

Violet Township Board of Trustees

May 1, 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, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple; Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fire Chief, John Eisel.

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. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 17, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich abstained; Mr. Myers yes; and Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of April 17, 2013 are approved 2-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported six (6) of his people attended a tactical emergency medical safety class. They were in class 19 hours per day.

Chief Eisel also reported three (3) of his people attended the annual updates and completed their re-certifications for infection control for the organization.

Chief Eisel met with other EMS Medical Directors and they are planning on moving some things forward.

The new medic will hopefully be delivered next week. We had a number of great comments and good feedback on this unit while on display at the Conference in Indianapolis.

The Fire Department has been working with the Pickerington TV station to get the fire department segment and production done. All that has been sent back to them and we are just waiting on them to come out and film it.

Background investigations are in progress for new hire candidates. The Fire Department is trying to narrow it down to the top three.

As discussed in the planning session the Fire Department would like to purchase one Vehicle Multi Radio Repeater and one Vehicle Mobile Repeater. The Multi Radio Repeater will allow our command vehicle to crosspatch its mobile radios together for fireground interoperability and communications. The Vehicle Mobile Repeater will assist in overcoming critical communication "dead spots." The total cost of these units and related accessories is \$7,147.45. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0501-01 – Purchase Vehicle Mobile Repeater & Multi Radio Repeater. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0501-01 passes 3-0.**

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Violet Safe Routes to School project is close to completion. Mr. Butcher will be meeting with ODOT next week to review the project and perform a walk through. There are minor items to finish.

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Mowing of parks and cemeteries is ongoing.

The 2013 Pavement Program is out for bid. Bids are to be opened on May 15th at 11:00 am.

The Pickerington Local School District 'Bike to School Day' is next Wednesday, May 8th. All elementary and middle schools targeted.

The grant application for replacement of all warning and regulatory signs was submitted to ODOT. The grant was for about \$33,000.00. We are one of 50 townships asked to apply statewide.

Mr. Weltlich asked if they were going to put in a crosswalk across Milnor for the sidewalks on the safe routes to schools project. Mr. Butcher said he did not know as he has not gotten back with the County on this but he will follow up.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Butcher had gotten in touch with the TV station on doing something on the parks and the Road Department. Mr. Butcher said he had already been on camera for the Dog Park and for the Maintenance building. When we start construction on the trails at Busey Road Park Mr. Dunlap would like them to do some live action on this.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported we received notice of National Day of Prayer on May 2nd.

We received a letter back from the Ohio Department of Health on our concerns about increased fees and cost of sewage permits through the County Health Department. They just said this was up to our local county to reimburse them, absorb them or pass them on.

We have placed ads in the Gazette for the 2013 paving program. Bids will be opened at 11am on May 15th.

We received an invitation to attend the Pickerington Community Chorus Spring Concert to held May 4th at 7pm at Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Drug Free Training for employees and supervisors will be held May 14, 15 and 16 at Station 592.

The Grange Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held June 10th.

Mr. Yapple did get the fiber optics price for the shop to run the cable across Pickerington Road. Mr. Yapple said the pricing for the fiber optics connecting is about \$3500.00 and about \$23,000.00 for the Fuelmaster. To do all this it will be about \$26,000.00 or \$27,000.00.

We are waiting on more information from Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding the grant for the Busey Road Park. They wanted a map and pictures of the existing property to show them whether it was historical or not. We already received the grant; they just wanted more information. We don't have to use the sketch plan we sent them but we have to prove we spent the money

Mr. Yapple spoke with the folks from Wiles Burkeholder in regards to the filings in Fairfield County Court on the bed tax. It has been answered by the County. We have responded back to their response and they are waiting on a judge to say yes or no. They don't expect the final answer until fall.

Mr. Yapple had two resolutions for setting of public hearings for some of the Moving Ohio Forward Issues for properties at 7220 Lockville Road and 9225 Carroll Northern Road. The recommendation is to do them June 5th. We have a public hearing coming next meeting for a slight modification to the condo section in Winding Creek. We have been

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working on the Lease Agreement for the Senior Center. Mr. Yaple hopes to have it back from the Prosecutor before the end of next week.

Mr. Weltlich asked where we stood on the Strategic Plan for Economic Development. Mr. Yaple said it is being worked on and he will get him an answer tomorrow.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the Port Authority had met since the first of the year. Mr. Yaple said they had and they have another meeting coming up in a week. Mr. Weltlich would like minutes from those meetings.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0501-03 – A Resolution Setting a Hearing & Providing Notice Concerning a Structurally Defective, Insecure & Unsafe Structure(s) & Declaring the Property Owned by Steve & Nita Leonard, Located at 7220 Lockville Rd. in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if these people had been notified and if they were on board. Mr. Yaple said yes to both. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0501-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0501-04 – A Resolution Setting Hearing & Providing Notice Concerning a Structurally Defective, Insecure & Unsafe Structure(s) & Declaring the Property Owned by Christopher A. Delgrosso, Located at 9225 Carroll Northern Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0501-04 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he has met with Star Ohio and Huntington. Star Ohio has a new program out if we are ok with weekly liquidity as opposed to daily liquidity we can make a little more money through them. Huntington also has a new program that is 48 hour liquidity. Mr. Smith asked them to put both offers in writing. In short term, currently the funds we have in Star Ohio will be repositioned.

Mr. Smith reported he would have reconciliations for Mr. Dunlap at the next meeting.

