

RUSSELL FIRE RESCUE STATION

January 11, 2010

The Township Fiscal Officer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees Jim Dickinson, Jim Mueller and Kristina Port were present.

**REORGANIZATION:** The Township Fiscal Officer asked for nominations for Chairman for the year 2010. *Mr. Dickinson nominated Jim Mueller for Chairman of the Russell Township Board of Trustees for the year 2010. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Mueller nominated Jim Dickinson for Vice-Chairman of the Russell Township Board of Trustees for the year 2010. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The pledge was said.

**MINUTES:** *Ms. Port moved to accept the minutes of December 16, 2009, as presented. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**MONTHLY REPORTS:** *Mr. Dickinson moved to acknowledge receipt of the December 2009 monthly department reports. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**MAINTENANCE DEPT.:** Mr. Gallagher said his department has been busy snowplowing. Mr. Gallagher said he has been plowing the Hackamore Woods easement, but can only go so far. There is a pile of some material and wheelbarrow in the turn around area. Mr. Dickinson has received the easement papers from the attorney and asked other Board members to read it over.

**ROAD DEPT.:** Mr. Layne said the Department has been extremely busy with snowplowing. They have been plowing ten consecutive days. The equipment and personnel have been holding up well.

**COY LANE:** Mr. Layne said he had not received any letter about Chagrin Falls Village taking over the snowplowing of Coy Lane but has been told that they wanted a \$15,000 to \$20,000 fee, a five-year contract, plus fuel costs and material costs. The Trustees asked Mr. Layne to estimate what he feels is a fair cost.

**RED RAIDER HILL:** Mr. Mueller asked about the conditions on the Red Raider Hill. Mr. Layne said it appears there is no water standing on the road now.

**ZONING:** Mr. Machnics said there was nothing in particular to report. Activity is slow, but some work is being done. Mr. Dickinson asked about a recent variance request. Mr. Machnics said it had been denied. Ms. Port suggested maybe a clarification of shed requirement could be put on the web site.

**PUBLIC COMMENT WAS TAKEN.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010:** Mr. Mueller said he would rather have meetings scheduled and cancelled if there is no business. In the future he will try to schedule regular office hours. Ms. Port said she would rather continue to have

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two regular meetings a month and schedule special meetings when needed. *Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the Trustees' 2010 regular meeting schedule with two meeting a month as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**GEAUGA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL:** *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to appoint Jim Mueller the Township representative to the Health District Advisory Council. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**WEST GEAUGA DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** *Ms. Port made the motion to appoint Jim Dickinson the Township representative to the West Geauga District Communications Committee. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS:** *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to appoint Kristina Port as the Township representative to the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. Jim Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

*Kristina Port made the motion to appoint Jim Dickinson as the alternate Township representative to the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to appoint Kristina Port as the Township representative to the Storm Water Management Program. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION:** *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for Kristina Port to attend the Ohio Township Association convention in Columbus. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**BUS GARAGE:** *Mr. Dickinson reported he would work on a new lease for the bus garage. Mr. Dickinson was reminded that Mr. Podojil said at the last meeting he would speak to the Prosecutor's office since the same person represents the School Board and the Board of Trustees.*

**COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM:** *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to approve the county list ranking highways categories between the County and the Township per the letter dated Dec. 21, 2009, and as recommended by the Road Superintendent Gene Layne. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

**PURCHASE ORDERS:** *Please find attached a list of purchase orders and blanket certificates.*

*Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.*

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Upon the motion of Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Mueller the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mueller, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer