

RUSSELL FIRE-RESCUE STATION

July 19, 2017

Vice-Chairman Gary Gabram called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Trustee Jim Mueller was present. Also present was Fiscal Officer Chuck Walder. Chairman Justin Madden was absent with apologies.

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the 1:30 pm Public Hearing Meeting held on June 30, 2017, as presented. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the 2 pm Special Meeting held on June 30, 2017, as presented. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

MINUTES: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the minutes of the 8:30 am Special Meeting held on July 5, 2017, as presented. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

QUARTERLY REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to acknowledge the receipt of the 2nd Quarter 2017 reports from the Police and Road Departments. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

QUARTERLY REPORTS: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to accept the 2nd Quarter 2017 reports from the Fire and Zoning Departments. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

TUITION LOAN AGREEMENT: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to enter into a Tuition Payment Agreement with Mr. Jeffrey Stanczyk for his UH Geauga Medical Center Paramedic Program training and certification. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve firefighter training at Cuyahoga Community College for Mr. Noah Wilson. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDIC: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve the move of Mr. Jason Grassi from EMT-I to Part-time Paramedic starting pay due to his successful completion of the Paramedic Program, effective January 31, 2017. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Walder reported that May recycling generated \$686.70 from 22.9 tons of paper and cardboard. Since switching to River Valley Paper Co., the recycling center has collected 896.9 tons of paper and cardboard.

Mr. Walder reported that the township is participating in the state's salt co-op purchasing program again this year; the township's cost per ton of salt is \$27.11, the second lowest cost per ton in the state. The township's commitment will cost \$51,000.00.

Mr. Walder explained that the ORC 511 Park Board that currently has been appointed by the township trustees must be voted into existence in the November election. This park board will work in conjunction with the desires and input of the residents of Russell and be directly appointed by the township trustees rather than the probate judge. Mr. Walder and the county prosecutor's office has prepared the language to put on the November ballot.

ORC 511 BALLOT LANGUAGE: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-15, a Resolution regarding questions to the electors as to whether one or more public parks are to be established within Russell Township. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

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ACCEPT DONATION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion, at the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, to accept the donation of a \$25 dollar gift card from Kalahari Resorts and Conventions. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

Mr. Mueller made the motion to apply the \$25 dollar gift card from Kalahari Resorts and Conventions to future conference expenses. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.

FISCAL OFFICE DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY: *Mr. Mueller made the motion, at the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer, to dispose of township property itemized on Obsolete Electronics List #07102017-ADM as each item on the list is no longer usable, suitable, or needed for its intended purpose. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED.

MUSIC STREET GEUGA PARK DISTRICT ACCESS: Resident Frank Kanzinger expressed his concern over the letter he received from the Geauga Park District indicating the addition of a driveway and parking lot at the Music Street entrance of the West Woods park. The nature of his concerns included safety, environmental impact, and noise issues. Several interested neighbors were also in attendance and expressed the concern that the proposed project plans were unnecessary and excessive. Residents also complained that they were unable to voice the issue to the Geauga Park District at their meetings. Mr. Mueller suggested that the township obtain a written opinion from the county prosecutor's office that clarifies whether the Geauga Park District should adhere to Russell Township's zoning as the proposed project may require a conditional use permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to move into executive session to consider the compensation of public employees pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1). Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

The meeting moved into executive session at 6:43 pm.

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

The meeting moved into regular session at 6:46 pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRE: *Mr. Mueller made the motion to hire Mr. Scott Habel as a part-time firefighter/EMT at the beginning rate of \$15.4832 per hour, per Salary Schedule 26, effective August 1, 2017, pending the completion of all paperwork with the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Gabram seconded the motion and it passed.*

PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS WERE APPROVED AS ATTACHED.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Gary Gabram, Vice-Chairman

Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: B. Milite