

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
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 Mike Darbyshire, Trustee Bryan Bethel, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Also present: Marty Johnson, Fire Chief, Joe Alexander, Mary Atwood and Patricia Shoemaker, township residents.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived

RESOLUTION 2018-09-12-01: Motion was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Atwood said that the property at 227 Glenn Drive is being used as a “Meth House” and wanted to know if the Trustees could do anything about it. She also said there was a cat in the vacant house. The Trustees advised that those issues should be addressed with the Ross County Sheriff and the Ross County Humane Society. She said the property is not being kept up, and the Trustees explained the township’s nuisance policy, and said they would inspect it to see if it warranted to be declared a nuisance according to the policy.

Patricia Shoemaker was concerned about the ditch and culvert in front of her house that the Trustees repaired a few years ago. Mr. Darbyshire said he would inspect it and see if the Trustees needed to do anything in regard to repairs.

Both Ms. Atwood and Ms. Shoemaker asked about the flyer they received in the mail regarding the electric aggregation issue that will be on the ballot in the general election in November, 2018. The Trustees explained this was a method to help residents achieve lower pricing on their electric bill, similar to the system being used by Scioto Township. The Trustees encouraged them to attend the public meeting on September 27, 2018, to learn more about the program.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

The report was given by Marty Johnson, Fire Chief.

1. The Fire Chief reported that it would cost an estimated \$4,500 to fix the leak on the pumper-tanker. **Motion** to approve the repairs at the estimated price by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.
2. Rochelle Johnson has started the EMT class. Mr. Darbyshire asked if all the new members of the department are being reviewed and approved by the “I.&M.” Board, as required by the department’s Standard Operating Guidelines. In the future, the Fire Chief is to document this approval in writing and keep a record of it.
3. A fire training class for Union and Twin Townships is trying to be set up to begin next month.
4. All but 5 of the fire and squad members have completed The “Respectful Workplace” Training. This training was required of all members. The training has been offered two times and a third offering is being scheduled to try to allow the remaining members who haven’t taken the training an opportunity to do so.
5. Three quotes were presented for purchase of a set of turn-out gear needed for a new member recently accepted on the fire department. Cost will be approximately \$2,500. **Motion** to approve purchase by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes; motion passed.
6. Request to purchase Fire prevention materials for elementary students at Paint Valley School at a cost of \$556.20. **Motion** to approve purchase by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes; motion passed.
7. Storm drain in front of fire house will be repaired by Ohio Department of Transportation. Fire member Shelby Jameison has offered to repair the drive in that area. Materials will cost about \$5,000, and he is donating his labor. **Motion** to approve purchase by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes; motion passed.
8. Logistics regarding moving the fire trucks for the November election was discussed.
9. Mr. Bethel asked if there is a protective cage to use for filling of the oxygen tanks at the fire house. Fire Chief said he would contact the Paxton Township Squad Chief to see if he will inspect what is being used to see if it meets the safety requirements.

10. Lykins Energy Solutions will switch out the fuel tanks next to the fire house as soon as the electric to them is unhooked.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported:

1. Gene Frasure has asked for the speed bumps to be removed in north alley. The Trustees decided they will take it under consideration if a petition is presented to them showing what the residents in the alley prefer.
2. Brad Johnson has requested the Trustees report to the proper authority that one of his neighbors is discharging raw sewage onto his property. The Trustees determined this was a civil matter occurring on private property and it is the responsibility of the home owner to report this issue to the proper authorities for investigation.

Mr. Darbyshire reported:

Amy Mendenhall has verbally reported to him that she is requesting the termination of her contract to mow the Twin Township cemetery for the 2018 mowing season. She told him she will submit a written letter to terminate the contract. Until the written letter is received, the Trustees will not act on the termination request, however, township employees will take over the mowing beginning today, and will continue for the rest of the 2018 mowing season unless Amy Mendenhall contacts a Trustee that she has changed her mind and wants to complete her contractual obligations for the 2018 mowing season.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2018-09-12-02:

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) Approve inter-fund transfers as presented
- d) Approve supplemental appropriations as presented
- e) Accept the rates and amounts of tax levies as determined by the Ross County Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and have the Fiscal Officer certify them to the Ross County Auditor

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-09-12-03:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to AUTHORIZE THE TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO SIGN AND APPROVE THE “AGREEMENT TO MEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT” OFFERED BY THE OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION REGARDING THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT FILED BY AMY MENDENHALL. DATE OF THE MEDIATION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. AND WILL BE AT THE OFFICES OF THE OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION, 30 EAST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9/12/18 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee