

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

October 21, 2015

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Trustees Gabram and Mueller were present. Fiscal Officer Charles Walder was also present.

**MINUTES:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 7, 2015, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**QUARTERLY REPORTS:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015 reports from the Russell Fire, Police, Road, and Zoning departments. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**FISCAL OFFICER:** Mr. Walder made an announcement reminding everyone about the Town Hall meeting on Saturday at 10 am. He had nothing else to report.

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

**RESOLUTION 2015-13: RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS:** *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-13 offering congratulations to Ms. Jennifer Waxman on her winning of the 2015 Cleveland Grand Prix. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**HUNTING VALLEY:** Mr. Madden discussed County Line Road. He would like to have a meeting with Hunting Valley since 50% of County Line Road is in Hunting Valley and the road will need to be paved in the near future. The road couldn't be paved before 2017 since the 2016 budget is already approved and funds for paving County Line Road is not in the 2016 budget. Mr. Madden advised that he is waiting on a scope from the County Engineer and is hoping for a November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Hunting Valley.

**ROAD PROJECT 2016:** Mr. Walder advised the Trustees that the road projects they selected to submit to the County Engineer are in excess of the Townships budget. It looks like there will not be enough money in the paving budget for 2016 to include Watt Road, Spring Valley, and Memory Lane. Mr. Walder suggested that they revise the list to only Watt Road and send that to the County Engineer. Mr. Walder advised the Trustees that if the bids for Watt Road came in lower than expected that the board could always add the other two roads, depending on the funds available.

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to send to the County Engineer for review, the revised list of proposed road projects for 2016, to only include Watt Road, as recommended by the Road Department Superintendent. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**STREETLIGHT REQUEST:** Mr. Madden met with the two residents that would be affected by the street light at the corner of SR 87 and Surrey Downs, and neither of the residents would be bothered by the street light and they have no problem with it.

*Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve the installation and future expense for a streetlight at the intersection of SR 87 and Surrey Downs Drive. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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Tim Taylor, a volunteer representing, Job and Family Services spoke to the Trustees about the levy that Job and Family Services has on the upcoming ballot. He discussed all of the services that they provided to children and families, and he appreciates any and all support that the township gives them.

**PROPERTY LEASE:** Mr. Walder asked the Trustees if they would consider renting the empty garage space in the administration building. Mr. Walder suggested leasing the space out for car, boat, or RV storage over the winter.

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the use of the lease document for tenants in the Administration Building Garage, as presented by the Fiscal Officer, pending the approval of the Geauga County Prosecutor as to form. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**CRWP MOU NPDES PHASE II STORMWATER:** *Mr. Gabram made the motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding between Russell Township and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. for the Ohio EPA NPDES Phase II Program. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**HEALTHCARE COOPERATIVE:** Mr. Walder talked to the board about the healthcare renewal for OPEC-HC. Mr. Walder discussed that the township has been a member of OPEC-HC for a year, and within that year the cooperative had a higher claim rate than expected, the proposed renewal has a recovery plan built into it. Mr. Walder also advised that over the last two years there had not been any increases to our healthcare and due to the Affordable Care Act rates and premiums have been rising. He explained that even though there is a 25% increase the township will keep its current healthcare plan, and by being a member of a cooperative the township doesn't pay additional 4.7% taxes. There were four options on healthcare plans with different deductibles, Mr. Walder suggested that the township renews with its current plan.

*Mr. Mueller made the motion to renew the Ohio Public Entity Consortium Healthcare Cooperative membership effective January 1, 2016 with benefit levels and new cost structure dated October 12, 2015. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Gabram motioned to authorize Fiscal Officer Charles Walder to act as Russell Township's representative to the Ohio Public Entity Consortium Healthcare Cooperative and to be Russell Township's authorized signatory to OPEC. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS WERE APPROVED AS ATTACHED.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Justin Madden, Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka