

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2017**  
**MEETING LOCATION: TWIN TOWNSHIP GARAGE**  
**11474 KERAN STREET, BOURNEVILLE, OHIO 45617**

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 2017-06-12-01: Motion** was made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Emily Schmidt, Representative of the Ross County Sheriff's office, was present. She mentioned a county-wide training exercise scheduled for all township safety services this Saturday and invited participation from Twin Township Fire Department.

Paul Minney, the new Ross County EMA Director, was present to introduce himself to the Trustees and offer his assistance to the township for any needs in the emergency services area. He also gave the Trustees copies of Ross County's new Mutual Aid agreement, which has minor changes. The agreement was signed by Mr. Whitt as Trustee President.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Fire Chief William Ford, III was present to give the report.

1. Applications for membership to the department was reviewed for two people: Beth Mendenhall of 114 Shawnee Street, Bainbridge with EMS Intermediate Certification, and Patrick Morris of 2215 MacDonald Hill Road, who needs to take the Fire Training class to become a member of the Fire Department. Both have been approved by the Fire Department's I&M Board. Motion made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve both individuals as recommended by the Fire Chief. All voted yes. Motion passed.
2. He is reviewing invoices from Airgas for the oxygen tanks the department rents from them. He said we could experience significant savings by switching from daily rental to yearly leases on the bottles. The Trustees instructed the Fire Chief to pursue quotes on this and report back to them.
3. Purchase of 15 additional pagers from B&C Communications at a price of \$9,007.50 was proposed by the Fire Chief. He said that this purchase should be all the pagers needed to work with the new MARCS system. Motion by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the purchase. All voted yes. Motion passed.
4. Fire reports have not been received by the State Fire Marshal's office for the past few months due to a software issue. The Fire Chief is working to rectify this situation.
5. The Fire Chief reported he is having difficulty filling officer vacancies. He asked the Trustees for permission to appoint officers instead of having them elected by the membership. Mr. Darbyshire suggested the Fire Chief draft a proposed change to the department's by-laws to that effect and present it to the Trustees at a future meeting for consideration, along with a list of pros and cons regarding the change.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Darbyshire reported:

1. He was contacted about a grave having some decorations damaged as a result of a grave being dug next to it. Motion made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel that the township reimburse the owner for cost of the decorated fencing that was damaged. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Whitt reported:

1. New road signs have been ordered from the Ohio Department of Transportation through their safety grant. Cost of the signs will be paid entirely through the grant and amounts to approximately \$5,700.

The Fiscal Officer reported:

A resident of Franklin Circle reported the "yield" sign is leaning and needs to be fixed. After discussion, the Trustees plan to contact the Ross County Engineer to see if other signage needs placed at this intersection just off state route 28. Also, the stop sign on North Alley exiting on Cropp Street is missing.

**FINANCIAL**

**RESOLUTION 2017-06-12-02:**

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

- a) payment of bills as presented

- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) Direct the Fiscal Officer to prepare the 2018 tax budget by June 30, 2017, and have 2 copies available for public view as per Ohio Revised Code

All voted yes. motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bethel reported: The county has begun the summer paving project, but date for paving in Twin Township has not yet been determined. Roads to be paved are currently being prepared by the Roads crew.

Mr. Darbyshire said if the township does not have any "Road Closed" signs, some would need to be ordered as they will be needed when repairs to Kelly Drive are done later this summer concerning the water issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2017-06-12-03:**

Motion made by Mr. Darbyshire to accept the "Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue" provided by the Ross County Auditor dated May 11, 2017, to be generated from the 2 mill Renewal property tax issue to be placed on the ballot in the general election on November 7, 2017 for the purpose of fire protection, ambulance and emergency medical services, for Twin Township. This request shall be submitted to the Ross County Prosecutor for the purpose of putting the issue in the correct ballot language. Seconded by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Trustees, motion by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Darbyshire to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6/12/17 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