

FIRE RESCUE STATION

February 3, 2010

Chairman Jim Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees Jim Dickinson and Kristina Port were present. Mr. Mueller welcomed guests, and Road Superintendent Gene Layne and Zoning Inspector Ric Machnics.

The Pledge was said.

MINUTES: *Mr. Dickinson moved to accept the minutes of January 20, 2010, as amended. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Mr. Dickinson moved to acknowledge receipt of the January 2010, Department Reports from the Fire, Maintenance, Police, Road, and Zoning Departments. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNUAL REPORTS: *Ms. Port moved to acknowledge receipt of the 2009 annual departmental reports from the Fire, Maintenance, Police, Road, and Zoning departments. Mr. Dickinson seconded and it passed unanimously.*

MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Maintenance Superintendent Mr. Jack Gallagher was on vacation and excused from attending the meeting.

ROAD DEPT.: In a response to a request the County Engineer agrees that the intersection of Chagrin Mills Road and Dale Road does not meet the criteria necessary to warrant a multiway stop per the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and recommended that the stop sign located at Chagrin Mills Road be removed. Mr. Mueller wanted to know if Trustees make the final decision on placement of stop signs. He believes it is the County Engineer's decision.

Present were Mr. Al Klauss, liaison representative, to the Board of Trustees from the Hemlock Homeowners Assoc., Mr. Bob Ryan and Mr. Ben Kotowski Hemlocks Hills residents. These gentlemen felt the Road Dept. does a good job, but they have received a number of phone calls from Hemlock Hills residents asking that the stop sign not be removed. They felt that the sign has been there for a number of years and Hemlock Hills is a "walkable" community with many children walking to the pool or riding bikes. It was noted that landscapers travel at a high rate of speed using these roads as a "cut through". Discussion was held on possible alternatives for the stop sign. Mr. Layne said he would call the Engineer's office for some solution. The Trustees will write a letter to the Engineer's office to inform them of the residents concerns and the residents were urged to write to the County Engineer to let their feelings be known.

SINGLE WASTE HAULER PROPOSAL: The following waste haulers were present: Universal, represented by Mark Clemson and Sheldon McCartney; Landmark represented by Ray Sellers and Steve Viney and Waste Management, represented by Tony Discenza and Brian Conway. This idea was conceived in order to get Russell Township residents cheaper prices for rubbish pickup and reduce heavy truck use on the Township roads. Mr. Dickinson made up a questionnaire so all the haulers could be compared equally. Some topics discussed were curbside

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recycling, using the same trucks to haul trash and recyclables, and types of recyclables. A general feeling of the waste haulers was that the type of service the residents wanted would determine prices and services.

ZONING DEPT.: Mr. Machnics said he had nothing to add to his monthly report. The Tom Sloe Zoning Case has been settled. Mr. Sloe admitted he was in contempt for prior judgment entries. He will stop parking cars within 30 feet of any road right of way, stop outdoor storage of vehicles except where screened and move a piece of car equipment indoors when the weather permits. If he fails to comply he would have jail and fine sentences imposed on him. If an issue does arise Mr. Sloe will have 24 hours to clear it up. There is no substantial evidence that the paint booth is being used as a paint booth.

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS: The Fiscal Officer presented permanent appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Trustees held discussion on the appropriations and the Fiscal Officer answered questions. *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to adopt Resolution number 2010-01: the Permanent Township Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal year, ending December 31, 2010. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS: *Mr. Dickinson moved, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees accept the Christmas donations of \$425.00 to the Police Department. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS: *Ms. Port moved, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees accept the Christmas donations of \$300.00 to the Fire Department. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MAINTENANCE DEPT. DONATIONS: *Mr. Dickinson moved, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees accept the Christmas donations of \$20.00 to the Maintenance Department. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Dickinson made the motion to approve the use of the Christmas donations for the benefit of the Fire, Police, and Maintenance Department staff at the discretion of the department heads. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comments were taken.

COY LANE: A proposal from Chagrin Falls Village was received for the cost of plowing snow of Coy Lane located in Russell Township. Mr. Layne did not have anywhere near the same cost estimates. He felt the proposed cost was too high as did the Board of Trustees.

GAS AND OIL RESOLUTION: Even though legislation on gas and

oil drilling has been passed the Trustees felt they would like to go on record as urging the state to place a moratorium on oil and gas drilling in heavily populated residential areas. They would like to follow the same wording as the South Russell Village resolution.

IT PHASE III REVIEW: The Trustees would like to set up a meeting with Stephen Decatur the Geauga County Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Decatur would like to analyze of the Township's information technology needs. All department heads will be asked to attend. Ms. Port will co-ordinate this meeting.

REQUEST FOR USE OF ROAD GARAGE PARKING LOT: *Mr. Dickinson moved to grant permission for Rescue Village to use the Road Garage Parking Lot on June 26, 2010 subject to Township rules and regulations. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 17th.

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

| Number | Purpose | Amount |
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| 44-2010 | Health Insurance | \$244,618.26 |
| 45-2010 | Property Tax | 195.29 |
| 46-2010 | Build Steps | 2,450.00 |

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon the motion of Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Ms. Port the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mueller, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer