

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 approve the minutes of the April 4, 2007, meeting as presented. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

FIRE DEPT.: Chief Frazier was out of town and excused from the meeting.

ZONING: A request has been received from the Zoning Boards and Zoning Office to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for attendance at two zoning workshops. The first workshop is "Implementing Riparian and Wetland Setbacks" hosted by the Chagrin River Watershed Partners. The second is the "Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, and Trumbull Planning & Zoning Workshop 2007". *Mr. Studen made the motion to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for up to 5 (five) people to attend a workshop, Implementing Riparian & Wetland Setbacks", hosted by the Chagrin River Watershed Partners on May 2, 2007. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Studen made the motion to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for up to 7 (seven) people to attend a workshop, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Trumbull Planning & Zoning Workshop 2007", to be held in Geneva, Ohio, on June 1, 2007. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

RIVENDELL SUBDIVISION: Rivendell Subdivision representatives were present, Mr. Dale Markowitz, legal counsel, and Mr. Tom Beutler, Engineer. Mr. Dickinson reviewed the history of the Rivendell Subdivision. Mr. Knott purchased 97 acres from the Michaels property. This property has steep slopes and Griswold Creek runs through it. This property was approved as Planned Residential Development, which reduced acreage requirements and provided open space. The open space also had on it a conservation easement that prohibits any building or soil disturbance. The Russell Township Trustees and the Russell Township Park Commission are to enforce the conservation easement. The Grant of Conservation Easement and Covenant for Stewardship was filed in December of 2004.

A detention pond was built in behind sub lots 11 and 12 in the open space in violation of the conservation easement. A settlement now needs to be worked out. The Trustees and the Park Commission are concerned that the retention pond is too close to Griswold Creek and the earthen dam will need maintenance at some later date.

ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-01: Rick Snyder, chairman of the Zoning Commission was present. Amendment 2007-01 amends the Water Management and Sediment Control Section of the Zoning Resolution. It will require a Water Management Sediment Control Plan for soil disturbances over 300 sq. feet. **PUBLIC HEARING:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to open the Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment 2007-01. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The public hearing was opened at 7:54 p.m. Mr. Dickinson asked the Zoning Inspector if he was comfortable with this amendment. Mr. Machnics said yes and that it makes things more clear. There were no further comments. *Mr. Studen made the motion to close the public hearing on Zoning Amendment 2007-01. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The public hearing closed at 7:57 p.m. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and adopt amendment 2007-01 by the Russell Township Trustees per the attached resolution. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ZONING AMENDMENT 2007-02: Mr. Snyder explained this amendment changes the meeting requirements for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning Commission. **PUBLIC HEARING:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to open the Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment 2007-02. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The public hearing was opened at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Dickinson said that these meeting changes reflect the reality of how the Boards are meeting. No further comments were made. *Mr. Studen made the motion to close the public hearing on Zoning Amendment 2007-02. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The public hearing closed at 8:03 p.m. *Mr. Studen made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and adopt amendment 2007-02 by the Russell Township Trustees per the attached resolution. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

A discussion was held on the progress the Zoning Commission was making on the riparian setback corridor. Bainbridge and Auburn Townships already have riparian setback amendments. Mr. Snyder said the Zoning Commission is moving slowly to make sure everything is done correctly.

The Zoning Inspector reported that building in Russell Township has slowed down this year.

POLICE DEPT.: Chief Carroll asked that the purchase of lap top computers be postponed until the next meeting. He has another proposal coming that he believes will be much lower.

The Police Dept. has been participating in the Ohio Public Safety Program "Click It or Ticket". Chief Carroll and Sergeant McDermott went to Columbus for the Police Vehicle drawing. Although, the Department did not win the car, they were given a laser radar unit.

The V.E.G. group is investigating the formation of a council of governments.

