

RUSSELL TWP FIRE-RESCUE STATION

MAY 20, 2009

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

Mr. Dickinson welcomed guests, and department heads Mr. Layne, Chief Frazier, and Chief Carroll to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the April 2009 monthly departmental reports from the Fire, Maintenance, Police, Road, and Zoning departments. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Layne reviewed the specifications that the Township received from the County for the 2009 Road Projects. He noticed that on Clydesdale Trail no provision had been made for replacing the asphalt curbing around the existing center median. The median has been in place for years. Mr. Layne estimated that asphalt curbing could cost approximately \$10,000 and concrete curbing could be twice as much. Mr. Layne recommends that the asphalt curb be replaced. He noted that the County does not allow "boulevard" style center medians.

Mr. Layne pointed out that Calley and Thistle Lanes were lumped together in a package. Costs are slightly less with the roads lumped together. The other 2009 paving project roads were lumped into a second package. Mr. Layne estimated that construction could start in August.

Ms. Heck mentioned that there was the possibility of an interest free loan for the road projects. Since the Russell Township road projects are ready to proceed Ms. Heck said the chance of getting the loan is very good. She will have more information at a later date. Huntington Bank has also offered a 3.65% fixed rate loan. The loan is locked in with a 5 year term and annual payments. The offer expires July 15, 2009.

Mr. Mueller moved to approve Resolution 2009-13 and Resolution 2009-14: Resolutions to Order the Improvement of Calley Lane and Thistle Lane and the accompanying specifications prepared by the County Engineer. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Port moved to approve Resolutions 2009-12, 2009-15, 2009-16, and 2009-17: Resolutions to Order the Improvement of Clydesdale Trail, Stonehedge Drive, Sweetbriar Lane Thornapple Drive, Woodsway Lane, and Westridge Drive and the accompanying specifications prepared by the County Engineer. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Layne will look into a County project to be performed on Dines Road this summer. A bridge is to be replaced. No start date was indicated. Mr. Layne will check with the

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County on the status of this project.

Mr. Layne is interested in replacing the 1999 one-ton dump truck this year. He needs a truck of this size for cemetery work and for small asphalt jobs. Valley Ford has the state bid this year, but Mr. Layne reported that Classic Ford has a truck on the lot below the state bid price. Classic Ford has offered \$5,000.00 for the old truck, and is offering a body package for \$9,289.00. Mr. Layne is happy with the Classic Ford offer. He is getting more truck for less money than last time. Ohio House Bill 204 states that townships may purchase supplies and services outside the state competitive bid procedures, if they can be purchased at a lower rate than is available through the state bid. The truck price of \$24,720 is below the state bid price. Furthermore, the truck cannot be ordered from the State as the deadline has passed.

The new truck purchase is in the budget for 2009. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the purchase of a 2009 Ford Super-duty F-450 fitted with a Rugby Z-Spec Dump Body from Classic Ford for \$34,009.00. Ms. Port seconded the motion. After brief discussion a separate motion was suggested so this motion was unanimously rejected. Mr. Mueller moved to approve the purchase of a 2009 Ford Super-duty F-450 from Classic Ford for \$24,720.00. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Port moved to approve the purchase and outfitting of a Road Department truck with a Rugby Z-Spec Dump Body from Classic Ford for \$9,289.00. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

SINGLE WASTE HAULER PLAN: On Monday, May 18th, all three Trustees attended a meeting for the Centralized Trash Collection project in South Russell. The South Russell proposal is similar to Russell Township's plan in that it is an exclusive contract for residential service. Ms. Schlag, Geauga County Prosecutor's Office, recommended minor changes to the Russell proposal. They were changes in contract form and not changes to the substance of the proposal. Mr. Mueller identified some issues with the Single Waste Hauler proposal that he wanted the Trustees to discuss. The issues were bag service for low volume users, hours of collection, plan for post-holiday collection, and recycling specifics. Mr. Mueller was in favor of a separate Trustee work session to address more issues. Mr. Dickinson and the representative from Waste Management, Mr. Anthony Discenza, agreed that waste collection plans such as the Russell plan were shown to reduce costs, increase convenience, and increase recycling participation.

COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT: The Trustees agreed that it is a good investment to pay for the education or training of Township employees. The Trustees consider this arrangement on a case by case basis. Tuition reimbursement encourages Township employees to gain valuable training and to remain working for the Township. Mr. William Spaner completed his paramedic certification training and testing. He will be reimbursed for the costs of his training. Chief Frazier is happy with the arrangement. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to enter into a Tuition Reimbursement Agreement with Mr. William Spaner to*

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compensate him for the costs of his paramedic training and certification. Ms. Port seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

SB100: Mr. Mueller and Ms. Port expressed their support for SB 100. Mr. Dickinson explained that SB 100 was at odds with SB 110. SB 110 would essentially take control of septic systems and put the control in the hands of the state government. Mr. Weisdack, Geauga County Health District, is reported to have said that over 90% of the septic systems in Geauga County are functioning and do not need to be replaced.

Other counties are not at the same level of compliance as Geauga. Ms. Port says SB 100 fits the needs of Geauga County and has provisions for financial support for needy households. *Ms. Port made the motion to pass Resolution 2009-9: A Resolution of Support for Senate Bill 100. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS: Mr. Dickinson read two Resolutions of Congratulations for Russell residents Miss Caroline Alley and Miss Sarah Brunner who worked to achieve Girl Scout Gold Awards. The Trustees agreed that the accomplishment and dedication of these young women was to be commended. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to pass Resolution 2009-10: A Resolution of Congratulations to Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Miss Caroline Alley. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Mueller made the motion to pass Resolution 2009-11: A Resolution of Congratulations to Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient Miss Sarah Brunner. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WASTE WATER SEWER PROJECT: A letter to potential participants in the waste water sewer project was drafted by Mr. Dickinson. It was reviewed by Mr. Gerry Morgan, Water Resources Division, and by Ms. Rebecca Schlag, Geauga County Prosecutor's Office. The letter requests a written indication of intent from the landowners. Either the land owners will choose to participate in the waste water sewer project or they will chose to opt out of the project.

ELECTRIC RATE AUCTION: Ms. Port stated that there had been an auction that would determine the rates for electricity. The Township is interested to see what the rates will be through NOPEC and through COSE. The prices will be announced in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in the Russell Township Fire-Rescue Department.

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
98-2009	clean RFD upholstery & carpet	\$1,000.00
99-2009	interest on truck bond	7,506.00
100-2009	natural gas	5,000.00
101-2009	shop towels	350.00
102-2009	continuous revaluation/appraisal	290.00
103-2009	5 year, Lifenet transmission	239.00

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

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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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dickinson
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Melissa Palmer
Administrative Secretary