

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

July 3, 2019

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

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

CLERK PRO TEM: In the Fiscal Officer's absence, Board of Trustees Chairman Justin Madden appointed Melissa Palmer to serve as clerk pro tem.

PUBLIC HEARING, RETIRE/REHIRE: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to open the public hearing on the topic of Retire & Rehire for Road Superintendent Gene Layne. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into Public Hearing at 1:01 pm.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to close the public hearing on the topic of Retire & Rehire for Road Superintendent Gene Layne. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing closed at 1:01 pm.

MINUTES: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 5, 2019, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 9 am, June 7, 2019, as presented. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 1 pm, June 7, 2019, as presented. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2019, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPT: Chief Frazier reported that they received the EMS Grant this year and the money comes from seatbelt fines. Chief Frazier said they will be receiving about \$2,900.

VACATION BUYBACK: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding, signed on June 25, 2019 by local OPBA representative Michael McIvor, to approve payment for the equivalent of 120 hours of vacation for employee Vince Valerio. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

FIREWOOD SALE: Mr. Layne reported that he would like to dispose of an accumulation of miscellaneous logs.

Mr. Gabram made the motion, at the recommendation of the Road Superintendent, per ORC 505.10 (A)(2), to dispose of items on the list "Road Department: Items for Disposal 07032019", by private sale, as each item on the list is not needed for public use AND because the fair market value of the items are, in the opinion of the board, \$2,500 or less. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUCTION: Mr. Layne reported that they have a few no longer needed pieces of equipment and would like to take these items to sale at Edinburg Auction on August 17, 2019. One is a 2003 Sterling Dump Truck with plow and the other is a 1988 air compressor.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to authorize the disposal of items on the list "Road Dept: Items for Disposal 07032019 (R-2)" at the August 2019 Edinburg Auction Sales, Inc, 4029 OH-14, Rootstown, Ohio, as the items are no longer usable, suitable, or needed for their intended purpose. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ZONING DEPT/FACILITIES: Mr. Wrench reported it's been pretty busy with permits, violations and complainants. Mr. Wrench reported there is a BZA meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019 for 2 variance requests.

In regards to the storage building, Mr. Wrench a meeting is planned for July 16, 2019 at 2:00 pm with the architect to downsize, revisit location and discuss needs with the Police & Fire Chiefs.

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Mr. Wrench stated he forwarded an estimate to the Fiscal Officer for a new sidewalk at the Zoning entrance because it's cracked in several areas. The estimate will basically follow the same contour but will run from the edge of the parking lot to the bottom of the second step. The estimate is for \$2,350 or \$3,000 for an aggregate finish. The Fiscal Officer stated that the money is there but it's up to the trustees to decide which option they want.

Mr. Wrench reported that there is a donation expected from the Citizens' Park Board for a tree at the Veterans' Memorial. The tree's value is \$260 but the Park Commissioners' wanted a plaque to go with it and that cost is \$250. The Park Commission is asking the Township to split the cost for the plaque installation, which is \$125.00. Park Commission will be submitting a donation of \$322.50 and Chairman Madden has agreed to split the cost of the plaque installation, which will be \$62.50. The plaque will be purchased entirely by the Citizens' Park District.

PREPAYMENT OF GEAUGA SAFETY COUNCIL: *Mr. Mueller made the motion, at the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, to approve the prepayment of \$185.00 to the Geauga Safety Council for the 10 monthly meetings through July 2020. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED.

PARK LEVY REQUEST: Mrs. Palmer reported that the Citizens' Park Commission has submitted their Resolution for the Trustee's review requesting their 1.0 mill levy, which the Park Commission passed on June 24, 2019. The Park Commission has requested that the Trustees approve, as necessary, their effort to go forward with the levy.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-11, A Resolution of Approval for a new, additional Park Levy by the Russell Township Citizens' Park District at the rate of 1.0 mills. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to move into executive session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) AND to consider the purchase or the sale of property pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2). Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 1:21 pm.

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

The meeting moved into regular session at 1:31 pm.

BENEFITS UPON REHIRE: *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-12: Approving Benefits Upon Rehire. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

REEMPLOYMENT: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the reemployment of Gene Layne as a rehire to the position of Road Superintendent after his retirement at the yearly rate of \$84,023.72 as identified in the offer letter from Chairman Justin Madden dated July 3, 2019, and benefits as identified per Resolution 2019-12. Mr. Gabram 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 the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Sustar