

FIRE RESCUE STATION

November 19, 2008

The Chairman James Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Trustees Jim Mueller and Kristina Port were present. Mr. Dickinson welcomed guests, and Police Chief Tim Carroll and Fire Dept. Chief John Frazier.

The Pledge was said.

Mr. Mueller presented artwork of the new Police Station drawn by Robert Kolcum to be used as the cover for the Geauga County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Mueller said the Board appreciated that people think the Township is doing a good job.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2008, as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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

FIRE DEPT.: Chief Frazier reported that the county grant application to study regionalism was denied.

EMAC AND IMAC: Chief Frazier presented information on the EMAC and IMAC at previous meetings. This program was set up by Congress and allows people to be certified from state to state and within the state during emergency situations. This program doesn't obligate the Township to send personnel or equipment. Personnel and equipment would be sent at the discretion of the Fire Dept. Chief for a two-week period. *Mr. Mueller moved to authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to enter into and sign an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), as ratified in the Ohio Revised Code section 5502.40, and an Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC), as ratified in ORC 5502.41, to facilitate the deployment of necessary rescue equipment and personnel to areas of potential disaster situations. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POLICE DEPT.: Chief Carroll reported that the Department met with West Geauga Schools and the Police Department now has access to cameras within the West Geauga High School and the Middle School.

Officer Lallish presented a safety program to first graders at Westwood Elementary School.

The Valley Enforcement Regional Council of Governments Meeting will be held December 2nd at 10 a.m.

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS: *Ms. Port moved to adopt Resolution Number 2008-17: the Temporary Township Annual Appropriation Resolution for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, as prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comments were taken.

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COSE MEMBERSHIP: Ms. Port suggested that the Township become a member of COSE. This group offers programs and advocates for rules that impact small businesses. There are conference centers available and training programs. There is the opportunity for networking with other small businesses. *Ms. Port moved to approve the payment of the annual membership dues to COSE for an amount of \$450.00. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ROAD LEVY: Mr. Dickinson reported that he had contacted the Bonding Attorney and it is possible for the Township to have anticipation notes. This possibility would have to be researched further. Anticipation notes would allow the repaving program to begin in 2009. Mr. Dickinson will discuss with the Road Superintendent about increasing the repaving program in 2009.

CLOUT MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Dickinson asked that the CLOUT membership be tabled until the next meeting. He wants to do some more investigation of this group.

NOPEC - GAS AND ELECTRIC AGGREGATION: A discussion was held on gas and electrical aggregation. In 2004, the Township passed a resolution for gas aggregation. Currently none of the Township gas bills have the NOPEC gas aggregation. The Township does have the NOPEC electrical aggregation. Letters have been received from NOPEC and First Energy Co. about the NOPEC discount. Ms. Port attended the NOPEC General Assembly meeting as the Russell Township representative. NOPEC wants First Energy to continue the electrical discount until March 31st. NOPEC wants to become a supplier and buy energy from Florida Power. Also NOPEC wants the Township to write letters to the PUCO and the Governor asking that the NOPEC electric discount from First Energy Co. continue until March 31st. Mr. Dickinson said these were very complex issues.

The Department Heads were urged to find the cheapest gas rate for their departments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PURCHASE ORDERS: were approved for:

| Number | Purpose | Amount |
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| 248-2008 | Private Grant Money | \$ 4,520.00 |
| 249-2008 | Principal Fire Truck | 30,000.00 |
| 250-2008 | Tires for 4321 | 2,650.46 |
| 251-2008 | Psychological Eval. | 900.00 |
| 252-2008 | Transplanting Shrubs | 1,160.00 |

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 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer