

FIRE RESCUE STATION

February 20, 2008

Chairman James Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Trustee Kristina Port was present. Trustee Mueller was out of town and not able to be present. Mr. Dickinson welcomed guests, and Department Heads: Police Chief Tim Carroll and Fire Department Chief John Frazier.

**MINUTES:** *Ms. Port made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2008, meeting as presented. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Mr. Dickinson asked if Chief Carroll had any comments to make about his annual report. Chief Carroll said with the change in computer software some statistics had to be done by hand. Chief Frazier said one of the main goals of the Fire Department is to reduce the ISO rating for Russell Township and thus reduce residents fire insurance costs. One of the biggest factors in the ISO rating is the availability of water. The main sources of water are the dry hydrants. Chief Frazier said hydrants cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. He applied for a grant but the dry hydrants didn't qualify. He did get a grant to replace hose and nozzles. The ISO ratings are done every fifteen years and Russell Township is ten years into the present rating. Ms. Port asked that departments present goals before the budgeting process. Chief Carroll reported that the Police Dept. is presently updating its entire policy manual. *Ms. Port moved to accept the 2007 Annual Department Reports. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**MONTHLY REPORTS:** Chief Frazier reported that fire and rescue calls are up 14% from last year. The Fire Department received the following grants: \$28,728 for hose and nozzles and a \$5500 EMS grant that allows the Fire Department to do portable incident reports. The Fire Department also received re-imburement for their work on the CSX train derailment in Lake County.

**LAUREL SCHOOL WATERLINE EXTENSION:** The following people were present: Gus Saikaly, Director of the Geauga County Department of Water Resources, Mary Ann Pallerano, Director of Facilities Laurel School, and Steve Schreiber, Project Engineer. They were present to discuss Laurel School's request to extend the waterline from west side of County Line Road in Hunting Valley east along the north side of Fairmount Road to the Laurel School property. Mr. Saikaly explained that the waterline on County Line Road is a 12-inch line that goes south to Stump Hollow. It is a restricted main because Hunting Valley privately funded the line and there are restrictions. Laurel School has an alternate plan that would take the line down Ledgebrook Lane. They would prefer not using the alternate plan, because it involved obtaining private right of ways.

Mr. Saikaly said the Wolstein line was owned and maintained by Cleveland and had been privately funded. He said there were two types of agreements. One was direct service where there is a mass meter agreement and Geauga County owns and maintains the line. The other type of agreement is a direct service agreement. With this agreement there are individual meters and direct payment is made to the City of Cleveland.

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It is possible to have in an agreement that no one is permitted to tie in without the permission of Geauga County.

Ms. Pellerano said the Laurel School property is used for outdoor activities and sporting events. There are no facilities for showering etc. because there are problems with the wells on the property. With the present wells there is no fire protection. A twelve-inch waterline would allow fire protection. A six-inch waterline would be for domestic use only and there would be no fire protection. Laurel is not using any water for landscaping purposes.

Mr. Schreiber said the waterline would be at its limit. The water cannot be moved much farther east because of pressure.

Mr. Dickinson said the Trustees would review the contract when it was completed. Mr. Mueller was not present and Mr. Dickinson would like to have his input.

Fire Dept. Chief Frazier said that the waterline down Fairmount would allow fire protection. Mr. Saikaly said the line down Fairmount would be considered an extension and there would be no tap in fee.

**PROJECT COSTS:** Mr. Dickinson gave Mr. Saikaly the cost estimates received from Hess and Associates for the sewer extension at State Routes 87 and 306. Mr. Saikaly said he would need to look over the estimates more closely before he gave any comments and Mr. Dickinson agreed. Mr. Saikaly said the estimates were making assumptions that may or may not happen.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' CONFERENCE:** Every year the Ohio Auditor of State conducts a Local Government Officials' Conference. Mr. Dickinson said he had attended a couple of times and found it worthwhile. *Ms. Port made the motion to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for three people to attend the Local Government Officials Conference. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Comments were taken from the public.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at the Fire-Rescue Station. The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District has announced 2008 Collection Events. Geauga Appliance Collection will be April 12 and Household Hazard Waste will be April 26. Both these events will be at The Geauga County Engineer's yard.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:** were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
53-2008	Annual Revaluation	\$ 290.00
54-2008	Police Cruiser	20,171.96
55-2008	Marking for Cruiser	426.00
56-2008	Equipment Removal & Installation	5,345.00
57-2008	Purchase & Install Water Softener	3,358.00

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

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Upon the motion of Ms. Port and seconded by Mr. Dickinson the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer