

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 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 2014-8-11-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Dabyshire to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bess Dunlap, representing the Ohio Regional Development Council, presented information to all present on Federal Fair Housing Legislation. This workshop is a requirement for all entities that receive federal funds, such as Community Development Block Grants, which the township received to help with road paving.

Mary Atwood of Lynn Acres addressed the Trustees regarding two issues:

- 1) The yard at 283 Glenn Drive has not been mowed all summer. The Trustees agreed to consider it a township nuisance and directed the Fiscal Officer to present a completed "Nuisance Complaint" Form to the owner of the property.
- 2) Her neighbors are being disruptive, and asked if there was anything the Trustees could do to help the situation. The Trustees told her that is a civil matter between her and her neighbor, or needs to be taken up with the Ross County Sheriff.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Ford, III gave the following report:

- 1) The Ross County Engineer is not notifying the Fire Department regarding county road closures. Mr. Darbyshire said he would speak to the Ross County Engineer regarding this.
- 2) There is now a written auto response agreement with the Bainbridge Fire Department if there is any fire call at Paint Valley Schools. A copy was presented to the Trustees.
- 3) The "I M responding" program is not working as explained by the Ross County Sheriff.
- 4) The county-wide radio committee has been dis-banded as explained in a letter from the committee. Concern was expressed about using the Ross County Dispatch. If the city of Chillicothe is used, calls could be dispatched using the MARCS radios. The Trustees questioned how mutual aide runs would be dispatched if neighboring departments did not use MARCS. The Chief said he would investigate the radio situation in more detail and report back to the Trustees.
- 5) A request to purchase a new tanker for the fire department at a cost of \$199,793. This would be to replace the existing 1983 tanker in use. Financing terms through the company from which the truck would be purchased were presented: 5 years: \$36,100 annually @ 2.99%; 7 years: \$32,535 annually @ 3.39%; 10 years: \$24,251 annually @ 3.69%. The price on the tanker will increase at the beginning of the year. The Trustees asked the Fiscal Officer to provide to them financial information for the fire fund before the next Trustees Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported:

- 1) Township resident Dwight Knapper reported an issue regarding a delivery truck making deliveries to his neighbor on a township road and sometimes turning his truck around on his property. Mr. Knapper wanted to know if there was a load limit or any township restrictions on commercial deliveries on township roads. Mr. Whitt told him this was an issue that should be addressed through civil court or the Sheriff's office if the truck was trespassing on his property. The township has no authority to restrict the truck from making deliveries.
- 2) Glen Barker will be contacted to quote a price on installing a restroom in the new township garage.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2014-8-11-02:

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
- d. A donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Amelia Benner Foundation was presented and accepted to be used for current expenses of the Fire & EMS Departments
- e. Increase annual appropriations for fund 1000 by \$12,000 for local paving and increase fund 2041 and fund 2021 by \$5,000 each for current expenses. Request certificate from Ross County Auditor that annual appropriations do not exceed resources.

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The paving program was modified to include paving of identified roads in the sub-divisions at local expense:

Resolution 2014-8-11-03: In order to maintain the general condition of roads in Twin Township, a total of \$30,439.00 shall be hereby set aside and appropriated from Twin Township local funds to pave the sections of the following roads in Twin Township this fiscal year: Emerald Lane, Marble Lane, Diamond Lane and Cameo Lane, as indicated in the attached document from Paul Cottrill, Ross County Engineers office. A purchase order in the above amount shall be issued to G. & J. Paving.

Above motion made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to gravel Shoemaker Lane as needed. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of purchasing a trackhoe for grave digging in the cemetery, and also possibly leasing a tractor to do ditch mowing along township roads beginning next year. These items will be discussed further at future meetings as details are collected.

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 9:10 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.