

# Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 17, 2013

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Mr. Smith was present and called the roll: Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Myers were present. Mr. Weltlich was ill. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yapple; Engineer, Greg Butcher was on vacation, Fire Chief, John Eisel was with MECC EMS in Wake County, North Carolina (was not in attendance) and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Little.**

Mr. Dunlap asked everyone in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence honoring those who protect us around the world.

**Mr. Myers moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 3, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; and Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of April 3, 2013 are approved 2-0.**

**Recognition of Guests:**

**Public Comment:**

None

**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports**

**Fire Department**

Assistant Chief Mike Little was sitting in for Chief Eisel who was out of town. Assistant Chief Little reported he had two resolutions to present. As part of our concern on the recent incidents across the nation involving fire and EMS personnel and our concern for the safety of our firefighters in the field, we have the opportunity to send six individuals to a Tactical EMS workshop. The knowledge and skills learned during this course will be brought back to the department and presented to all personnel. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0417-01 – Fire Department Tactical EMS Training. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.**

The second resolution was for replacing four of our aging multi-gas meters. The new meters will have the latest/newest technology. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0417-02 – Multi Gas Meter Replacements. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers said he was told by Chief Eisel that the new meters will pick up the gas that the old meters don't. Assistant Chief Little said this was correct and this will help create a safer environment for our firefighters to be working in. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 2-0.**

Assistant Chief Little was asking for the Board to proclaim May as Building Safety Month. It is encouraging all residents to raise their awareness of building safety. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to proclaim May as Building Safety Month. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2013-0417 passes 2-0.**

Assistant Chief Little reported he Chief Eisel attended the Lions Club meeting and discussed technological advances in the Fire Department.

Assistant Chief Little also reported the new Medic 592 arrived at Station 592 on April 15th. It was striped and decals were installed, and then sent off to FDIC in Indianapolis.

Mr. Myers asked if we had a house hit by lightning last night on Fox Glen. Assistant Chief Little said we did and there was a small fire that their guys knocked out as soon as they got there.

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**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported the Violet SRTS project continues and sidewalk is 100% poured. Final Grading and seeding is ongoing. To date, there have been many compliments and very few concerns.

Mowing of parks and cemeteries began this week.

2013 Pavement program scope was completed and being reviewed prior to advertising.

The first formal board meeting of Ohio Research Initiative for Locals (ORIL) is tomorrow. Mr. Butcher was elected Chairman.

The new Maintenance Building allows us to do some pretty cool stuff with our equipment. Last week Will was able to disassemble the boom mower to install new bushing in the pivot points of the mower in house.

Mr. Dunlap asked who would be doing our spraying around poles and guardrails this year. Mr. Butcher said Soil and Water would be doing this. Mr. Dunlap asked if we could have them spray the trails in the woods at Busey Park to kill the poison ivy and other stuff that comes up. Mr. Butcher said we did this last year and will do it again.

**Director of Operations:**

Mr. Yapple reported the Violet Grange has agreed to accept our offer to do their annual flag Retirement Program at our Service Center on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. It will probably start about 6:30 pm. It is an outdoor event but we will keep the building open in case of any bad weather.

Mr. Yapple reported on building permits for January, February and March. We had 11 new single family permits at an estimated construction value of 3.9 million. We had 28 other permits for the year.

Mr. Yapple reminded everyone of the Drug and Electronics Collection at the Service Center from 9am to noon on April 27th.

Mr. Yapple put a proposal before the Trustees for Sam's Termites and Pest Control who has done our mosquito fogging in the past. It takes about 15 hours per application township wide which would be about \$1900.00. Mr. Butcher said we may have done one round last year.

Mr. Yapple attached information from Carrie Woody as to total expenditures on her operation and matching funds and what her cash income was.

Mr. Yapple also had a revised quote from Superior Petroleum since their last meeting with Chief Little, Doc and Will. This is the third quote but Mr. Yapple feels this is the most accurate. Mr. Yapple will be getting pricing for Fiber Optics from the tanks to the building next week. Mr. Yapple hopes to have this before the Trustees the first part of May to go ahead and proceed with this work.

Mr. Yapple asked for a motion to go with OTARMA Insurance. We have gone through all of the listed equipment to verify all was listed.

We have some quotes for window cleaning. We are waiting on one more quote. Our OTARMA total insurance is down from a year ago. It has been continuing to drop.

We are finalizing paperwork for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant. We have an In-Kind contribution of 10% over and above the grant. The grant is about \$22,500.00. We have talked about doing some of the excavation work with Greg's crew and putting that towards the 'in-kind.'

