

RUSSELL TWP FIRE-RESCUE STATION

JULY 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman James Dickinson. Trustees James Mueller and Kristina Port were present.

Mr. Dickinson welcomed guests and Chief Frazier and Chief Carroll to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2009 Regular Trustee's meeting as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Mueller yes, Ms. Port yes, Mr. Dickinson abstain. The motion passed.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Ms. Port moved to acknowledge receipt of the June 2009 monthly departmental reports from the Fire, Police, and Maintenance departments. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the June 2009 monthly departmental reports from the Road and Zoning departments. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Easton Excavating has made the detention pond much bigger. The area has been seeded and most of the equipment has been removed. The silt in the bottom of the pond appears to have come from the drilling of three wells and sitework performed in the recent past. After some discussion it was agreed that legal action to recover costs of the repair was too expensive to pursue.

Chief Frazier reported that he received a \$3,500.00 grant for Emergency Medical Services.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Carroll reported that the communications tower on Pekin Road is now operational. He explained that communications in the areas of West Woods Park, Hillbrook Club, and Westwood Elementary School are all improved. He also pointed out that the communications between our own fire and police departments were improved by the tower.

Chief Carroll reported an average number of fireworks complaints. Fireworks may be purchased in Ohio but it is illegal to set them off. Fireworks must be removed from the state within 48 hours of purchase.

FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the Fiscal Officer's Certificate dated July 15, 2009. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Ms. Heck explained that the Township is borrowing money through tax anticipation notes. In 2010 the Township is expected to receive stimulus funding and will attempt to pay the notes off in one year. OWP has \$500,00.00 available next year.

RESOLUTION 2009-18: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve Resolution 2009-18 A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of*

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Tax Anticipation Notes, Series 2009, in the aggregate principal amount of \$700,000.00. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BID AWARD: THISTLE LANE & CALLEY LANE: *Ms. Port moved that the Cement Stabilization and Asphalt Resurfacing of Thistle Lane and Calley Lane be awarded to Ronyak Paving as recommended by the Geauga County Engineer. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

BID AWARD: RESURFACING OF VARIOUS ROADS: *Mr. Mueller moved that the Resurfacing of Various Roads be awarded to Kokosing Construction Company, Inc as recommended by the Geauga County Engineer. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC HEARING: 2010 BUDGET: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to open the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2010. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m.*

Fiscal Officer Gerri Heck stated that approximately \$9,000.00 have been decertified from the Township's Undivided Local Government Fund. She said that 98% of the estimated revenues for the Township come from property taxes. Property taxes will probably be lowered in 2011, and the Township's revenues will decrease.

Previously in Executive Session, the Township Trustees agreed to suspend any employee pay raises until Spring 2010. It is a deferred decision. Action on pay raises will be taken at a later date.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to close the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2010. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m.

2010 BUDGET: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the proposed budget for the year 2010. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

OPWC RUNOFF ELECTION: *Mr. Mueller moved to elect in the runoff election F. James Hammar and his identified alternate William Wilson to the OPWC District Seven Local Integrating Committee. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

TIME-WARNER: *Mr. Dickinson explained that the contract with Time-Warner does expire on July 22, 2009. The State of Ohio has removed the ability to extend the cable contracts. The Township now has the ability to adopt a video service agreement, VSA, in place of the franchise agreement. It is essentially a tax charged to cable users of up to 5%. Currently the Township charges 3% through the expiring franchise agreement. The Township also loses the right to*

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have Time-Warner maintain our cable equipment. Because of this loss of maintenance, Channel 20, the Russell Township government access channel, may not be continued by Time-Warner in the future. Mr. Dickinson agreed to follow-up with the Township attorney on the Channel 20 concern.

Russell Township has an attorney to negotiate with Time Warner to get the Police and Fire Stations connected to fiber optic cable. The existing contract obligates Time-Warner to run cable. The Township notified Time-Warner well in advance of our contract expiring of their obligation to run the fiber optic cable to the public buildings.

TRUSTEE GOALS: This item was tabled until the next Trustee's meeting.

TECHNOLOGY: Ms. Port reported on the status of technological work being done in Geauga County. ConnectOhio is performing a state funded project to map the underserved areas for broadband connectivity. \$7.5 billion of funding is available through ARRA. The application is due August 14, 2009. Geauga has representatives from the Public Library system, Park Districts, School Systems, and the Lake/Gauga Computing Association, attending to the project. Geauga County is attempting to leverage broadband to the best of their ability. One Community is representing 30 counties and has a much bigger RFP. Telisys is not needed. ConnectOhio and OneCommunity can do the work without Telisys' assistance.

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION: Ms. Port looked at the annual and peak kilowatt usage of the Township buildings. She reported on the different offers from NOPEC, COSE, and FirstEnergy available to the Township. For budgeting purposes, Ms. Port recommended that the Township accept the COSE rate with First Energy Solutions for a 34 month fixed discount of 5.75%. Township employees are eligible for the COSE rate. The decision must be made by July 22, 2009. *Ms. Port moved to enroll all the Township electric accounts in the COSE/FES electrical program. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

SINGLE WASTE HAULER PROJECT: Mr. Mueller plans to schedule a public meeting for the single waste hauler project for the middle or end of August. Advertising will be done in the local newspapers, the Township website, and Channel 20 if available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2009 in the Russell Township Fire-Rescue Department.

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
133-2009	Stripe Roads	\$ 350.31
134-2009	Annual Fee for Hazemat	3,500.00
135-2009	Symantec Anti-Virus Renewal	665.00
136-2009	Pump Repair	1,547.08
137-2009	Measuring Wheel	89.29
138-2009	Low Band Voice Fire Pagers	810.00
139-2009	Mobile Radio/Low Band	830.00
140-2009	Install Babion Buckets Wall	21,000.00

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141-2009	3 Installation CAT-6 Network	305.00
142-2009	2TB Network Attached Disk Network	836.99

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon the motion of Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Port the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dickinson
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Melissa Palmer
Administrative Secretary