

Chairman Jim Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees Jim Mueller and Greg Studen were present.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of February 7, 2007, meeting as presented. Mr. Studen seconded the motion. The vote was Studen yes, Mueller yes, and Dickinson abstain.*

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of February 14, 2007, special meeting as presented. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the February 2007, monthly department reports. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POLICE DEPT.: Chief Carroll reported that on March 9th, with the assistance of the Fire Department, a Safety Drill was held at Westwood School. There was a problem with radio communication in the school and outside of the school. They used radio-to-radio method to communicate, but there was no direct communication with the dispatch center. There was no cell phone communication inside the school. Another safety drill was held at the Middle School and the High School last Friday in conjunction with the Chester Police Dept.

Chief Carroll felt these drills were good learning experiences.

The Police Dept. has been participating in the Ohio Public Safety Program "Click It or Ticket". Because of the department's activities in this program they have been chosen as one of the top 24 departments in the state and have an opportunity to win a new police cruiser.

Mr. Dickinson noted that a letter was received from a resident thanking the Police Department for helping her get her money back from a scam scheme.

FIRE DEPT.: Chief Frazier said he had nothing to add to his report. He thanked the Board of Trustees for taking care of the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board. A letter of thanks was received from the Troy Fire Dept. for the assistance given to them.

COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC.

POLICE STATION UPDATE: Mr. Jim Dixon, Construction Manager, for the Police Station Project was present. He reported that the specifications for the demolition of the school and reclamation of the site were completed as well the specifications for the Police Station construction. He recommended that the legal notice for these projects be advertised. He is estimating the demolition project cost will be about \$165,000 and the construction of the Police Station will be \$1,300,000. Pre-bid meetings are scheduled for April 5th for both of these projects. The bids will be due and opened on April 19. He is hoping to have a recommendation for a contractor for the demolition on May 2nd and a recommendation for a contractor for the construction of a Police Station on May 16. The demolition should start on June 11th and construction of the Police Station would start sometime in the middle of July. Everything should be ready for the school vehicles to come back on site the first of August, so inspections can be done. There is an alternate in demolition specifications to save the front of the school building. The Police Chief met with Larsen Architects in February and reviewed all the details.

There was discussion on saving the stonework in front of the school.

Including the garage space the Police Station Building will be approximately 7,000 square feet.

DEMOLITION OF RUSSELL SCHOOL: *Mr. Studen moved that the Russell Township Board of Trustees approve the specifications for the Russell School Demolition Package, as recommended by James Dixon, Construction Manager for the project, and authorize the Township Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for this project. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POLICE STATION: *Mr. Studen moved that the Russell Township Board of Trustees approve the drawings and specifications for the construction of the Russell Police Station, as recommended by James Dixon, Construction Manager, for the project, and authorize the Township Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for this project. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

CHIS EIBEN: Chris Eiben is with the Research Group. He has written a pamphlet titled "Drilling for Oil and Gas in Northeast Ohio". Mr. Eiben said he is a certified Legal Investigator and helps lawyers with cases. He has been involved with two successful oil and gas drilling fields. He has assisted landowners in the last few years with oil and gas drilling on their property. He predicts that there will be many wells drilled in Russell Township. Mr. Eiben reviewed some of the history of oil and gas drilling in northeast Ohio. He feels it is imperative that citizens be educated on oil and gas drilling. He opposes irresponsible drilling. Traditional lease agreements may have problems. The real problems take place after the well is substantially depleted. Land consortiums need to be formed to have control and set standards to control the impact on the property. The oil drilling company would work at the pleasure of the landowners.

VETERANS MEMORIAL TRIBUTE AND SERVICE: Christina Livers, President of the Russell Historical Society, was present to ask the Board of Trustees to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for the Veterans Memorial Tribute and Service. They will not be putting plants on every veteran's grave this year. The plants are not surviving and there is not enough manpower to plant the flowers. Seven flats of flower will be purchased to plant around the flagpoles. Because many veterans are too old and many have died, Mrs. Livers asked the Police and Fire Department personnel to take over the role formerly done by veterans. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,200 for the necessary and reasonable expenses for the Memorial Day Observance to be held at the Briar Hill Church on May 20, 2007. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Town Hall. The used motor oil collection will resume on Saturday, April 7, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Township Recycling Center. The annual scrap tire collection will be held at the Township Recycling Center, on Saturday, April 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Studen made the motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation and employment of public employees. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The meeting moved into executive session at 8:54 p.m. with Mr. Gallagher, Maintenance Superintendent, and reconvened into regular session at 9:27 p.m.

APPOINTMENT TO ZONING COMMISSION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion that Betsy Radar be appointed to an unfinished term ending December 2010, on the Zoning Commission commencing April 1, 2007. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

HIRE SEASONAL MAINTENANCE DEPT. WORKER: *Mr. Studen made the motion that Vince Gambino be hired as a seasonal Maintenance Dept. Worker on as need basis. Pay scale will be at the starting level of a Road Dept. laborer at \$17.97 per hour. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Number	Purpose	Amount
67-2007	Station Supplies	\$ 39.12
68-2007	Emergency Tow & Repair	\$ 3,936.19
69-2007	Service Contract	\$ 1,881.00
70-2007	Truck	\$ 68,284.00
71-2007	Spring Clean Up	\$ 8,483.00
72-2007	Storm Sewer System Plan Review	\$ 1,800.00
73-2007	Planning for Police Station	\$ 12,656.00

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon motion by Mr. Studen and seconded by Mr. Mueller the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer