

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

August 19, 2015

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Trustee Mr. Mueller was present. Fiscal Officer Charles Walder and Police Chief Tim Carroll were also present. Trustee Mr. Gabram has a pre-arranged absence.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 5, 2015, as presented. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

FISCAL: Mr. Walder and Mrs. Palmer reported that they attended the County Budget Meeting, and the budget for 2016 was approved by the budget committee. Mr. Walder has prepared a resolution to accept the amounts and rates to collect taxes.

Mr. Walder told the board that the County Commissioners have agreed on the contract for snow and ice removal. The Commissioners have signed and sent back the accepted contract.

2016 BUDGET AMOUNTS & RATES: *Mr. Mueller moved to approve Resolution 2015-12: a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Madden seconded and the motion passed.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED

HILLBROOK LANE EAST & SOUTH: Mr. Walder met with the Road Superintendent about what needed to be done to get the road back in drivable condition. Mr. Layne indicated that he could get the road in drivable condition for around \$15,000.00 this would include material, and equipment rental. In addition there will be seven man days to complete the work. Mr. Layne would need money to complete the project since this project was not in the budget.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to authorize the Road Superintendent to utilize General Fund money to repair and replace Hillbrook Lane South to its previous condition due to the emergency washout and to be repaired in early 2016 with the proceeds from the snow and ice removal county pay. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

OPBA MOU: VACATION BUYBACK: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the signed Memorandum of Understanding between Russell Township and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association to permit consideration of the request from Officer Valerio for a buy-back of the equivalent of 120 hours of vacation. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

VACATION BUYBACK: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve payment for the equivalent of 120 hours of vacation for Officer Vince Valerio. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the addendum to the minutes of the June 3, 2015 regular meeting of the Russell Township Board of Trustees as presented and read. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

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PARKMAN TOWNSHIP: Mr. Ferguson, Chairman Parkman Township Board of Trustee, has asked neighboring townships for assistance. Parkman has two road workers, and tragically one was fatally injured on the job. Parkman is very behind and asked surrounding townships if they could borrow a road worker for one week to assist them until another worker can be hired.

The Russell Township Road Department Superintendent advised the Trustee's that he could send one road worker to Parkman for one week and not fall behind. The Trustees agreed that if we can help out our neighboring townships then we should, and hope that other townships will also help.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to offer assistance to the Parkman Township Board of Trustees in the form of one Russell Township Road Department employee for a period no to exceed 5 man days, pending completion of paperwork assuring insurance coverage and authorizing compensation back to Russell Township at the Road Department rate. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to grant permission for Rescue Village/Geauga Humane Society to use the Russell Township Road Department parking area on September 12, 2015 from 2:30pm-6:30 pm, subject to Township rules and regulations. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

COMMUNITY EVENT: The elected officials would like to hold a community event, and have a band play for an hour to an hour and a half. The elected officials are going to personally pay for entertainment. Residents can bring their own food and non alcoholic beverages. This will be a good way for residents to get together before winter, and bring the community together.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to authorize a special community picnic with live music at the personal expense of the elected officials of Russell Township for music only on September 24, 2015 pending availability. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

ACCEPT DONATION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion, based on the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, that the Board of Trustees accepts the \$700.00 donation from the Geauga County Firefighters Association to the Fire Department. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the use of the \$700.00 donation for the Fire Department Dive Team at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Walder discussed his idea of planting Red Maple trees along the front of the Administration Building and the Recycling Center.

Mrs. Palmer talked about her idea of planting trees on the empty North East Corner, and removing the driveway. This lot would then look like the South East Corner by the Recycling Center.

The Trustees would like to further discuss these ideas before making a decision.

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GARAGE DOOR REPAIR: Mr. Walder told the trustees that the garage door in the administrative building was not functioning properly, and he would like to repair it before winter. He provided the board with quotes and explained the options. Mr. Walder asked the board whether the door should be replaced or not and indicated that he needs a clear decision on whether to keep maintaining the current building or look for other future options. The trustees would like to wait until Mr. Gabram is back in town to make the decision on whether to repair the door or not.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move into executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee, pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) AND to prepare for bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and terms & conditions of their employment pursuant ORC 121.22(G) (4). Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 6:13 pm.

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

The meeting moved into regular session at 7:05 pm

PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS WERE APPROVED AS ATTACHED.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka