

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2015
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 meeting were waived.

RESOLUTION 2015-04-21-01: Motion was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

10 Residents from Emerald Lane and Marble Lane were present. Mr. Bill Kitts spoke to the Trustees on behalf of the residents present. The residents present are concerned about the speeding on the roads mentioned above. He said that it seemed those exceeding the posted 25 mph speed limit are residents or visitors of the adjoining sub-division, Franklin Circle. He and those present are requesting consideration of closing off the end of Marble Lane on the west end, essentially making that a dead-end street. The residents have been in touch with the Ross County Sheriff and have requested having the "speed trailer" placed temporarily on Emerald or Marble Lane, hoping that would slow the speeders. Mr. Kitts also requested if the Trustees would consider lowering the posted speed limit from the current 25 mph to either 20 or 15 mph.

The Trustees responded by saying a letter will be sent to the Sheriff asking for more patrol in the area to watch for traffic violations. Also, the Ross County Engineer will be consulted regarding the procedure and possibility of having the west end of Marble Lane closed off, and also what would be involved in changing the posted speed limit.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Ford, III gave the following report:

- 1) The trade for the 1998 squad did not work out. Squad 1616 is still out of service. Mr. Bethel again recommended that the mechanic in Hillsboro may be able to resolve the problem. The Fire Chief said they will first take the Squad back to Coughlin Automotive and have them re-inspect the problem.
- 2) The tanker has been repaired. Arrangements will be made in the near future to have it driven back from the plant in Nebraska.
- 3) Nathan Aber, a Twin Township resident, has submitted an application to become a member of the Twin Township Volunteer Fire Department. He has been approved by the necessary committees and recommended by the Fire Chief. Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to accept Nathan Aber as a member of the Twin Township Volunteer Fire Department. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- 4) The Fire Chief asked if he could have a township credit card issued to him due to many requirements where one is needed to fulfill his duties as Chief, such as the school district's Knox Box fees. Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to have a credit card issued to the Fire Chief, with the same spending requirements and limitations as now currently exist. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Bethel reported:

- 1) The current tractor should be used at this time to mow the township roads.
- 2) Glen Barker is almost done with the remodeling of the new township garage.
- 3) Township backhoe needs repaired. No quote for repair has been received yet.
- 4) Crop production is donating a heat pump for the new township garage. It has been inspected and found to be in working order. Motion made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to accept the donation. Upon call for vote, Mr. Darbyshire and Mr. Whitt voted yes. Mr. Bethel abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Whitt reported:

- 1) Peggy Hiles of Murphy Lane reported that the "no outlet" sign on her road had been stolen. A new one will be ordered.
- 2) Flags will be placed in the cemetery by a 4-h group for Memorial Day.
- 3) Carl Henderson of Poplar Ridge reported that a culvert on that road has been damaged. After inspection, it was determined the culvert will be replaced.

The Fiscal Officer reported:

- 1) Information received recently from the State of Ohio Auditor's office indicates that the township will not be allowed to continue reimbursing public officials and full-time employees for health care premiums after July 1, 2015 as this is a violation of the federal Affordable Care Act. If reimbursement is continued the township will face a fine of \$100 per day per person for the violation.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2015-04-21-02:

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

- a. Approve payment of bills as presented

- b. Approve Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
 - c. Approve supplemental appropriations as presented.
- All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to set the regular monthly meetings of the Twin Township Trustees to the second Tuesday of each month, beginning in May. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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 8:38 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.