

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2017
MEETING LOCATION: TWIN TOWNSHIP GARAGE 11474 KERAN STREET

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 Michael Darbyshire, Trustee Bryan Bethel, and Fiscal Officer William Jones. Also present was Bill Ford, Jr., Fire Lieutenant, William Ford III, Fire Chief, Rebecca Justice and Emily Schmidt.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

RESOLUTION 2017-03-13-01: Motion was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Bethel to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rebecca Justice spoke to the Trustees on behalf of the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System. She asked the Trustees to sign a letter on behalf of the group to apply for "Clean Ohio" grant funds to assist the Arc of Appalachia in purchasing land available for sale adjacent to the Spruce Hill Preserve. A copy of the information is attached to the minutes. **Motion** made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Whitt to endorse the grant application as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Emily Schmidt, liaison to townships from the Ross County Sheriff's office, was available to address any concerns the Trustees had with law enforcement. Mr. Darbyshire asked if there was a report yet on the speed trailer that was set up on Emerald Lane last year? Ms. Schmidt will keep trying to find the report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

The Fire Chief said he needs some "No Parking" signs to place around the fire hydrant at the fire house parking lot. He is still waiting to receive possession of the air packs and bottles from the city of Columbus Division of Fire. The Fire Chief asked that if he did not have any formal report to make if he was required to attend each Trustee meeting? Trustees said they would contact him if they needed him to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Darbyshire reported :

1. He received a request to issue a nuisance violation on the property located between 10935 Cropp Street and 10989 Cropp Street. After inspection, the majority of the Trustees decided the location did not meet the criteria to be declared a nuisance at this time.
2. He spoke with the Ross County Planning Department regarding CDBG application. The meeting for the grant application is March 15, 2017 at the Ross County Commissioners office. Mr. Bethel plans to attend on behalf of the Trustees.
3. He has contacted 3 fence companies to provide quotes to fence in the south end of the cemetery.
4. He recommended that Chad Miller apply for CDL class A license, any expenses to be paid by the Trustees.
5. He recommended the purchase of a hydraulic thumb for the backhoe.
6. He recommended use of #8 or #9 limestone for cemetery roads.
7. There are some trees close to the Camelin Hill bridge at the Jeff Hill residence that are contributing to the bridge clogging during heavy rains. These should be removed.

Mr. Whitt and Mr. Bethel agreed with recommendations 4 through 7.

Mr. Darbyshire also reported to the Trustees that the Weatherhead property located east of the Twin Township Fire House has been sold. At the February meeting of the Trustees, there was discussion about the township entering into negotiations to consider purchase of the property, but it was sold a few days after that meeting, at a price considerably lower than that offered for purchase to the township.

Mr. Bethel showed a video report of condition of each township road and discussed paving for 2017.

Fiscal Officer William Jones reported:

1. He attended a Ross County Health District Departmental budget hearing on March 13, 2017. The Health District plans to submit a budget requesting “inside millage” in the amount of \$905,596 to the Ross County Budget Commission on April 1, 2017. Townships and villages would be responsible for 60% of that amount, with the remainder to come from the city of Chillcothe. Twin Township’s share of this amount will be over \$44,000, which represents more than 2/3 of tax revenue received annually for the general fund.
2. The Ross County Township Association will meet at Scioto Township hall on March 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
3. The Ross County Health District Advisory Council will meet on March 30, 2017 at the Ross County Health District office beginning at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2017-03-13-02:

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

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented

All voted yes. motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The 2017 paving program was finalized, as well as the 5 year paving plan.

RESOLUTION 2017-03-13-03:

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to pave portions of Scott and MacDonald Hill Road, as well as chip and seal Flat Road. All voted yes. motion passed. Mr. Bethel will present the information to the Ross County Engineer tomorrow, March 14, 2017.

RESOLUTION 2017-03-13-04:

Authorize the Twin Township Trustees to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for FY 2017. The purpose of this grant will be for paving improvements to 6/10 mile of Harris Station Road and 1/10 mile of Minnehin Bend Road, both roads being located in Twin Township. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$33,200. Matching funds that shall be allocated to the project from Twin Township shall be \$16,600. Twin Township will be responsible for any additional and all in-kind expenses that may result from this project.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Mike Darbyshire.

Voting was unanimous in favor of the project. Resolution passed.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3/13/17 TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee