

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 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, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Trustee Michael Darbyshire was absent.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived.

RESOLUTION 2015-05-11-01: *Motion* was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Thomas of 7078 Scott Road addressed the Trustees. She is requesting the closing of Scott Road because of the various problems she is having with her neighbors. Mr. Bethel told her he is not in favor of closing the road for safety reasons of township residents. Mr. Whitt said that most of the complaints she has mentioned are law enforcement matters, and need to be handled with the proper authorities, either the Ross County Sheriff or State Highway Patrol.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Ford, III gave the following report:

- 1) The tanker that had been sent to Nebraska has been repaired under warranty. It is now back in service.
- 2) Nichole Shepherd, a member of the volunteer Emergency Squad, has requested permission to take advanced EMT training with the township paying for the training. The Chief is in favor of this. *Motion* made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve Advanced EMT training for Nicole Shepherd at a cost of \$1,145. Training to be offered through the Adult Division of Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported:

- 1) Hurless Road is being repaired.

The Fiscal Officer reported:

- 1) Bills from NAPA need to have the ticket enclosed to be documented properly who charged supplies there.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2015-05-11-02:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and second by Mr. Whitt 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

Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. All voted yes. Motion passed. Remaining with the Trustees in Executive Session was the Fiscal Officer. Executive Session began at 7:46 and ended at 8:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to raise the regular pay rate for full-time employees by \$2.00 per hour to \$17.40 beginning with the first pay check issued in July, 2015. The reason for the increase is to allow the township to continue offering a Health Insurance Premium reimbursement benefit to full-time employees. The Federal Government has declared the method of reimbursement of health insurance premiums by townships to be in violation of the Affordable Care Act. The Federal Government has given those entities currently in violation until July 1, 2015 to stop the reimbursement method currently in use or face fines of \$100 per day per person for the violation. The Ohio Township Association, in its May/June 2015 magazine, page 31, suggested the pay increase as a way to continue the benefit for employees. However, public officials are not eligible for this method as their salary is determined and set by state law. If the Federal Government reverses this ruling in the future and allows townships to resume reimbursement of health insurance premiums, the \$2.00 per hour raise will be considered again by the Trustees as to whether or not to continue it. 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 8:11 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.