

Vice Chairman Greg Studen called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Jim Mueller was present. Trustee Dickinson was on an out of town on a business trip and could not attend the meeting.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of February 21, 2007, as presented. Mr. Studen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

ANNUAL REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the January 2007, monthly department reports. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Studen thanked the Department Heads for their work on the annual reports. The reports were extensive and contained a lot of information.*

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

Maintenance, Road and Zoning Department heads were excused from the meeting. Jayne Paullin was excused because of personal family problems.

FIRE-RESCUE DEPT.: Chief Frazier said he had nothing to add to his report. He said February has been a busy month, making up for the slow prior month.

ROAD DEPT.: A memorandum was received from Road Superintendent Gene Layne proposing the purchase of a new large plow truck to replace unit #41 a 1995 Mack. He is proposing a Sterling Truck. The price is below the state bid and the last two trucks purchased were Sterling Trucks that have performed well. *Mr. Mueller moved to authorize the Road Department Superintendent to purchase a new plow truck from Kinstle Sterling/Western Star Truck Center for a bid amount of \$68,284.00 as explained in the memo dated February 21, 2007. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC.

POLICE STATION DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Studen reported that they are still working on the specifications. There were some hold ups with the site plan. He has reviewed the schedule with Mr. Dixon the construction manager and everything is still on schedule. It is hoped that the bid opening can be on April 18th.

Mr. Mueller said he had contacted Masonry Restoration Maintenance Inc. and they believe they can save the stonework Mr. Mueller would like saved for a price within \$5,000. Once the stone is saved it would be up to the Historical Society to decide what to do with the stone.

The Urban Rescue Team was thanked for taking down the Russell School sign. The sign will be stored at the Administration Building garage to protect it from the weather.

NPDES ANNUAL PHASE II ANNUAL REPORT: This is a report to the Ohio EPA regarding the status of Russell Township Storm Water Management Program. This report was first submitted in 2003. There have been many events including oil recycling center and curbside trash day. The curbside trash day will again be held this fall. The Zoning Department is requiring construction site storm water run off control. This will be the fifth year and the last year for the NPDES Permit. The Township will need a new permit next year. The Trustees need to approve this annual report. *Mr. Mueller moved to*

adopt the 2006 annual report for NPDES Phase II permit number OHQ000091 to be submitted to the Ohio E.P.A. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL: Mr. Mueller reported he attended the pre-budget meeting for the County Health Department. Mr. Bob Weisdack, Geauga County Health District Director, is very concerned about the new state septic tank regulations and is urging support of Senate Bill 83. This bill will negate new regulations for a year in order to clear up any confusion. Mr. Mueller would like the Board to send a letter in support of Senate Bill 83. Mr. Studen agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Mueller moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment and compensation of a public employee. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The meeting moved into executive session at 7:54 p.m. with Fire-Rescue Dept. Chief John Frazier. The meeting reconvened into regular session at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Mueller moved to accept the Tuition Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Russell Township and James Bell, dated February 21, 2007. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Town Hall.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

| Number | Purpose | Amount |
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| 65-2007 | Ball Joint Repair | \$ 728.45 |
| 66-2007 | Dumpster Rental for old school | \$ 350.00 |

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon motion by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Studen the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Studen, Vice Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer