

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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 2014-9-8-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Dabyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

none

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Ford, III gave the following report:

- 1) Discussion was held regarding purchase of a new tanker. The Fiscal Officer presented financial information concerning the Fire Fund, and projections of revenue for 2015. After review of the financial information, Mr. Bethel made a motion to consider purchase of a new tanker for the Fire Department in January, 2015, when there will be a clearer understanding of the resources available to proceed with a major purchase of equipment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Whitt. Mr. Bethel voted yes. Mr. Whitt voted yes. Mr. Darbyshire voted no. Motion passed.
- 2) The Fire Chief reviewed the "Emergency Response" agreement with Bainbridge Fire Department regarding fire dispatches to Paint Valley School. The agreement states that both departments will be dispatched at the same time if there is a fire call at the school. There is no such agreement in place with the Emergency Squads from Twin and Paxton Township. The Trustees agreed that Mr. Darbyshire will attend an up-coming Paint Valley School Board Meeting and try to clarify from the School Board and Superintendent if they want the same kind of agreement with the two Emergency Squads in their school district.
- 3) The Fire Chief asked the Trustees for permission to contact Portsmouth Ambulance, which has a satellite base in Ross County, to see if they would be willing to consider entering into a contract to provide day-time coverage for Twin Township residents in case volunteers are not available for day-time runs. The Trustees agreed to have the Chief check on this and then report back to the Trustees with details.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported:

- 1) A quote was presented from Glen Barker to install bathroom facilities and make improvements to the office area in the new township garage at a cost of \$17,350.00. Motion made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the quote as presented and make necessary supplemental appropriations from the general fund for that purpose. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Darbyshire reported:

- 1) The paving estimate for Poplar Ridge this year will be very close to what is needed to complete the job.
- 2) The Lynn Acres residence that Mary Atwood complained about at the previous meeting has not been mowed yet. The Fiscal Officer stated that a certified letter that the property was declared a nuisance was mailed to the owner of record on August 12, 2014. As of this date, the notice of delivery of the letter has not been returned from the post office. In order for the township to be reimbursed for the cost of cleaning up a nuisance property, the township must show proof to the Ross County Auditor that the nuisance notice has been served.

Mr. Bethel reported:

Quotes were presented on the cost of purchase of a new track hoe for use in the cemetery as well as a new tractor to use for mowing along township roadways. Mr. Bethel said he would present more detailed information at a future meeting.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2014-9-8--02:

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

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

- d. Approve the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Ross County Budget Commission and Authorize the Necessary Tax Levies for 2015 for Twin Township and certify them to the Ross County Auditor.
- e. Approve the street light assessments for 2015 as presented by the Fiscal Officer
- f. Approve changing the 14-day pay period for employees so that pay period begins on Friday and ends 14 days later on Thursday. (current 14-day pay period begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. Change is requested so that employees can receive pay checks every other Friday instead of every other Monday).

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Trustees discussed the potential sale of the current township garage, and the use of the salt building and gravel storage area south of the alley behind the current garage. ***Motion*** made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to have the current garage appraised by a licensed real estate appraiser. Then a decision could be made as to the best method of selling the building. Second by Mr. Darbyshire. All voted yes. Motion passed. The general consensus of the Board at this time would be to maintain ownership of the salt building and gravel storage area south of the alley and sell only the garage and lot on which it is located.

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 8:55 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.