

FIRE RESCUE STATION

July 2, 2008

The Chairman James Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Trustees Jim Mueller and Kristina Port were present. Mr. Dickinson welcomed guests, and Department Heads: Road Superintendent Gene Layne and Police Chief Tim Carroll.

The Pledge was said.

MINUTES: Mr. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting held at 6:00 p.m., June 18, 2008, as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Mr. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of the regular session, held at 7:00 p.m., June 18, 2008, as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

MINUTES: Ms. Port moved to accept the minutes of June 23, 2008 as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Mr. Mueller moved to accept the June, 2008 Monthly Departmental Reports. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Zoning Inspector was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. The Maintenance Superintendent was ill and excused from attending the meeting.

ROAD DEPT.: Mr. Layne presented a report on the probable costs for a road-resurfacing program as requested by the Trustees. Mr. Layne felt the Township should be adopting a program for repaving and commit extra money to repaving roads. He feels that if the roads are repaved it would lower the cost to maintain them. The current cost to resurface one mile of road is \$135,000 and to resurface and cement stabilize one mile road \$202,500. The last new money voted for the Road Dept. was in 1989 with a 2.75 mill levy and this levy will expire in 2009. Discussion was held on whether to make the 2.75 levy a replacement levy so it generates more money to start a repaving program.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2009 BUDGET: Mr. Mueller made the motion to open the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2009. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. There were no comments made. Mr. Mueller made the motion to close the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2009. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Mueller made the motion to adopt the 2009 budget as had been previously discussed at the budget workshops. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT: Mr. Robert Villers, Director of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, was present at the invitation of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mueller explained that the Township is investigating the possibility of having one waste hauler for

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the Township. It would cut down the wear and tear done on roads by the big garbage trucks and rubbish containers would be out only one day. It would lower the cost of waste pick-up for the residents. Mr. Villers was asked if the Township could have an exclusive waste hauler franchise. Mr. Villers said to check with the Prosecutor. The Board would have to pass a resolution and send out requests for proposals. Mr. Villers can help the Township with the paperwork. He knows of one township in Trumbull County that has an exclusive franchise. Road Superintendent Gene Layne said the heavy waste hauler trucks do a lot of damage to the roads. Mr. Dickinson said he felt that this idea is worth pursuing and Russell Township should approach Chester Township and South Russell Village about this proposal. Mr. Villers said he would put together some information and work with the Township.

ROAD LEVY: The idea of a repaving program being put before the voters was discussed. Mr. Mueller proposed a paving levy. He feels a renewal levy would create "a slow starvation" of the Road Dept. Mr. Layne said the chip and seal does nothing for the structure of the road. If the road has a sound base it can have micro surfacing which will preserve the road even longer. Mr. Dickinson suggested a replacement levy as long it is clearly explained to the people so they understand the need. The facts need to be clearly stated.

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT DONATION: *Mr. Mueller moved, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees accepts the donation of \$500.00 to the Fire-Rescue Department. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Ms. Port made the motion to approve the use of the preceding donation to purchase supplies or equipment that benefit the Fire-Rescue Department. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DONATION: *Mr. Mueller moved, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees accepts the donation of \$2,500.00 to the Police Department. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the use of the preceding donation to purchase supplies or equipment that benefit the Police Department. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VACATION BUYBACK: *Mr. Mueller moved, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees approve payment for the equivalent of 80 hours of vacation for Sergeant Randy Bialosky of the Police Department. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOALS FOR 2009: The goals had been discussed at a previous meeting and are now written in their final form. Mr. Mueller moved to approve the 2009 Goals for the Russell Township Board of Trustees. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments were taken from the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Police Dept. is having an Open House at the new station on Saturday, July 5th from noon - 4:00 p.m. The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire-Rescue Station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of personnel and possible litigation. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting moved into executive session at 8:44 p.m. with Police Chief Carroll. Upon motion of Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Dickinson the meeting moved into regular session 9:50 p.m.*

LEGAL COUNSEL: *Mr. Mueller made the motion that it is advisable and necessary in order to insure the proper representation of Russell Township, that additional legal counsel be retained pursuant to O.R.C. 309.09B, and that attorney Stephen Sferra and his law firm Little Mendelson P.C. to represent it in the proceedings regarding the Police Department personnel matter at the rate of \$220.00 per hour not to exceed \$5,000.00. Ms. Port seconded the motion.*

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
147-2008	Chip Seal of Various Roads	\$60,300.00
148-2008	Paving of Various Roads	260,752.00
149-2008	Equipment Rental	6,680.00
150-2008	Mobile EMS Reporting Software & Main.	2,005.00
151-2008	Thinkpad Tblet. PC	2,360.00
152-2008	Heating/Cooling System Repair	1,430.00
153-2008	Front Grill Insert	411.75
154-2008	Removal Limbs & Trees	1,850.00

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 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer