

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

HERUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

JUNE 19, 2013

Chairman Dickinson called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Trustees Justin Madden and James Mueller were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer Charles Walder and Police Chief Tim Carroll.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held May 31, 2013, as presented. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 3, 2013, as presented. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Madden made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 4, 2013, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Madden made the motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 5, 2013, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Madden made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2013, as presented. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Carroll reported that a resolution was written for the appreciation of service that part-time officer Blake Rogers and full-time officer Ryan Fazekas provided for the Police Department. Both officers have resigned from the department.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-21: A Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation to Officer Ryan Fazekas. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to pass Resolution 2013-22: A Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation to Officer Blake Rogers. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The new website has been launched. To continue to provide web-hosting services, a contract with WRIS must be approved. *Mr. Madden moved to approve the WRIS Web Services contract for Silver level hosting services at \$25.00 per month dated June 1, 2013. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Walder reported that the budget is completed for 2014. Copies are available for the public in the administrative office. July 3rd is set as the date for the Township budget hearing.

Fire Chief John Frazier has received a grant towards the Life Pack and the Township is required to pay minimal expenses out of pocket for it.

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Mr. Dickinson reported that the Township has lost 20 percent of its state-generated income. As a result of this significant revenue loss, several levies will be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Mueller reported that the Police Department is under water and needs to pick up part of its losses with a levy. Mr. Walder indicated that equipment costs are increasing, especially for the Police Department and more revenue needs to be generated. Due to the current financial status, Police Chief Carroll stated that he could not recommend hiring a new full-time officer to replace the resigned officer until after the levy passes. The replacement levy proposed is for the November 5, 2013 ballot and should affect revenue for 2014. *Mr. Madden made the motion to approve the Certificate of Need, Resolution 2013-16, for the replacement of the 1.5 mill Continuing Police levy. Mr. Mueller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Mr. Mueller stated that the various townships throughout Ohio should get together and share their financial situations and ideas with each other and the public. Mr. Walder indicated that he was looking into creating a series of three town meetings that would be held to discuss such things. Mr. Mueller suggested that a letter written to the townships might be more effective as not everyone would attend the meetings.

Mr. Walder indicated that two levies would need to be passed in the next two elections for the Road Department, including a 1.1 mill Continuing levy and a 2.75 mill renewal. Mr. Walder suggested that it might be beneficial to run the 1.1 levy this year on the November 5, 2013 ballot and hold off on the 2.75 mill levy until next year as the 1.1 mill levy would generate income starting next year and the 2.75 would not require renewal until 2014. The 2.75 mill levy also has two chances to pass next year as its revenue is collected through the end of 2014. Mr. Mueller stated that it was important to pass the 2.75 mill levy as without it, no capital improvements can be made to the township. Mr. Walder reported that there was still a interpretation question with "repair" vs. "maintenance" in the Road levies that needs to be addressed by the Prosecutor's office.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the Certificate of Need, Resolution 2013-17, for the new 1.1 mill Continuing Road levy. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Certificate of Need, Resolution 2013-18 for the renewal of the 2.75 mil Road levy was tabled for further discussion.

Mr. Walder proposed to put a Cemetery levy on the November 5, 2013 ballot which would bring in revenue in 2014. In previous years, the Cemetery has been financed mainly through the General Fund. With this levy money, the Cemetery could become more self-sufficient and relieve some of the financial burden from the General Fund. Mr. Walder reported

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that a .25 mill levy would cover a significant portion of the costs for our cemetery and cost the tax payer approximately \$7.66/\$100,000 value per year. Mr. Mueller indicated that the cemetery did not represent the big money we need to have on the ballot and might deter some voters from passing the more crucial levies. Mr. Madden made the motion to approve the Certificate of Need, Resolution 2013-19, for the new .25 mill Cemetery levy, 5 year expiring 2017. Mr. Dickinson seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Madden yes, Mr. Mueller no, Mr. Dickinson yes.

Mr. Dickinson indicated that the General Fund needs more sources of revenue due to the funding cuts from the state. The General Fund subsidizes the Police, Road, and Fire Departments when they need additional funds. Mr. Walder indicated that in order for the General Fund to sustain life into 2015, it needs a levy. However, a Continuing levy is not available for the General Fund and it would need to be renewed every 5 years. A new General Fund levy is proposed for the November 5, 2013 ballot that would bring new revenue into the fund in 2014. Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the Certificate of Need, Resolution 2013-20, for the new 1.5 mill General Fund levy, 5 year expiring 2017. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED.

HIDDEN LAKES DAM REPORT: A letter from the ODNR stated that the Hidden Lakes Dam is classified as a Class 2 Dam due to the valuable properties that are located downstream from it. The letter also implies that the owners of the dam would be liable for damages caused to Belle Vernon and Fairmount Road in the event of a dam failure. Mr. Walder suggested that the township involve both the Fire and Police Chief in responding to a dam failure related-emergency. A letter will be drafted to ODNR to request compliance of the dam safety requirements by the owner that are not currently being met.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the waiver of 10 percent of the full compensation set forth in the Ohio Revised Code from the Township Trustees Mr. Madden, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Dickinson, and Fiscal Officer Mr. Walder, for the remainder of 2013, effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Madden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A letter was received from the Geauga Park District requesting that the township share surveys, reports, and research that was conducted within the past 10 years with them. The Land Use Guide Plan will be shared. Mr. Mueller suggested that certain parts of the Storm Water Management Plan might also be useful.

OPWC GRANT: Mr. Walder reported that the township is on a short list for a new grant for approximately \$200,000 to pave Hemlock Point Road. Mr. Madden stated that the township is very appreciative of the County Engineers office for thinking of us for this grant.

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Minutes of TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014B

Held RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION JUNE 19, 2013**PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS WERE APPROVED AS ATTACHED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Trustees' meeting will be held at 4:30 PM, Wednesday, July 3rd, in the Russell Township Fire-Rescue Department.

The budget hearings will be held July 3rd at 4:40 PM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.



James Dickinson, Chairman



Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: B. Milite