

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

September 16,

2015

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Trustee Mr. Gabram, was present. Fiscal Officer Charles Walder and Road Superintendent Gene Layne were also present. Trustee Jim Mueller was absent due to a prior commitment.

MINUTES: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 2, 2015, as presented. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

ROAD DEPARTMENT SKID-STEER PURCHASE: Mr. Layne requested to buy a new Holland Model L228 skid steer. He explained that with this equipment and its attachments there are many uses. The machine can be used to move the recycling bins, grind asphalt, grade, and move snow in the recycling center, at the Town Hall, at the cemetery, and load salt in the winter. Mr. Layne explained that these machines are hard to rent because they are in very high demand.

Mr. Gabram moved to approve the Road Superintendent's request for a new Holland Model L228 skid steer loader with bucket, forks, and a 10' snow push, at or below state bid price of \$46,419.21, with the expense to be distributed between the Road, General, and Cemetery funds. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Mr. Layne asked the trustees about their decision on putting a street light up for the intersection of Surrey Downs and 87. The trustees talked to the Police Chief who advised that there had not been many car crashes at that intersection due to the street not being lighted. The department heads have all said that a light at the street would make it easier to find for plowing roads, and emergency vehicles. Mr. Madden would like to meet and talk with the residents on the corner of Surrey Downs, since the light would affect them directly, and he would like to talk with the power company before any decision is made.

FISCAL OFFICER: Mr. Walder told the board that the township received \$12381.08 in estate tax from Adam Misterka.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Mr. Walder asked the trustees to approve the contract with the Board of Elections for the Town Hall use for an election polling location.

Mr. Gabram made the motion to authorize Fiscal Officer Charles Walder to execute the Contract for Election Day Polling Location with the Geauga County Board of Elections. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

TOWN HALL USE: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to grant permission for the Geauga County Board of Elections to use the Town Hall from 5:30 am- 9:00 pm, on November 3, 2015, subject to Township rules and regulations. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL REVISION: Mr. Walder asked the trustees to add a revised section to the policy manual. This revision will allow nontraditional employees to receive a uniform allowance. There had been a one year trial for administrative, zoning, and cemetery personnel. This revision will make the resolution a permanent policy.

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

September 16,

2015

Mr. Gabram made the motion, at the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, to approve the revision to Personnel Policy Manual section 6.13, Classification and Compensation: Uniform Allowance. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED

PREPAYMENT OF GEAUGA SAFETY COUNCIL: The Geauga Safety Council has changed their policy on payment for attending their meetings. The Safety Council would like prepayment for 10 meetings, and if you chose not to pre pay the price per meeting will be raised.

Mr. Gabram made the motion, at the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, to approve the prepayment of the Geauga Safety Council meetings. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

OTARMA: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve the renewal of the Townships insurance policy with OTARMA. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to move into executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee, pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) AND to prepare for bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and terms & conditions of their employment pursuant ORC 121.22(G) (4). Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 6:06 pm.

Mr. Gabram made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting moved into regular session at 6:24 pm

PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS WERE APPROVED AS ATTACHED.

Mr. Gabram made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Madden seconded and it passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka