

RUSSELL ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

June 2, 2014

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Trustees Jim Mueller and Gary Gabram were present. Also present was Fiscal Officer Charles Walder and Fire Chief John Frazier.

This was a special workshop meeting called for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2015 budgets for all departments. This meeting was properly sunshined and reading of minutes and other formalities were dispensed with until the next regular meeting.

**FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT:** Mr. Walder reported that revenue for the Fire Department is still steady; the department is still generating revenue via 4 active levies, a fire bond, and ambulance runs.

Mr. Walder reported that the fire department overall decreased expenditures last year, but no fire truck was purchased. In the 2015 budget, funds were allocated for the purchase of a fire truck which will be needed in the near future.

Fire Chief Frazier reported that another large purchase that needs to be considered in the near future is that of a new Mule. Mr. Walder reported that this expenditure is also allocated in the budget.

The Trustees reported that they are considering a cost of living adjustment to all Russell Township employees.

The Trustees congratulated Chief Frazier for receiving the Chief Fire Officer Designation and for gaining his Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Chief Frazier reported that the Hackamore Woods hydrant issue was still active; it would cost upwards of \$15,000 to install a hydrant at the end of the street.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** There was a short break and the meeting reconvened at 10:05 with the Police Chief Tim Carroll and Lieutenant Scott McDermott.

Mr. Walder reported that the Police Budget is steady since the levy passed.

Chief Carroll reported that a large expenditure this year would be replacing the 7 year old, outdated computers that are running Windows XP and are no longer supported by Microsoft. The cost would be around \$25,000.00 if he received State pricing through Dell. Banshee Computer Consultants are installing the servers.

Chief Carroll reported that a new car should be purchased soon and another in February to get back on their retention schedule as they have previously skipped years buying cars. The cost of maintaining the older cars is rising.

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Chief Carroll reported that he would like to hire at least two more part-time officers as he is still down employees. Hiring part-time officers would allow other employees to take vacation and time off if necessary.

Mr. Walder reported that \$10,000.00 is allocated in the budget for tasers.

Chief Carroll suggested exploring the current pay schedule and making revisions to the clerk schedule. He is to meet with the Fiscal Officer to make proposed changes.

Chief Carroll also reported that the Police contract will be renegotiated in 2015.

The Trustees reported that they are considering a cost of living adjustment to all Russell Township employees.

Mr. Walder reported that the Police Department is in a good financial position overall; the levy served its purpose. Mr. Walder commended the Police Department for cutting back in June of 2013 when their financial outlook was uncertain.

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.*

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

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