

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

March 1, 2017

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Trustee Gabram and Mueller were present. Fiscal Officer Charles Walder and Trustee Assistant Melissa Palmer were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Tim Carroll, Fire Chief John Frazier, Road Superintendent Gene Layne, and Zoning Inspector Shane Wrench.

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2017, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Carroll advised the Trustees that he has two candidates for part-time officers to be hired by the end of the month.

Chief Carroll advised the Trustees that the quote he submitted for a new police vehicle was for a Ford Explorer and not a Ford Taurus. He explained to the Trustees that there is more room in the vehicle and more equipment storage.

**POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer for an amount of \$31,885.00 from Nick Abraham Ford less a trade-in of \$7,500.00 for the 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor #8123, plus a cost of \$33.50 for title and 30 day tags, for a final cost of \$24,418.50, as recommended by the Police Chief. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Frazier advised the Trustees that he will have the specs for the new tanker for the next Trustee meeting.

Chief Frazier advised the Trustees that May 19 - 21, 2017 the Russell Fire Department will be holding a regional vehicle training, and will be using extraction and stabilization vehicles in the training.

Chief Frazier discussed the old fire department with the Trustees. He advised that the roof was in poor condition. He also explained that the siren did not work during the bad weather because the power was out in the old fire station and the generator doesn't support the siren, and recommended that the generator be replaced with a larger 3 phase generator.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:** Zoning Inspector Shane Wrench reported that the amount of permits issued in the last month were light.

Mr. Wrench advised the Trustees that they updated the zoning maps with property addresses.

Mr. Wrench said that the Zoning Department was proof reading and editing the Land Use Guide Plan for the Zoning Commission. He also advised the Trustees that the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals want to have a joint meeting with the Trustees.

Mr. Madden advised Mr. Wrench to be on guard, park land that is zoned park land is being sold and the Township needs to make sure that its zoning is enforced and not changed.

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Layne advised the Trustees that he is raising the materials for the asphalt bid this year for overlay projects.

**ROAD MATERIALS:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve the Road Superintendent's recommendation for road material bids for primary and secondary suppliers and authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**ROAD EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:** *Mr. Mueller made to approve the purchase of a broom attachment for the skid steer for an amount of \$4,699.00 from Akron Tractor and Equipment, as recommended by the Road Superintendent. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' CONFERENCE:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve reasonable and necessary expenses for up to three township personnel to attend the Local Government Officials' Conference, April 11 - 14, 2017, in Columbus. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED**

**FIRST ENERGY:** Dave Dillon from First Energy talked about power outages, and how it's important for First Energy to have a valid number to be able to contact its customers. Many people are disconnecting their land lines and not telling First Energy. Mr. Dillon also advised that there is now a First Energy app that its customers can download and have all their account information at hand.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to grant permission for Rescue Village to use the Road Department Parking Lot on June 17, 2017 from 6 pm - 12 am, subject to Township rules, regulations, and availability. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move into executive session to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning a dispute that is the subject of pending court action pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (3). Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 1:47 pm.

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into regular session at 2:19 pm

#### **PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS WERE APPROVED AS ATTACHED.**

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Gabram seconded and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka