

FIRE RESCUE STATION

February 18, 2009

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

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MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2009, as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Ms. Port moved to acknowledge receipt of the January 2009, Monthly Departmental Reports. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNUAL REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller moved to acknowledge receipt of the 2008 annual departmental reports. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ROAD DEPT.: Paperwork has been received from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of road salt. Road Superintendent Gene Layne felt purchasing road salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation will allow the Township to have a better chance of getting the road salt it needs. The Township can opt out of the program any time before the bid is awarded. **SALT CONTRACT:** *Mr. Mueller moved to authorize Geraldine Heck to act as agent in the name of Russell Township to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Contract 18 for Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt). Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POWER BROOM: Road Superintendent Gene Layne presented a proposal to purchase a power broom. This broom would be fitted to a truck and would replace the broom sold last year. This broom is used to sweep cinders and other debris from the roads. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the purchase of a Plowpal truck mounted power broom from Concord Road Equipment Mfg., Inc. for a total cost of \$11,387.20 based on the recommendation of the Road Department Superintendent. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

STOP SIGN: The County Engineer has requested that the Board take the necessary action to install a stop sign at the intersection of Cypress Pond Lane and Music Street. Cypress Pond Lane has not been accepted for maintenance, but the stop sign is a safety issue. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the installation of a stop sign at Cypress Pond Lane (TR-1063) at its intersection with Music Street (TR-146) based upon the request of the Geauga County Engineer. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

VALLEY ENFORCEMENT GROUP REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: Chief Carroll and Mr. Mueller reported on their attendance at the V.E.R.C.O.G. meeting. A new armored vehicle has been purchased with donations. There are eleven to fourteen officers trained for a SWAT team. There is a traffic investigation unit; a hostage team and they are starting an investigation unit. The V.E.G. group has formed their own political unit and is now a 501.c(3), which allows it to accept donations. Because they are a political unit, they

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need legal counsel and the insurance has increased. Mr. Mueller said he does not see a major increase in dues again.

POLICE STATION: Chief Carroll presented a warranty call log for the new Police Station. The warranties will be expiring in the coming month. The problems with the pond were discussed. Mr. Mueller will write another letter to the contractor.

FISCAL OFFICER'S PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS: The Fiscal Officer presented the permanent appropriations for 2009. Discussion was held on amount allocated to different line items. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to adopt Resolution number 2009-01: the Permanent Township Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal year, ending December 31, 2009. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PAYROLL CONTINUATION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the payroll continuation for Todd Krause from February 15, 2009 to February 28, 2009. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This action will keep the Worker's Compensation costs down.*

CRWP DUES: *Ms. Port made the motion to approve the payment of \$3,245.45 to the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. for 2009 membership dues. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Dickinson said the Township receives a lot of assistance from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments were taken from the public.

WASTE WATER PROJECT: Mr. Dickinson announced that Waste Water Project cost estimates have been received from Hess Engineering. Mr. Dickinson is to meet with Mr. Saikaly, Water Resources Director on Friday morning to discuss the cost allocations.

SIGNS: The West Geauga Kiwanis Club has contacted Ms. Port about putting up a sign to advertise their pancake breakfast. They would like to install the sign on the old BP property. Discussion was held on criteria for allowing signs to be put up. These criteria: it must be a public organization that is benefiting the community. The sign cannot interfere with the line of sight and can only be up for 30 days. Any organization wanting to put up a sign needs to receive permission from the Board of Trustees and must contact the Maintenance Superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 in the Russell Township Fire-Rescue Station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Ms. Port made the motion to move into executive session for a discussion of personnel hiring 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 8:45 p.m. with Police Chief Tim Carroll. Upon a motion by Mr. Mueller seconded by Ms. Port the meeting*

moved out of executive session at 9:24 p.m.

POLICE DEPT. HIRE: *Mr. Mueller moved based on the Police Chief's recommendation, that Russell Township hire Ryan Fazekas to the position of a full-time police officer and constable for Russell Township. The conditions of employment are as follows: the official starting date to be March 1, 2009, based upon completion of all applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Officer's Office. Pay scale to be \$24.75 per hour at the 1-year level based on the full-time scale for Police Officers. Equipment to be provided by Russell Township Police Department as required and a one-year probationary period is from the official starting date. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion. The vote was: Mr. Mueller yes, Ms. Port abstain, and Mr. Dickinson yes.*

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
45-2009	Security System Camera	1,600.00
46-2009	HP Laser Jet Printer and Cartridge	281.00
47-2009	Phone Service	1,000.00

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 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer