

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

March 15, 2017

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. 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.

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2017, as presented. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 1, 2017, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed. Mr. Madden abstained.*

**CLEMANS-NELSON RATES & RETAINER:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to authorize a revised Management Consultation Agreement with Clemans-Nelson & Associates, Inc dated March 8, 2017, signed by Mark Lucas of Clemans-Nelson, as approved by the Geauga County Prosecutor. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to authorize Fiscal Officer Charles Walder to proceed with presentations, negotiations, and agreements related to gaining funding for the Russell Township Veteran's Memorial project on behalf of the Russell Township Trustees. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve the use of the Township owned land south of the Police Department for the Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**LARSEN ROOFING PROPOSAL:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the expenditure of \$8,500.00 not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the Larsen Roofing Proposal for the township property at 14921 Chillicothe Road, as submitted by JP Ptacek, dated February 27, 2017. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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

**PARK LAND SALE :** *Mr. Mueller made the motion that it is advisable and necessary that additional counsel be retained and that attorney Todd Raskin, Esq., of Mazanec, Raskin, & Ryder, be hired at the rate of \$185.00 per hour, for the purpose of advising the Board of Trustees on pending legal matters. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**ACCEPT FURNITURE DONATION:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the donation of a computer table and six plastic chairs from CK Auto LLC, of Twinsburg, Ohio. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN HALL:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to grant permission for the Russell Township Historical Society to use the Town Hall on the third Saturday of each month for the remainder of 2017, from 10 am - noon, subject to Township rules, regulations, and continued availability. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move into executive session to consider the employment of public employees pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1). Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 9:57 am.

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

The meeting returned to regular session at 10:08 am.

**HIRE PART-TIME OFFICER:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion, based on the recommendation of the Police Chief, to hire Adam R. LaMonica 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 is April 1, 2017, based upon completion of all applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Office. A one year probation period will begin on the official starting date. Pay scale will be at the entry level per part-time wage Salary Schedule 24. 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. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**HIRE PART-TIME OFFICER:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion, based on the recommendation of the Police Chief, to hire Brendan J. Takacs 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 is April 1, 2017, based upon completion of all applicable paperwork with the Russell Township Fiscal Office. A one year probation period will begin on the official starting date. Pay scale will be at the entry level per part-time wage Salary Schedule 24. 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. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**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 10:12 am.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka