

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2014
MEETING LOCATION: TWIN TOWNSHIP FIREHOUSE**

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 Bryan Bethel, Trustee Michael Darbyshire and Fiscal Officer William Jones.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous regular and special meeting was waived.

RESOLUTION 2014-5-12-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Toni Henderson of 10930 Cropp Street spoke to the Trustees about the trees located on the right-of-way at her residence. She said the trees are in danger of being blown over by storms and she wants the Trustees to remove them. The Trustees explained that the township does not own trees, and the township can only remove them if they are a hazard to the township road. The property is owned by Beryl Elliott and the Trustees encouraged Ms. Henderson to contact him to see if he would remove them.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Ford, III gave the following report:

- 1) The Chief gave an update on the county radio committee. A grant has been applied for to the state to purchase MARCS radios for all township fire departments. State Forestry may also contribute to purchase of some of the new radios.
- 2) Application to accept Shawn Cooper of 201 Walnut Street, Bainbridge, Ohio, as new member of Fire Department was presented. Motion to approve made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- 3) Repairs are needed to squad 1616.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Darbyshire reported:

- 1) He was contacted by Jason Vaughn of Camelin Hill about an issue with a culvert diverting rain run-off into his yard. Mr. Darbyshire made a motion to fix the ditch by draining the run-off to the next culvert and sealing off the one dumping into Mr. Vaughn's yard. Motion seconded by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer reported:

A recent report from the Ohio Township Association (OTARMA) suggested that the method currently used by Twin Township to reimburse employees and officials for health care premiums has been changed by the Affordable Care Act. OTARMA reported the amounts are now considered taxable fringe benefits. The Fiscal Officer contacted the IRS to verify this and spoke to John Darr. Mr. Darr is aware of the ruling and said at this time, we should continue as we have been doing until the government makes an official decision that this has been interpreted correctly. When a definitive decision has been made, Mr. Darr will contact OTARMA to publish an explanation in their newsletter.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2014-5-12-02:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt to:

- a. Approve payment of bills as presented
- b. Approve annual appropriation as presented
- c. Purchase orders and blanket certificates as presented

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. There were two sealed bids for purchase of the fire truck for sale by the township: one for \$995.00 and one for \$5,001.00. The higher bid from Sexton's Excavating was accepted. The Fiscal Officer was directed to notify the winning bidder.
- b. Mr. Whitt reported a local 4-h group will be putting flags in the township cemeteries for memorial day.
- c. Township resident Omar Johnson has offered to remove an old cedar tree in the old Bourneville Cemetery.
- d. A quote will be sought from Daniel Hatton to install a bathroom in the new township garage.

With no other business to come before the Trustees at this time, ***Motion*** was made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.