ROAD PROJECTS: The paperwork and specifications have been received from the Geauga County Engineer's office for the 2007 road projects. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve Resolution 2007-07: A Resolution to Order the Chip Seal of Various Roads in Russell Township and the accompanying specifications prepared by the County Engineer. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Studen moved to approve Resolution 2007-08: A Resolution to Order the Improvement of Wharton Road, TR764 and Stump Hollow Lane, TR775 in Russell Township and the accompanying specifications prepared by the County Engineer. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Mueller moved to approve Resolution 2007-09: A Resolution to Order the Improvement of Twin Lakes Trail, TR574 and River Glen Drive, TR717 in Russell Township and the accompanying specifications prepared by the County Engineer. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

FISCAL OFFICER: WORKER'S COMPENSATION SEMINAR: Mr. Studen *moved to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for Gerri Heck and Susan Baker to attend the Ohio State Fund Worker's Compensation Seminar. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PERS SEMINARS: *Mr. Studen moved to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for Gerri Heck and Susan Baker to attend PERS Seminars. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC.

POLICE STATION UPDATE: Maintenance Superintendent Jack Gallagher has obtained proposals to abandon and cap the well at the Russell School and supply potable water to the school bus garage. After the Police Station is constructed the water supply will be re-connected to the school bus garage.

WATER WELL CAPPING AT RUSSELL SCHOOL PROPERTY: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the proposal from Southwind Drilling Company to abandon and pressure grout the water well at Russell School in the amount of \$650.00 as recommended by the Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

TEMPORARY WATER SUPPLY SET-UP FOR RUSSELL SCHOOL PROPERTY: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the proposal from Southwind Drilling Company to supply and set-up a temporary water supply for Russell School property in the amount of \$1,175.00, as recommended by the Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

BP STATION: Maintenance Superintendent Jack Gallagher obtained proposals to abandon and cap the well on the former BP Station property. Mr. Mueller explained that once the well is capped the property would be taken out of one category and put in another so a no further action letter can be obtained from the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulators. The well driller will send to the state the necessary paperwork. *Mr. Studen moved to approve the proposal from Southwind Drilling Company to abandon and pressure grout the water well at the former BP Station in the amount of \$ 575.00, as recommended by the Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER BP STATION: Three proposals were received for the demolition of the former BP Station. Mr. Gallagher recommended that the lowest proposal from Haueter Sand and Gravel be accepted. *Mr. Studen moved to approve the proposal from Haueter Sand & Gravel for removal of the former BP building and grading of the site, in the amount of \$4,250.00, subject to the signing of an approved contract, as recommended by the Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

TOWN HALL USE: The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District has prepared three programs for the NPDES Phase II storm water series. The cost of these programs will be split between the Village of South Russell and Russell Township. *Mr. Studen moved to grant permission for Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District, in conjunction with the Russell Township Zoning Commission, to use the Town Hall on April 25, 2007, May 23, 2007 and September 26, 2007, each day at 7:00 p.m., subject to Township rules and regulations. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously*

WORKSHOP: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for Jayne Paullin to attend the NE Ohio Municipal Storm Water Program Managers' Spring 2007 Education Workshop, sponsored by the Ohio EPA. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Town Hall. The used motor oil collection is held the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Township Recycling Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Mueller 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 8:59 p.m. with Mr. Gallagher, Maintenance Superintendent, and later Police Chief Carroll.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move out of executive session. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.* The meeting moved out of executive session at 9:28 p.m.

HIRE PART-TIME POLICE CLERK: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve, based on Police Chief Carroll's recommendation: the hiring of Peggy Dailey as a part-time Police Clerk. The official starting date to be April 30, 2007, based upon completion of applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Officer's office. Pay scale will be at the beginning part-time clerical level on the wage schedule. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

HIRE FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER: *Mr. Studen made the motion, based on the Maintenance Superintendent's recommendation: to approve the hiring of Vincent Gambino as a full-time Maintenance Worker. The official starting date to be April 19th, based upon completion of the applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Officer's office. Pay scale will be at the zero years experience class II C on the Road Labor pay schedule. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Number	Purpose	Amount
87-2007	Police Reporting Mgmt. System	\$ 6,000.00
88-2007	Tire Disposal Program	\$ 1,500.00
89-2007	Amend P.O.80 Legal Ads	\$ 29.21
90-2007	Repairs on 4321/4336	\$ 1,570.80
91-2007	Replace Guard Rail	\$ 11,168.00
92-2007	Interest & Principal Bond	\$196,975.00
93-2007	Health Insurance Deduction	\$ 86,000.00
94-2007	Charge for Blue Printing	\$ 9,000.00

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon motion by Mr. Studen and seconded by Mr. Mueller the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer