1. Mr. Whitt reported that township residents Bock Alexander had her mailbox damaged by a township snow plow and James Sawyer had some damage to the grass in his yard from a snow plow. Both are being investigated to see what the township needs to do, if anything, to repair the damage.
2. Mr. Darbyshire described an accident suffered by Chuck Norman, a township resident and retired member of the Twin Township Fire and Life Squad. Mr. Norman fell on the ice and the Ross County Sheriff's Dispatch was slow in calling for mutual aid, as the township was unable to assemble a crew to respond. The Fire Chief will contact the Sheriff's office to see if there is a way to improve the mutual aid process for Twin Township.
3. Mr. Bethel said that if the township needs gravel in the future, Marc Colburn, the person who hauls the gravel for the township, could purchase the gravel for 50 cents cheaper per ton than the township and has offered to do that. The township would then reimburse Mr. Colburn for the cost of the gravel as well as the transport fee. **Motion** to do so by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION 2020-12-21-02:**

**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

All voted yes. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Trustees reviewed the mowing contract proposal from Dylan Dotson. **Motion** by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the contract details as presented and submit it to Mr. Dotson for his review. The contract will be considered for approval at a subsequent meeting if signed and returned by Mr. Dotson. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Trustees reviewed the paving projects for 2021. Portions of Harris Station Road and Spruce Hill Road are to be paved at an estimated cost of \$25,200. Part of this expense will be off-set by a Community Development Block Grant, if approved. The township will also be making the first of three annual payments of \$33,451 to the Ross County Commissioners for a no-interest loan made to the township in 2020 for the purpose of paving all of Camelin Hill Road in 2020.

**Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to adjourn the current meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2/8/21 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