

# Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 19, 2013

Regular Meeting

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

**Mr. Smith 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 followed by 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 June 5, 2013 to as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich yes; Mr. Myers yes; and Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of May 15, 2013 and Public Hearing of June 5, 2013 are approved 3-0.**

## **Recognition of Guests:**

None

## **Public Comment:**

None

## **County Authorities:**

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. Chief reported the Commissioners are talking about a new jail facility for them. The two key questions are where is it going to be and how are they going to pay for it. It will either be the Liberty Center or MSNJ Site where they are currently running.

They have new cars with new computers and new modems. Everyone has been trained on the new reporting system. They are now taking reports through a web program.

Jail population is about 250.

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Fire Department**

Chief Eisel reported this week was International Safety Health and Survival Week. They spent three days with each crew going over this year's theme as well as several other things. Next week we are hosting (along with Truro Township Fire Department) and all of our partners in law enforcement; Reynoldsburg PD, Fairfield County Sheriff, Pickerington PD, training from Ohio Homeland Security on Sovereign Citizens.

Chief Eisel reported he got re-elected to a three (3) year term to the International Chiefs Safety Health and Survival Board of Directors.

Chief Eisel had two (2) resolutions for consideration. Chief Eisel commented that after extensive testing of several current Level 1 part time firefighters, it is recommended that William Gottke, Benjamin May, Jacob Yaraschuk, George Hess and Brady Seddelmeyer be classified to the position of Level 2 Part Time Firefighter.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0619-01 – Reclassify Personnel to Part Time Firefighter to Part Time Firefighter Level 2. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0619-01 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported that as part of their annual plan of turn out gear replacement, it is recommended that they purchase ten (10) sets of Janesville Bronze Fusion turn out gear this year. The cost of each set will be \$2181.40 per set, plus shipping, which takes advantage of State Term Contract pricing (Contract STS842, schedule #800216) at a total cost not to exceed \$22,000.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0619-02 – Turn Out Gear Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote:**

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**Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0619-02 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel just found out that our Polaris ATV/EMS slide-in unit grant application with Fairfield County Foundation was turned down because they don't fund vehicles. Everything is spec'd and ready to go and Chief Eisel needs approval to move forward. We do still have a \$5,000 donation commitment from the Donley Family Foundation to help offset the costs. He will have that put together for the next meeting for consideration.

Mr. Dunlap asked where we stood with the parade/holiday season coming up. Chief Eisel indicated everything was in order, our Inspection office is working with the City on fireworks permitting and safety for the discharge area and immediate vicinity for July 4, and it is our hope that the community enjoys some safe and fun events in the coming weeks and months. We look forward to participating in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, the Violet Festival Parade, and the Labor Day Parade. We also have our annual Open House on the radar for October.

**Township Engineer:**

Mr. Butcher reported they are still coordinating the pavement scope with the Shelly Company. There is no schedule yet.

Mr. Butcher reported he and Assistant Chief Little attended the first coordination meeting for the Pelotonia Cancer Fundraising bike ride, scheduled for August 9 and 10. It is essentially the same route as last year. Pickerington North High School will be a rest stop. It will also be a 25 mile point. There were 6,212 riders last year. We are expecting 7,400 this year.

The road is closed for the Lithopolis Winchester Road bridge project. Waterloo Road is a detour.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher received a letter from a resident in Haaf Farms. Mr. Butcher said he did and he responded and copied everyone on the email today. Mr. Butcher indicated that when we put our scope together several weeks ago we identified the streets that would be paved this summer. Mr. Butcher's intent was to respond to the resident but also to let him know we were already there with that decision even before we received his letter. Mr. Butcher received an email back thanking him +for the response.

Mr. Weltlich asked about Milnor Road Pedestrian Crossing. Mr. Butcher said they were still discussing. The State is still maintaining that there needs to be an effort put forth at that crossing. The County is amendable to that and wants to be engaged in the process. Mr. Butcher will keep the Trustees in the loop.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned a letter in the packet from Jon Kochis regarding the reverse 911. He wants to know if there is a way or is there a meeting we could attend. He doesn't understand why we can't have four switches to control the sirens in different areas of the County instead of the entire County at once. Chief Eisel said that is controlled by the National Weather Service. The best they have right now is county wide. Mr. Myers wants to know who makes the call. Chief Eisel said the national weather service does. Mr. Dunlap asked that Chief Eisel pass on the concerns of the residents to Mr. Kochis.

