RUSSELL TOWN HALL

June 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Trustees Rambo, and Port were present. The Board Administrator Melissa Palmer and Fiscal Officer Karen Walder were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Fire Chief John Frazier.

Trustee Mueller was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**6:00 pm PUBLIC HEARING, 2024 BUDGET**: *Ms. Port made the motion to open the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2024. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

The Public Hearing opened at: 6:01 pm

No public comments were received.

*Ms. Port made the motion to close the public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2024. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

The Public Hearing closed at: 6:02 pm

**2024 BUDGET**: *Ms. Port made the motion to approve the proposed budget for the year 2024. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

**AMENDED CERTIFICATE:** *Ms. Port made the motion to accept the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources #4 for Russell Township for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, as revised by the Budget Commission and dated June 20, 2023. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION #4: RESOLUTION 2023-16:** *Ms. Port made the motion to adopt the Supplemental Township Annual Appropriation #4, Resolution 2023-16, to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Board of Trustees, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, as recommended by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

**SCBA APPARATUS: FIRE FORCE: FEMA GRANT:** Chief Frazier was very grateful to receive this grant. He applied for the funding to replace 22 air packs, and the department received the funding for 18 new air packs. The current air packs are over life expectancy and failing quickly so this will be a major benefit to the Fire Department.

*Ms.* Port made the motion to approve the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment for the township Fire Department from Fire Force Inc., of New Waterford, Ohio, in compliance with FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant #EMW-2020-FG-18027 terms and conditions. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.

## **EXECUTE SALES AGREEMENT FOR PRODUCTS W/ FIRE FORCE**

*Ms. Port made the motion to execute the agreement entitled "Sales Agreement for Products" with Fire Force Inc., dated June 6, 2023, for the purchase of SCBA apparatus for the Fire Department for an amount of \$209,310.86. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY:** *Ms. Port made the motion to authorize Matthew Rambo to act as the Authorized Signatory for Russell Township for the document entitled "Sales Agreement for Products" with Fire Force Inc. for the purchase of SCBA apparatus for the Fire Department. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

**EXECUTE FIRST ADDENDUM TO SALES AGREEMENT W/ FIRE FORCE:** *Ms. Port made the motion to execute the agreement entitled "First Addendum to Sales Agreement" with Fire Force Inc., dated June 6, 2023. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed*.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED.

*Ms. Port made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Rambo seconded the motion and it passed.* 

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Matthew Rambo, Chair

Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Dorka