

**TWIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2014  
MEETING LOCATION: TWIN TOWNSHIP FIREHOUSE**

President Michael Whitt called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 were waived.

**RESOLUTION 2014-10-13-01: 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) Three EMT's from the department have requested permission to take EMT refresher course starting November 1, 2014, at Bainbridge and have the township pay for the expense at a cost of \$200 each. The EMT's are: Marty Johnson, Harvey Bales, and Jane McCabe. **Motion** to approve: Mr. Bethel; seconded by Mr. Whitt. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- 2) Asked the trustees if there has been any further consideration of purchasing the tanker for the fire department that had been requested and then tabled at previous meeting. **Motion** by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to remove the item for consideration from the table. All voted yes. Motion passed. After the Fiscal Officer presented current Fire Fund finances and financial projections for the remaining of 2014 and through 2015, the Trustees questioned the Fire Chief about up-coming special purchases, such as radios, turn-out gear, etc. The Trustees cautioned the Fire Chief that, until the Fire Truck loan is paid off, which will not be until March 25, 2018, the Fire budget will be reduced by at least \$24,000 yearly. The Fire Chief replied that expenses on maintenance should be reduced by the purchase of a new tanker, the old tanker can be sold (he considered the value to be at least \$10,000), the township has enough MARCS radios currently and will not need to buy new ones, and turn-out gear purchases can be held to no more than one per year. With these and other cost savings measures, the Fire Chief felt certain he could stay within the budget limitations that would need to be imposed if this tanker is purchased. Following discussion, **motion** made by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Bethel to Lease/Purchase the Fire Truck Tanker from Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC, at a total cost of \$199,793.00, financed by Republic First National of Rochester, Indiana, at an annual interest rate of 2.69%, with this additional condition: the first of 10 annual payments of \$24,251.40 not to be due until after October 1, 2015. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Whitt reported:

- 1) Ron Mitchell of Shoemaker Lane complained about the road being returned to gravel instead of being paved again. Mr. Whitt explained that cost for paving was prohibitive at this time. Mr. Darbyshire said he was contacted by Mr. and Mrs. Max Shoemaker, other residents of Shoemaker Lane, and they thanked the Trustees for graveling the road and taking care of the potholes.
- 2) Bob Leedom complained about the condition of Spargursville Road south of Potts Hill Road. Mr. Bethel said he had been in contact with him also, and had told him that the road will be graveled and taken care of as soon as possible.

Mr. Darbyshire reported:

- 1) The Paint Valley Superintendent will be contacted to draft a letter indicating that the school district is requesting that emergency squads from both Paxton and Twin be dispatched for emergencies occurring at the school. The letter will then be shared with the Ross County Prosecutor to determine the legality of such a request since Paxton Township objects to this, and the school buildings are located in Paxton Township.
- 2) He met with OTARMA consultant Kelly Austin on September 22. Purpose of meeting was to review methods whereby the township can reduce risk and improve safety for workers and others. A report of the findings will be presented to the Trustees at a future meeting.

Mr. Bethel reported:

- 1) Quotes were presented on costs of a track-hoe for the cemetery and a new tractor for the road department. He explained also that Kabota has a rental program whereby a tractor with boom mower can be rented for \$2,000 per week. He suggested this would be a cheaper alternative than using our equipment due to the wear and tear. He also recommended, due to the expense, not to purchase a track-hoe, but to consider purchase of a new tractor after selling our old one at the end of the current mowing season.

The Fiscal Officer reported:

- 1) At the County township meeting held on October 2, 2014, the Ross County Engineer offered to provide new signs for one road in each township. Trustees are to contact the Engineer to inform him of which road.

#### **FINANCIAL**

##### **RESOLUTION 2014-10-13-02:**

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

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

All voted yes. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the sale of the township's 2004 Dump Truck at a price of \$12,000 to the Ross County Engineer. All voted yes. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2014-10-13-03:** Signs shall be posted on all U. S., state and township roads passing through Twin Township that shall state: "NOW ENTERING TWIN TOWNSHIP". Purpose of this resolution is to assist emergency vehicles and others as to the boundaries of Twin Township. Motion made by Mr. Bethel and seconded by Mr. Whitt. Upon call for vote, Mr. Bethel: yea; Mr. Whitt: yea; Mr. Darbyshire: abstain. 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 9:05 p.m. All voted yes. Motion passed.