TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL

RUSSELL TOWN HALL May 29, 2007

Chairman Jim Dickinson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Trustees Jim Mueller and Greg Studen were present.

This was a special workshop meeting called for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2008 budgets for the Road Department and Maintenance Department. This meeting was properly sunshined and reading of minutes and other formalities were dispensed with until the next regular meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Road Superintendent Gene Layne was present and reviewed five-year goals and budget submittal.

A repaving program was discussed and the possible need for an additional levy.

Mr. Layne said he has put the building of a salt dome on hold. He is going to try to use part of his cinder storage building for salt storage and see if this would eliminate the need for the construction of a salt storage building. Mr. Layne thinks the Road Department facilities are in good shape.

GEAUGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: The Geauga Soil and Water District wants to continue to hire an Urban Storm Water Specialist. For the past four years, the money that the Township sent to GSWCD was matched through an ODNR grant. This grant may now be continued for another year if the Township continues to supply the \$2,000.00 match. Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve payment of \$2,000 in 2007, to Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District to support the programs and services offered in respect to the Ohio EPA, NPDES Phase 2 Program. Mr. Studen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Mr. Gallagher reviewed and reported on the goals for 2006 and 2007 and their status. A long discussion was held on the condition of the old Police Station. Also Mr. Gallagher asked that a decision be made on his use of the old fire station. There are repairs and renovations he would like to do if his department will be using that building. The sewage problems at the old fire station and Administration Building were discussed. The use of the former BP property was discussed. It was suggested that it be used for an overflow parking lot for the Town Hall. Others favored just keeping it a green space.

This year Mr. Gallagher would like to purchase a new mower and a welder. He anticipates that a new truck will need to be purchased next year. In the near future he will have some equipment to auction.

Upon the motion of Mr. Studen and seconded by Mr. Mueller the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,