

RUSSELL TOWN HALL

January 24, 2007

Chairman Jim Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Trustee Jim Mueller was present. Trustee Studen was out of town and not able to attend the meeting.

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the minutes of January 11, 2007, as presented. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously*

Road Department Superintendent Gene Layne and Maintenance Department Superintendent Jack Gallagher were excused from the meeting because of snowplowing duties. Fire-Rescue Department Chief John Frazier was excused from the meeting because of a scheduling conflict.

**COMMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE PUBLIC.**

**WEST GEAUGA SCHOOLS:** School Board members Sally Gilmore and Kathy Leavenworth were in attendance to present information on the West Geauga School levy which is on the ballot for February 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a 5-year renewal operating levy plus an increase of 1.95 mills. The renewal levy will expire at the end of 2007 and even if passed the school would have a negative balance at the end of 2008. The additional 1.95 will cost \$58.50 per year per \$100,000 of a home's market value. If passed West Geauga would stay off the ballot until at least February 2010 when another levy will be expiring.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:** *Mr. Mueller moved to accept the December 2006, monthly department reports. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** At the last meeting the Township passed a HRA health insurance plan. Russell Township will now bear the risk of the deductible. This plan will significantly lower the price of the insurance premiums. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve: that in accordance with O.R.C. 9.833 Russell Township will self-insure a portion of claims in providing health and prescription benefits and in accordance with O.R.C. 505.6 Russell Township will purchase insurance to also provide for employee benefits. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS:** Jason Sacash, Russell Township resident, as a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 99, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest advancement rank in Scouting. *Mr. Mueller moved to approve and sign Resolution 2007- 01: A Resolution of Congratulations to Jason L. Sacash. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular Trustees' meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Town Hall. The used motor oil collection will not be held during the winter months of December, January, February and March. The monthly collection will begin in the spring, on April 7, 2007.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the compensation and employment of public employees. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting moved into executive session at 7:53 p.m. with Police Department Chief Carroll and Sergeant Bialosky and reconvened into regular session at 8:32 p.m.*

**HIRING: PART-TIME OFFICER:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion based on Police Chief Carroll's recommendation: to hire Ryan Fazekas as a part-time police officer and constable with the Russell Township Police Department. The conditions of employment are as follows: The official starting date to be January 25, 2007, based upon completion of applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Officer's Office. A one-year probation period will be from the official starting date. Pay scale will be at the starting level on the part-time wage schedule. Equipment to be provided by the Russell Police Department as required pursuant to the agreement between Russell Township and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Officer Fazekas was sworn in and welcomed to the Police Department.

**HIRE PART-TIME ROAD DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion based on Road Superintendent Gene Layne's recommendation: to hire George Frazier as a part-time road department employee on an as needed basis at \$17.50 an hour, effective immediately, upon completion of applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Officer's Office. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**PURCHASE ORDERS:**

Number	Purpose	Amount
44-2007	Shipping Charges	\$ 14.15
45-2007	Dead Animal Removal	\$ 150.00
46-2007	Janitorial Services	\$ 688.50
47-2007	Voided	

Bills were approved as presented and drawn for same.

Upon motion by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Dickinson the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Dickinson, Chairman

Gerri Heck, Fiscal Officer