

RUSSELL TWP FIRE-RESCUE STATION

September 16, 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 Police Chief Tim Carroll to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 Regular Trustee's meeting as amended. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

MONTHLY REPORTS: *Ms. Port moved to acknowledge receipt of the August 2009 monthly departmental reports from the Fire department. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Carroll reported that the Township did not win a police car through the Click It or Ticket raffle in Columbus. They did win a laser radar unit, however. The department recently applied for a Justice Assistance Grant to help defray the costs of the radios they need to acquire.

Chief Carroll was prepared to discuss the prices his department is paying for gas. Ms. Port had raised the issue of utility costs again recently. Mr. Mueller felt that gas utility rates are trending down so he recommended that the Township go with a variable rate. NOPEC now offers a variable rate. Ms. Port faxed utility bills to Stephanie Everhart at Ohio DAS. COSE, who works with Integrys, has a lower price than the State of Ohio. Ms. Port called Dominion to ask if the Township has to pay the gross receipts tax or not. She said the Federal government and OhioDAS are exempt from the gross receipts tax.

FISCAL OFFICER: Ms. Heck reported that she is concerned because a conservative group has suggested that Ohio's estate tax be repealed. Americans for Prosperity has filed a petition with Attorney General Cordray to repeal the estate tax. If Cordray certifies the proposal, signatures must be acquired before it can go on the ballot.

COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC

SINGLE WASTE HAULER PROJECT: Mr. Dickinson wishes to proceed with the single waste hauler project. He stated that he wants to get a proposal written up, wants to submit it to the haulers to get a price, and then he wants the Board of Trustees to decide if it is their desire to proceed. Mr. Mueller reminded the Board that the haulers are not interested in a one year contract. He said the haulers appeared agreeable to a three year contract with a 90 day

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cancellation for cause.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Ms. Heck explained that the rates for the property insurance policy stayed the same. The 1% increase in premium was caused by the Road Department's acquisition of a new truck. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the insurance policy as submitted by Sutton Insurance Agency for an amount of \$38,582.00 for a period from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ASM: Mr. Dickinson met with Mr. Theobald, Managing Director of ASM, and representatives from The Chesler Group, to determine what the Township could do to assist ASM with their application to the Ohio Department of Development. The ODD is looking for regional balance and looks at the economic impact of granting tax credits. Specific scoring criteria are used to assess applications. Mr. Dickinson referred to the Comprehensive Land Use Guide Plan: 2015 to identify what the ASM land and buildings do for Russell Township. He explained that if ASM left their current facility it could become a candidate for development of houses and that is contrary to the Land Use Guide Plan which states that the ASM property be kept undeveloped as a protection to the adjacent valuable West Woods Park. Mr. Dickinson drafted and distributed a letter and resolution for approval. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-21 in support of ASM International's application to the Ohio Department of Development for State historic tax credits. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

HACKAMORE WOODS EASEMENT: Mr. Dickinson explained that an estimate had been received for the survey of the Hackamore Woods easement. In addition to what was itemized on the estimate, the surveyor is to install a permanent monument. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to authorize Mr. Gene Layne, Road Department Superintendent, to hire a professional surveyor to perform the required survey on the Hackamore Woods easement for an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

WASTE WATER PROJECT: Ms. Port was in touch with Dave Sage, of the Health Department, Mr. Doug Bowen, of Water Resources, Chip Hess, of Hess and Associates, and Dave Paulitsch, of Burton Scot Contractors. She is trying to determine the status of the waste water project in Russell. Recently, some commercial property owners in Russell received letters from the OEPA which said they must obtain a NPDES permit and pay a \$200.00 fee. These residents intend to participate in the waste water project and so Mr. Hess has offered to send a letter to the EPA on their behalf. Ms. Port identified that the Township needs to approve the site plans and send them to Water Resources. When the plans are submitted, Mr. Hess can pull permits, coordinate with ODOT about the bores under the state highway, and send letters to the OEPA regarding the recent letters about the NPDES permit. The Township and the Health Department will be copied on these letters.

DONATION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, to accept the \$30.00 donation to*

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the Maintenance Department. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the use of the \$30.00 donation for the benefit of the Maintenance Department staff at the discretion of the department head. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

The curbside scrap collection will take place in early October. For residents on the north side and north of S.R. 87, scrap must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on October 5th. For residents on the south side and south of S.R. 87, scrap must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on October 12th. A mailing will come home this week with more details.

A drive-thru seasonal flu shot clinic will be held on October 10th at the Russell Fire-Rescue Department. The cost is \$25.00.

PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

| Number | Purpose | Amount |
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| 156-2009 | Bond counsel - anticipation notes | \$ 220.00 |
| 157-2009 | VOID | 0.00 |
| 158-2009 | Year service/activation; replace P094 | 120.00 |
| 159-2009 | copy & mailing for curbside collection | 550.00 |
| 160-2009 | natural gas | 4,500.00 |
| 161-2009 | truck repairs, #4321, 4323,4351,4358 | 4,217.17 |
| 162-2009 | replace roof vent, #47 mack | 300.00 |

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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dickinson
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Melissa Palmer
Administrative Secretary