

FIRE RESCUE STATION

February 17, 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 Fire Chief John Frazier and Police Chief Tim Carroll.

The Pledge was said.

MINUTES: *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to accept the minutes of February 3, 2010, as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Ms. Port made the motion to accept the January 2010 monthly department reports. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Ms. Port made the motion to acknowledge receipt of the January 2010 monthly department report from the Fire Department. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNUAL REPORTS: *Ms. Port moved to accept the 2009 annual departmental reports from the Fire, Maintenance, Police, Road, and Zoning departments. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion.*

FIRE DEPT.: Chief Frazier reported that the new ambulance is in and the necessary training for using this equipment has been completed. The Department would like to send the 2003 ambulance out to the manufacturer for some preventive maintenance. Ms. Port asked if psychological testing was given to all new members. Chief Frazier told her yes.

POLICE DEPT.: The Department has been involved in an active school shooter program. Four members have received free training through V.E.G. One training was done at Lindsey Elementary School last Thursday.

Mr. Mueller said he was very pleased that as he read through the reports the response times for Police and Fire were all under six minutes. Chief Carroll said that all the departments work well together.

UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE PROPERTY: Chief Carroll has met with Pete McDonald of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy regarding the Upper Chagrin Preserve and use of ATVs and hunting. Mr. McDonald will write a letter to property owners surrounding the area advising them that hunting and A.T.V. use on the property is prohibited. Signs will be posted to advise on the use of the property. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy will post the signs if the Township will pay for the signs. The cost of the signs would be approximately eight dollars apiece. Once the signs have been posted and the letters sent, police enforcement will take place.

GEAUGA COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION DINNER: It is Russell Township's turn to host the G.C.T.A. quarterly dinner. Melissa Palmer reported she had made arrangements with the E.O.U.V. Club to hold the dinner at their facility. The Fiscal Officer's office will take in the reservations.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comments were taken.

OIL AND GAS RESOLUTION: The Board of Trustees want to adopt a Resolution to support more local control of oil and gas drilling. *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2010-02 that recommends an amendment to the ORC to give local communities more input and control with respect to oil and gas well drilling. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* This resolution will be sent to the Ohio Legislature and Ohio Township Association.

BUS GARAGE LEASE: Mr. Dickinson has been working on a lease for the West Geauga Board of Education to extend its use of the garage on the old Russell School Property. Mr. Dickinson used the 1999 lease to draft a new form of the lease. Discussion was held on requiring an environmental study of the property after the school leaves the property. Paragraph 18 has language that will meet this requirement. Mr. Dickinson asked the other Trustees to look over the lease.

208 PLAN TIE-IN REQUEST: The Geauga County Department of Water Resources has received a request from Joan Taggart for permission to connect the house located at 8020 Thornapple Drive to the County's sanitary sewer on West Ridge Drive. The property is for sale. The installation of a new septic system would be a financial hardship and would require the cutting down of a wooded area. The neighbor has given permission to go across their property to tie in to the sewer line. *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to approve the inclusion of the property at 8020 Thornapple Drive in the "May Be Sewered" area of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

UPPER CHAGRIN PRESERVE PASSIVE PARK: Mr. Mueller has been investigating the possibility of turning the Upper Chagrin Preserve over to the Russell Township Park Commission. He feels they are in a better position to take care of the property and they might be able to use the property for financial leverage. Mr. Mueller spoke with Chris Livers who was a Trustee at the time property was given to the Township. She said at the time the Park District had just been formed and had little monetary resources. Ms. Port checked with the Prosecutor and the conservation easement goes with the property and would remain in place no matter who owned the property. Mr. Mueller will send a letter to the Russell Township Park Commission to ask if they are interested in taking over the Chagrin Preserve property. Ms. Port would like a meeting with the Park Commission to discuss their monetary resources. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to indicate by formal letter a willingness to transfer passive park property to the Russell Township Park Commission and an interest in meeting with the Park Commission to discuss a land transfer possibility. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 3rd. There will be a special

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work session meeting on Feb. 26th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Dickinson made the motion to move into executive session for a discussion of compensation of public employees pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 8:23 p.m. with Police Chief Tim Carroll. Ms. Port did not attend the executive session because she had leave to attend the Ohio Township Association Convention in Columbus. *Mr. Dickinson made and Mr. Mueller seconded the motion to move back into regular session. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting reconvened into regular session at 9:15 p.m.*

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
47-2010	Plow Blades	\$1,506.70
48-2010	Radio Cell Phone	\$700.00
	Knox Box New Squad	
49-2010	Key Decoder for New Squad	\$748.00
50-2010	Yearly Maint. Rescue Tools	\$544.00
51-2010	2010 CRWP Dues	\$3,245.45
52-2010	Entrance Eval.	\$400.00
53-2010	First Installation of 2 yr. Service Contact Life Pak	\$2,897.50
54-2010	Symantec Antivirus for Network	\$855.00

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon the motion of Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Mueller the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mueller, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer

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