

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

July 2, 2014

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Trustees Jim Mueller and Gary Gabram were present. Also present was Fiscal Officer Chuck Walder. The following department heads were present: Police Chief Tim Carroll and Fire Chief John Frazier. Road Superintendent was excused due to prior commitments.

MINUTES: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2014, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

QUARTERLY REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2nd Quarter 2014 reports from the Fire, Police, Road, and Zoning departments. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT- Police Chief Carroll reported that there were 1,099 calls for the quarter.

ALYCE training will be given at West Geauga High School at the end of August.

Chief Carroll reported that the Dairy Queen in Chesterland is giving out \$5.00 via the police department to children riding bikes/skateboards with helmets on.

Chief Carroll is finalizing the grant for the computer server.

POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Interceptor vehicle for an amount of \$27,697.80 from Liberty Ford of Solon, Ohio less a trade-in of \$1,000.00 for the 2003 Ford Explorer, plus a cost of \$33.50 for title and tags, for a final cost of \$26,731.30, as recommended by the Police Chief. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT-VACATION BUYBACK: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve payment for the equivalent of 120 hours of vacation for Todd Owen of the Police Department. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief John Frazier reported that EMS runs are up, while fire runs are down.

The Fire Department received an EMS grant for equipment, training, and supplies, which is funded by monies received from seatbelt tickets.

1:15 P.M.-Public Hearing, 2015 Budget: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to open the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2015. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

There were no comments submitted.

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Mr. Gabram made the motion to close the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2015. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 1:19 P.M.

2015 BUDGET: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the proposed budget for the year 2015. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

ODAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve the expenditure of \$100.00 for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Cooperative Purchasing Program. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

RESIGNATION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the resignation of Zoning Inspector Ric Machnics effective September 1, 2014. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

GAS UTILITY PLAN CHANGE: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve a change in the natural gas utility contract from Nymex + \$0.39/mcf to a 24 month fixed contract of \$4.30/mcf. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

STATE TAX POLICY REVISION: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve a revision to the township's state Tax Policy clarifying that, although it is township policy not to reimburse or pay Ohio sales tax, in the event of an emergency or in rare extenuating circumstances, the Township will process and pay the Ohio sales tax without offset to an employee. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED.

The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce will speak at an upcoming meeting regarding Russell Township to join.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The July 16 meeting of the Trustees will be cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

The next Trustees' meeting will be held at 1 P.M., Wednesday, August 6, in the Russell Township Fire-Rescue Department.

Independence Day Parade, 11 A.M. from St. Anselm to West Geauga High School.

E-Waste collection, July 26th, 9 A.M. to noon, 12665 Merritt Rd, Chardon. No TVs accepted. Fee for computer monitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to move into executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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The meeting moved into executive session at 1:30 P.M.

*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 1:53 P.M.

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE REVISION: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve a revision to the township compensation schedule to accommodate necessary changes to the On-Call Paramedic, EMT-I EMT, and all EMT/FF emergency response and training categories. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The Police Chief notified the Trustees that he has applied for his retirement early due to changes in OPERS. While Chief Carroll's effective retirement date is set at November 30, 2014 his intention is to continue to work. *Mr. Mueller made the motion to meet with Chief Carroll along with the Fiscal Officer to discuss the details of the Police Chief's continued employment, as the Police Chief, with the Township. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 P.M.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: B. Milite