

TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2023
MEETING LOCATION: 11474 KERAN ST., BOURNEVILLE, OHIO

President Michael Whitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 township resident Sam Mark, Fire Chief Marty Johnson and Curtis Bolton.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

RESOLUTION 2023-03-13-01: Motion was made by Mr. Whitt and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the minutes as presented and also the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sam Mark was present to observe the meeting. Curtis Bolton, a Representative from S.C. Construction Company, presented information to the Trustees regarding road paving methods done by their company.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Mr. Whitt reported that a township resident requested something be done about the conditions of the house and yard at 20 Diamond Lane. A nuisance notice shall be issued to the owner. ***Motion*** to approve nuisance notice by Mr. Whitt and second by Mr. Darbyshire. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Darbyshire asked that a nuisance notice be sent to the owner of the property at the corner of North Alley and Cropp Street. The yard in front of the residence there is filled with trash and other junk and needs to be cleaned up. ***Motion*** to approve nuisance notice by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Darbyshire is still working on contacting neighboring townships and local entities to assist in petitioning the federal government for access to federal funds for local use.

Mr. Darbyshire informed the Trustees that he was contacted by an individual that wanted to buy properties located on either side of the alley at 11402 U.S. rte 50 in Bourneville. He requested that the alley be vacated so that he could connect the properties. ***Motion*** by Mr. Darbyshire to table this until further information can be presented to the Trustees regarding this request. Second by Mr. Bethel. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer relayed information on an upcoming event: Ross County Health District DAC meeting on 3/16/23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ross County Health District.

FINANCIAL

RESOLUTION 2023-03-13-02:

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

- a) payment of bills as presented
- b) Purchase Orders and blanket certificates as presented
- c) supplemental appropriations as presented
- d) annual appropriations for Twin Township as presented

All voted yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

none.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Corcoran will be contacted to see if he can remove the large tree in the Twin Township Cemetery close to the flag pole. The roots of the tree are causing the surrounding headstones to be affected.

Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Whitt to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, as permitted in O.R.C. Remaining in Executive Session with the Trustees was the Fiscal Officer. Executive Session began at 7:20p.m. Fire Chief Marty Johnson entered at 7:35 p.m. Regular session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Marty Johnson gave the report.

Township drugs in the Emergency Squads were given to Bainbridge village for use by their EMS department. Oxygen tanks for the squads are to be returned to AirGas on Friday, March 17, 2023. Pebble Township in Pike County is having a class to train fire fighters.

Motion by Mr. Darbyshire and second by Mr. Bethel: if any person would like to take the fire fighter training to become a member of the Twin Township Fire Department, upon approval of the application of the individual to become a member, Twin Township will pay for the training on the condition that after successful completion of the training, the individual will agree to serve as a member of the Twin Township Fire Department for a period of at least 18 months. If not, the individual will be required to repay the township for the cost of the training. This motion shall be added to the Standard Operating Guidelines of the Twin Township Fire Department, and will be effective with all future applicants. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief asked approval of purchase of supplies at a cost of approximately \$1,200: lights and flashlights, shower heads and other plumbing supplies. **Motion** by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Fire Department members voted in favor of the Trustees appointing Shaun Allen as Fire Captain for the two year period beginning 1/1/2023. **Motion** by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to approve. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Fire Department members voted in favor of the Trustees appointing Marty Johnson as Fire Chief for the two year period beginning 1/1/2023. **Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to appoint Mr. Johnson as Fire Chief on a 6 month probationary basis, beginning 1/1/2023. Purpose is to determine how the Fire Chief is able to favorably improve communications and other operations of the Fire Department during that period with the Board of Trustees. A decision to extend the appointment for the remaining 18 months will be made at the regular July, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt to adjourn the current meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:

Michael Whitt, President

Michael Darbyshire, Vice-President

Bryan Bethel, Trustee