

FIRE RESCUE STATION

October 15, 2008

The Chairman James Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Trustees Jim Mueller and Kristina Port were present. Mr. Dickinson welcomed guests, and Police Chief Tim Carroll.

The Pledge was said.

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2008 as presented. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**NOACA RIDE SHARE PROGRAM:** Colleen Donnelly who directs the ride share program for NOACA was present. Mr. Dickinson explained that the Township was investigating what it could do to enhance the ride share program. The Township recently purchased the vacant BP lot to help remove an eyesore. There are certain restrictions on the property, but it could be used for parking spaces. Ms. Donnelly showed the website that can be used to sign up for the share a ride program. This program has been in operation for twenty years. The benefits of carpooling were discussed. Ms. Donnelly said NOACA does have a guaranteed ride home program. Mr. Dickinson asked about programs for the elderly. Ms. Donnelly said this was another part of the NOACA program and another person could come and speak on that program. Mr. Dickinson asked if there were NOACA standards for parking lots and there are none. Mr. Dickinson said Russell Township would like to promote the rideshare program.

**GEAUGA COUNTY TRANSIT:** Director of Geauga County Transit Kristina Fenselson was present. She said that Geauga County Transit makes 200 - 220 trips a day. Most of their funding comes from Federal and State grants. Two percent of their funding is from the County Commissioners. About 80% of their service is for senior or disabled clients. They provide door-to-door service and operate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Most of their service is done within the county. They do some service out of the county for medical visits. Their services are by reservation.

**RED RAIDER HOMEOWNERS:** Jacque Tallerico, President of the Red Raider Homeowners' Association and a number of residents were present to discuss the condition of the roads in the Red Raider subdivision. They are not interested in paying an assessment to have their roads repaved. It would be too costly. They are concerned about the front entrance where Clydesdale meets State Route 87. The water runs down the hill and freezes in the winter. They feel something needs to be done with drainage as this is a dangerous situation and needs to be addressed soon.

They would also like to have their roads repaved. They have been chip and sealed a number of times, but the roads are in deteriorating condition.

Mr. Dickinson explained that the Township does have a replacement levy on the ballot this fall. The additional money from this levy would be used for cement stabilization and repaving of township roads. Mr. Mueller said the Township realizes they are slowly losing ground on road maintenance.

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The residents expressed the desire to have their street paved next year.

Mr. Dickinson explained the process the township uses to decide which roads will be paved each year. Mr. Layne, Road Superintendent, looks at the condition of the roads and the money available and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The residents would like a list of roads that will be paved in the next few years and where their streets are on that list.

**CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS:** Amy Brennan, Executive Director of Chagrin River Watershed Partners was present. She was present to explain the Balanced Growth Program, which started on the state level. This project will result in the Chagrin River Balanced Growth Plan. Through this plan CRWP will provide assistance to member communities. They will offer support for planning and zoning. There two types of priority areas Development and Conservation. Land in a development area will encourage growth and redevelopment and land in conservation areas would encourage protection or restoration. Ms. Brennan showed a proposed map of Russell Township with these areas. The Chagrin River Watershed Partners would like Russell Township to pass a resolution endorsing these priority areas. Money would be available for these areas. The map can be revised by resolution of the Board of Trustees. C.R.W.P. will provide information for the Township web site.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:** Ms. Port reported she had been talking with the County Engineer and he suggested that Bainbridge, Chester and Russell Townships get together to develop a more comprehensive plan for Storm Water Management.

**POLICE DEPT.:** Chief Carroll presented an addendum to the Police Agreement. This addendum would limit part-time officers' uniform allowance to a maximum of \$700. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the Ohio Police Benevolent Association Contract Addendum, dated September 11, 2008, modifying Article 24, Section 1 to include the phrase "not to exceed an annual allowance of \$700.00."* Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The public made no comments.

**USE OF TOWN HALL:** *Ms. Port moved to grant permission for the Hemlock Hills Swim Association to use the Town Hall for their business meeting on October 28, 2008, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., subject to Township rules and regulations. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**SINGLE WASTE HAULER:** Mr. Dickinson reported that he had attended a meeting at South Russell Village where they were considering a single waste hauler. They will be developing specifications for an exclusive hauler. Mr. Mueller said sample contracts had been received today from the Solid Waste District. He suggested that the other Trustees look them over. Ms. Port asked if people would be able to opt out.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** A public education program titled "Happy Healthy Streams" will be held on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. Trick or Treat hours are Friday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire-Rescue Station.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:** were approved for:

Number	Purpose	Amount
223-2008	Repair/Maint. SCBA Equip.	\$ 2,373.00
224-2008	Professional Services for Website	2,700.00
225-2008	Professional Services for Site Location & Topo. Survey	10,000.00
226-2008	Service Heating Units	1,200.00
227-2008	Repair 2002 Truck	501.50
228-2008	Asbestos Abatement	320.00
229-2008	Road Salt	19,800.00
230-2008	Repair Brush Chipper	700.00

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