Mr. Smith had three resolutions. The first is to establish a capital project fund so we can take care of needed repairs and/or projects within the Violet Pointe CEDA. Mr. Weltlich asked if we had a resolution for the other part of the CEDA. Mr. Dunlap said the west side of Diley Road is Canal Pointe and the east side is Violet Pointe and it is all part of the CEDA. Mr. Weltlich asked what it says in the document. Mr. Weltlich wanted the language researched to make sure it is consistent with the resolution. Mr. Yaple asked if they could do the first part of it to move it at least in transfer funds and set the General Fund portion of it. Mr. Myers suggested we amend it by adding 'Canal Pointe' to the resolution. Mr. Yaple said you don't really 'amend' the resolution – we can re-write it and sign it using the same number. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0501-02 – Resolution Establishing a Capital Projects Fund as per the Ohio Revised Code 5705.13(C) Violet/Canal Pointe (General Fund – CEDA). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0501-02 passes 3-0.**

The second resolution was to appropriate money in the General Fund and transfers out so we can transfer the money to the fund we just created and then transfer. Mr. Dunlap asked if this would negatively affect appropriations for paving for this year. Mr. Smith said it would be out of the General Fund. All the CEDA money goes to the General Fund. Mr. Smith said we have a target of \$1,000,000.00 over ten years. Mr. Weltlich wanted to know how we monitor the funds that go into this. Mr. Yaple said you would have to transfer them by resolution. Mr. Weltlich wanted to know how much we will accumulate before we have to transfer. Mr. Smith said we can make that determination at another time. Right now we would transfer \$500,000.00 into the CEDA and we will monitor both our cash flow and our incoming for this year into the CEDA to make the best decision. Mr. Myers wanted to know if once we put it in there we could put it back in the General Fund. Mr. Smith said you cannot put it back in the General Fund but you

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can dissolve this fund. If you dissolve this fund it automatically goes back into the General Fund. Mr. Weltlich would like to see some projections from the Fiscal Officer about where our cash flows are before he agrees to put \$500,000.00 in a fund we can't touch. Mr. Myers asked approximately how much we get a year. Mr. Yapple said it was down to about \$100,000.00 and if it continues the way it is it will go about \$175,000.00. Mr. Weltlich thought we should put in \$300,000.00 max and hold the rest in the General Fund. Mr. Myers felt we should wait till the bid comes in to determine how much money to put in. Mr. Smith said if the Trustees are more comfortable with \$300,000.00 they could amend it to say 'appropriate \$300,000.00.' Mr. Weltlich felt the Trustees should have access to some of the data like how much did we accrue in the last five years (per year) and what is our cash flow predictions for the year. Mr. Dunlap wanted to know how Resolution 05 related to Resolution 06. Mr. Smith said that this enables us to spend the \$200,000.00 of the proposed \$300,000.00. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher if we do any work on Dove Parkway this year he wanted a wild guess of what he thinks it would take to grind, pave and patch. Mr. Butcher said he would guess about \$80,000.00 or less than \$100,000.00. Mr. Butcher feels that the target here is what is our future liability. Mr. Weltlich added that we are talking about one million dollars without data, without an analysis, without a dialog, and without a discussion. He doesn't understand why we are doing it this way. Mr. Dunlap said that in the work session we had agreed that we would create this fund so that we could build for the future. We did not talk about the numbers we were going to put in there. Mr. Weltlich thought we needed to have Greg and Chris do some analysis and come back with their recommendations. Mr. Myers feels there needs to be an estimate on the project and put that money in plus 20%. Then as money comes in from the CEDA we put that in the fund.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to table resolutions 05 and 06 until the next meeting. Mr. Smith said that if we tabled Resolution 2013-0501-06 we won't be able to take care of Chief Eisel's fund. Mr. Smith said that ultimately we are appropriating money to spend out of there in Resolution 2013-0501-06 but if you table Resolution 2013-0501-05 it never gets in there in the first place. Mr. Yapple suggested the Trustees do a motion to transfer the funds or rather do a supplemental appropriation. Mr. Smith was not comfortable doing a motion for a supplemental appropriation. **The Motion to table Resolution 2013-0501-05 and Resolution 2013-0501-06 died for a lack of a second. Mr. Myers made a motion to table Resolution 2013-0501-05 Supplemental Appropriations and Transfer Funds. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0501-05 has been tabled 3-0.**

Mr. Smith said that we still need to appropriate \$45,000.00 from unappropriated monies to the fire fund – motor vehicles in the amount of \$45,000.00. Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Smith to verbalize Resolution 2013-0501-06 Supplemental Appropriations as it should read. Mr. Smith read the resolution to read: **"Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio continually monitors the budget and appropriated amounts to account for monies in ways consistent with the standards set forth by the Auditor of the State of Ohio. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Fiscal Officer will make the following appropriations: Fire (2111) – Appropriate \$45,000.00 from unappropriated monies to 2111-760-750 – Motor Vehicles."** Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0501-06 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Resolution 2013-0501-06 passes 2-1.

Trustee Reports:

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

May 2, 2013 is the National Day of Prayer Walk through Old Pickerington Village at 7:00 pm.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township office.

Pay Bills

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Mr. Weltlich had a question on one of the bills. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Executive Session:

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:31 pm per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) – Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich, Mr. Yapple, Mr. Smith and Attorney Paul Lafayette will be in the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried. 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____