Mr. Yapple referred to the article in Pickerington This Week regarding the horses doing the logging work in Ashley Creek. Mr. Yapple had only one negative call that they are destroying where the deer live and the wild animals. This person was anonymous.

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Mr. Yapple updated the Trustees on the Bed Tax. The County filed their reply to the Townships filing of the injunctive relief. Our council has filed the reply to that filing and the court is waiting on the County to file the response to the Township's response.

Mr. Yapple received a call that the AC at the substation was out. The compressor on the roof is locked up. We have a quote to replace furnace and the air conditioning. Kessler Heating would do the work for \$8200.00. Mr. Myers asked that we get two quotes for this.

Pickerington Education Association invited the Trustees to a dinner they are having.

Trish Gerenzer of the Pet food Pantry had some regulations they are going to be using.

Our OTARMA total insurance is down from a year ago. It has been continuing to drop.

We have a resolution to adopt the Policy Manual and Mr. Yapple thought they could discuss in Executive Session. Mr. Dunlap said this would not be ok according to the ORC.

Mr. Yapple reported he had received two different calls from Liberty Township in regards to storm water issues. They have been notified by the EPA that they must get started doing their storm water program. They have asked if they could tag on to our program. Mr. Yapple didn't know if this would be feasible or not. Mr. Myers suggested giving them Kerry Hogan's phone number.

With regards to 'Moving Ohio Forward' on Blacklick Eastern Road we were waiting on the asbestos report to come back. They did find some asbestos in that property. There is some duct work with tape and some plaster in it that has to be taken out.

We are ready to do an asbestos survey on 7265 Amanda Northern Road. We need to discuss what we want to do about the forgiveness of the loan and a portion down the road before we finalize the paperwork. Or do we want to extend the forgiveness time from 5 to 15 years. It does not have to be the same with each property. This is the Trustees call.

At the next meeting we will probably have the property at 9225 Carroll Northern Road and 7220 Lockville Road to declare. The others we have considered (Eichorn on Pickerington Road) we are not sure what is going on there.

We have removed the Boyer property at 6104 Pickerington Road in Lockville. The property owner on Pickerington Road (surrounded by Jefferson Farms) does not want the property torn down. We will not approach the Baker house.

It was decided to wait until the next Trustee meeting to do the Policy Manual resolution so that we can get all the details worked out and have everyone in agreement. It was decided to table Resolution 2013-0417-03 to the next meeting.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept and adopt the OTARMA agreement for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2013-0417 passes 2-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt the Employment Agreement as presented for Mr. William Yapple. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2013-0417 passes 2-0.**

**Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported they had been in a 'holding pattern' with the Senior Center with regards to credit cards. They are working through details and they felt \$2500.00 was a good number. Mr. Yapple will have a resolution signed by the president and the secretary. Mr. Smith said he would 'highly encourage' the Trustees to have conversation about who the cards should be given to. Mr. Yapple stated that in the

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resolution the users are named. They are Nancy Lee, John Samborsky and Mark Boggs.

Mr. Smith was asked to look into some things during the most recent planning session. Mr. Smith reported that in the ORC it says the Board of Trustees shall appoint a deputy fiscal officer who shall have full power to discharge the duties of office. That person serves until a successor is elected. Mr. Smith explained that he and Rochelle will put something together with all the contact information, ect. Mr. Smith has a meeting with Huntington Bank tomorrow and will ask the questions that need to be asked regarding this 'scenario'.

Before our next Trustee meeting Mr. Smith will be meeting with our major investment people (Bank of America, Huntington and Star Ohio). He hopes to have all his questions answered.

Mr. Smith is meeting with the Huntington Bank tomorrow and one of things being discussed is that according to the Auditors we need to go to the automatic check processing in-house so that we don't have any lag between the time that we get our checks and our funds hitting the bank. Mr. Smith will also discuss switching our credit cards from PNC to them.

Mr. Smith was also asked about removing a certain line item funds in the cash report that are no longer being used. Mr. Smith said he could not remove the funds until year-end. He did find a way to not list the ones that are 'zeroed'.

Mr. Dunlap wanted to know why they always get the financials at 7:15 pm. He was wondering if things are not getting to his office in time or what. Mr. Smith said they do accept them up until the last minute. Mr. Smith explained the process which is that we take them up until a 'loose' deadline of Friday. Mr. Dunlap was concerned with overtime and Mr. Smith said that was not an issue at all and we are within the guidelines that have been set up.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Trustees out of Office Meetings Where More than one (1) Trustee present)**

There is a possibility there may be one or more Trustee at the Pickerington Chamber Luncheon on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township office.

**Pay Bills**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 2-0.**

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Dunlap said they would not go into Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 2-0.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg, Administrative  
Assistant

Approved by:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_