**Director of Operations:**

Mr. Yapple reported we received word that Sears Hardware will be having a re-grand opening and asking folks to attend. It will be held on Friday, June 21. Mr. Yapple will get the ribbon cutting information to the Trustees.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to approve \$800.00 (for three years) for a total of \$2400.00 for the Alert EMA Fairfield County EMA Proposal. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if this was to be paid for over three years. It would be for a 3-year period. Mr. Dunlap was hoping Mr. Kochis would have explained it to us the way he did to the City of Pickerington. Mr. Weltlich noted**

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**the interesting statistics (especially the population). Mr. Dunlap commented that Violet Township was a third of the County's services. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, no. Motion A2013-0619 passes 2-1. This will come from the General Fund.**

There has been previous discussion on the Archeological Study at Busey Road Park. Mr. Yaple passed information to the Trustees. There have been many studies done in the area around the park. Mr. Yaple did get a quote from someone to do the study for close to \$7,000.00 but we could use some of the \$28,000 grant monies we have, however if we apply for any other grants in the future this will come up again. If we get another grant for the park in the future it would already be done. Mr. Dunlap asked if this would include the 5 acres. Mr. Yaple said yes it would. Mr. Weltlich felt someone should have guided us about the funds before we ever applied for the funds. Mr. Yaple is still looking for someone in Columbus and get a comparable to that number.

Mr. Yaple mentioned that Mr. Myers has walked the woods at Busey Road Park. Mr. Yaple thinks we might want to get someone in to give some recommendations of doing some cutting and cleaning of the woods. There are some Ash trees in there and as in other areas they are dying and should be removed. Mr. Dunlap has a forester coming in to look several different woods and Mr. Dunlap has asked him to look at the Busey Road Park and give us a separate number for this park.

Mr. Yaple reported Gene Hollins and Jennifer Croghan have merged to become Isaac, Wiles, Burkholder and Teetor, LLC effective June 1.

The Senior Center is good with the lease once a typographical error is corrected.

The fourth of July parade starts at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth.

Mr. Yaple handed out some recycling information from our last electronics project. There was a little over 6 and a half tons of electronic actual materials recycled.

There were three resolutions declaring property nuisances.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Yaple if he had a firm date for submittal of the strategic plan for the Economic Development. Mr. Yaple will get the date for him.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0619-03 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Michael R. and Michael J. Kimbrell, Known as 12815 Fox Run Court South 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 2013-0619-03 passes motion passes 3-0.**

**M. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0619-04 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Richard NB. II and Tricia D. Honaker, Known as 12785 Pickerington Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0619-04 passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0619-05 - A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Roger and Sharon Smith, Known as 7720 Pickerington Road, in Violet Township, Fairfield., Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0619-05 passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to a adopt Resolution 2013-0619-06 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Haaf Farm Homeowners Association, known as Haaf Farm Section 6 Part 2 Reserve A in Violet Township, Fairfield County, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0619-06 passes 3-0.**

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**Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith explained we have had outages in our building over the past few days. Everyone got paid and all the bills got paid.

Mr. Smith needed a motion on the docket as it is tax budget time. Mr. Dunlap wanted to know if the department heads had been given current information so they know where they stand with their expenditures. Mr. Smith said they will have by end of day Friday.

Mr. Weltlich mentioned an email that Chief Eisel had written to the Fiscal Office and he wanted to know what Mr. Smith was going to do to rectify this. Mr. Smith said that officially this was a reallocation of time and priority. They need to re-prioritize. The Trustees would like to know where they stand monthly. Mr. Dunlap wanted to know if everything would be reconciled so that they all know where they stand. Mr. Smith doubted that everything would be reconciled but assured them they would know where they stand. Mr. Smith said you do not need to have everything reconciled to have all the information. Mr. Dunlap asked if this would be actual monies that is in there. Mr. Smith said absolutely. Mr. Myers wanted to know if in the future we were going to get our monthly reports up to date. Mr. Smith said yes.

Mr. Dunlap asked Bill, John and Greg if they get this information by Friday could they get a budget together by the deadline of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will get this information on Friday and the Trustees will get theirs on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Then the following Wednesday they will have their public hearing. Mr. Smith said we can decide then if we want to approve it or not. If we don't approve it on that night then we will need to set a special meeting. It has to be approved by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and has to be to the County by the 20<sup>th</sup>. If we decide to continue it we can do so to a time up to and including July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith said if we continue the hearing it would have to continue it on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We would not close the hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is no notification required if you continue the hearing.

Mr. Weltlich asked if he understood from Mr. Smith's comments that the Fiscal Office has not completely reconciled our financial books since December 31, 2012. Further, that now Mr. Smith's office is going to reconcile it as of May 31, 2013. Moreover, going forward Mr. Smith has promised to have these financial books fully reconciled on a monthly basis and the appropriate reports published monthly. Mr. Smith replied yes, that Mr. Weltlich had understood correctly.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget on July 3, 2013 at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2013-0619 passes 3-0.**

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Myers reported they had a Board of Health meeting on Monday evening and they did not have a quorum. They were one short. Discussion issues: They hope to be in the BA Building by late July. They still owe the State \$14,000 that they guaranteed us they would be paid this year for transmittal fees from the past.

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

They may be more than one Trustee at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the grand Re-opening for Sears Hardware on Hill Road.

They announced the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade where all three Trustees will be in attendance so they could give the Press 24 hour notice.

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township offices.

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**Pay Bills**

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

**Adjournment**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 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 at 8:33 pm.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_