

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 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, Austin Miller, and Emily Schmidt

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived

RESOLUTION 2018-10-15-01: Motion was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Emily Schmidt was present on behalf of the Ross County Sheriff. She said she tries to attend at least 2 township trustee meetings annually to see if the Sheriff needs to be aware of any problems in the township. The Trustees thanked her for her attendance and the support of the Sheriff's department.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

The report was given by Marty Johnson, Fire Chief.

1. Austin Miller was present. He has been reviewed and recommended by the I & M Board to become a member of the Twin Township Rescue Squad. **Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to approve his membership. All voted yes. Motion passed. Mr. Whitt administered the oath of office to the new member. Mr. Miller will be taking the EMT class offered by Pickaway-Ross Adult Education, course to be paid for by the township. **Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to authorize the Fiscal Officer to reimburse Mr. Miller for the cost of the background check done by the Sheriff's department. All voted yes. Motion passed.
2. **Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to approve membership to the Twin Township Fire and Rescue Squad for Melissa Weaver (EMT certified), and Adam Ball (firefighter certified). As they could not be present, they will be sworn in later by a Trustee. Fire Chief reported the candidates reside on Rozelle Creek Road, and had been members of Huntington Fire and EMS departments, but were not getting many runs due to that department being a paid crew. The Fire Chief has spoken to the Huntington Fire Chief, and both have been given positive recommendations. Upon call for vote, all voted yes. Motion passed.
3. At least 10 pairs of firefighter boots are out-dated and need replaced at a cost of approximately \$325.00 each. **Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Bethel to approve the purchase. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. All voted yes. Motion passed. Executive Session began at 7:15 p.m. and ended at 7:30 p.m.

4. The special training mandated by the Fire Chief and approved by the Trustees entitled "The Respectful Workplace" has been completed by all but 3 members of the department. This training was offered three different times as an effort to accommodate the schedules of all members so they could attend. All members have been informed that this training is mandatory and have been told by the Fire Chief that it must be completed to remain an active member of the department.

~~**RESOLUTION 2018-10-15-02: Motion** made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel, that all Twin Township Fire and EMS members must complete the mandatory training entitled "The Respectful Workplace" within 30 days of this date. Failure to complete the training will render those members "inactive" at that time, and until the training is completed and the certificate of completion is presented to the Fire Chief. All "inactive" members are required to turn into the Fire Chief all department issued equipment, including radios, pagers, etc. This resolution shall be reviewed by the law offices of Reminger and Associates, attorneys representing Twin Township, to verify the township's legal authority to handle this issue in this manner. Upon call for vote, all voted yes. Motion passed. (Rescinded from draft minutes upon advice of attorney)~~

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported:

1. He received a complaint from a resident of Alexander Hollow regarding right-of-way mowing and potholes on the road. He has made the roads employee aware of the issues and it is being resolved.

2. He, Mr. Bethel and Fire Chief Marty Johnson attended the Civil Rights Mediation held at the Civil Rights office in Columbus on October 3, 2018. This mediation was in response to a civil rights complaint filed by Amy Mendenhall. There was no resolution to the complaint achieved at the mediation.

Mr. Darbyshire reported:

1. A Scott Road resident has complained that the hill needs graded. He has also made the roads employee aware of this issue and it will be addressed.

The Fiscal Officer reported:

1. Paxton Township Trustee Dan Driapsa has asked the trustees to consider paving the part of California Hollow Road that is in Twin Township next year, as Paxton Township intends to pave their section up to the Holbert residence. Mr. Bethel will discuss this with one of the Paxton Township Trustees.
2. A summary of Issue 1 was reviewed by the Trustees at the request of the Ross County Prosecutor. The Prosecutor is opposed to the issue as he believes it will make the illegal drug issue worse in Ohio.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2018-10-15-03:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded 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

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-10-15-04:

Motion by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to accept the written cancellation of the contract between Twin Township and Amy Mendenhall, representing Mendenhall Landscaping, for mowing of Twin Cemetery. Termination of the contract shall be official as of September 27, 2018, the date of the letter from Mendenhall's attorney, Bryan K. Duncan. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-10-15-05:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to approve the indigent burial of Jeffery Delgado, at the expense of the township. All voted yes. Motion passed. Section G, lot 167 in Twin Cemetery shall be designated "Potter's Field" to be used for burial of indigent persons. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 10/15/18 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee