

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 3, 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 19, 2013 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 June 19, 2013.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Gessica Preraza of 7756 Jefferson Drive was present. Ms. Prezera is the new Director of Operations for the Pickerington Food Pantry and she explained she had been a volunteer for the food pantry for the last 4 years and the Director since April of this year. Ms. Preraza passed out information from the Mid Ohio Food Banks Website and she explained they purchase their food from the Mid Ohio Food Bank and the need continues to grow so they are asking for a donation of \$10,000.00.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported he did not have a formal written report. They have been mowing right of ways.

Mr. Butcher is waiting on the Shelly Company to let us know when they will start paving. Mr. Weltlich asked if they had put an end date in the contract. Mr. Butcher said it was September 30th.

Mr. Butcher will be on vacation all next week.

Mr. Butcher added that he had no comment with his portion of the budget. In other words, he was ok with it. As a general summary Mr. Butcher said the budget is extremely tight.

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported Lieutenant Belcher did a great job helping to coordinate the annual "Ohio Weekend" at the National Fire Academy. Lieutenant John Davis also attended on behalf of Violet Township Fire Department.

All preparations have been made for the fireworks exhibit on the 4th of July.

Chief Eisel will be out of town July 5 through July 14.

Chief Eisel emailed the map from Jon Kochis at EMA regarding the Outdoor Siren coverage. At some point he will want to give us assistance as far as the informational planning if that is something we decided to do. Mr. Dunlap said the reason he asked for this was because there has been some significant weather impacts in our country and some of it is right here in Ohio. Mr. Dunlap thought we need to start looking at this.

Chief Eisel reported the Red Cross Blood Drive is August 1, from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm. at Station 592.

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Chief Eisel reported a resident in the community called him regarding the tradition of the ringing of the bells on July 4th. In 1963 President Kennedy proclaimed ringing of the bells nationwide. This resident contacted the City Manager, the Sheriff, Chief Eisel and several churches hoping all would get on board to do this. When you hear bells and sirens at 2pm on July 4th this is why.

Chief Eisel reported that the other movement going on in the community is in regards to the National Night Out. They are really reaching out to the different groups that serve our community. This year's intent is to bring the neighborhoods together with a very family oriented event. The intent of future events is to make stronger neighborhood events. If the Township was interested in sponsoring this event financially as well as the City they would look at some kind of commitment of \$500 and not to exceed \$1000. They are waiting on us (either yay or nay) if we support the concept in order to print their materials so they can include us and say it is sponsored by the City of Pickerington and Violet Township. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to demonstrate our support for National Night Out with a proclamation and that we give them a donation of not to exceed \$1000 and that Mr. Dunlap, as Chairman, represent us at their event. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2013-0703 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel had (4) resolutions for consideration.

The Donley family has generously donated \$5,000 towards the cost of a Polaris ATV unit to be used at special events and limited access emergency scenes. This will enable the Violet Township Fire Department to better serve our community. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0703-01 – Purchase a Polaris ATV Unit for a cost not to exceed \$11,735.00. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0703-01 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel explained the next resolution is for the slide-in unit that also has storage underneath. One of the reasons the guys chose the Polaris is because of the storage bin behind the cab. Chief said it is recommend we purchase a KimTek "Medlite Transport Deluxe (MTD-103)" bed insert that is designed to safely and securely carry assorted emergency equipment. This insert would accommodate the transport of a patient. There is a three position guide-lock attendant seat with seatbelt. The unit provides an enclosed storage area under the patient area, with a slide-out tray. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0703-02 – to Purchase an EMS Slide-in Unit for Polaris ATV Unit at a cost not to exceed \$3,750.00. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2013-07603-02 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel explained that as part of our planning it has come time for us to replace two of our thermal imaging cameras. These cameras will replace existing units that are aging, and provide newer technology. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0703-03 – to Purchase two (2) Thermal Imaging Cameras and Related Accessories from ISG at a total cost not to exceed \$17,225.00. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0703-03 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported it is time for the Fire Department to renew their maintenance contract with Physio-Control Inc. The cost for the two year contract is \$9,334.00, which will be payable in annual invoiced installments of \$4,667.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0703-04 – AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) Multi Year Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0703-04 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 8:03 pm to Review and Consider Approval of the Tax Budget for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

There were no other comments from the Trustees or the public on the proposed 2014 budget. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting at 8:10 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich,**

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yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0 and the Public Hearing was closed.

Fire Department (cont'd with Chief Eisel)

Mr. Myers asked if they had figured out what went wrong with the fire in Arizona. Chief reported that as of this evening state and federal investigators had been there. Their indications were that a pop up thunderstorm created a severe downdraft and changed the course of the wind 180 degrees. The winds they had discussed were about 70 mph. The one surviving member of the team was the lookout. He was perched up in a safety position and in communication with his team. These men were the 'best of the best' and this was a truly tragic event.

Chief Eisel added that our guys had a pretty rough week. There was a fatal accident on Wright Road and then a baby drowning on Monday.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple asked for a motion to purchase (2) two HP Compact Pro replacement computers from Keytel Systems to replace some of the older computers at the office to bring them up to date. This is on-going maintenance and replacements that we normally do.

Mr. Yapple had a resolution for consideration (regarding the ODNR Grant) to possibly hire Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. to do the Archeological Study for Busey Road Park. Their quote is about \$700 less than Hocking Tech College. We have also submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, a reduction and expenditures for shelters and paving to cover the amount of the Archeological Study in the grant cost which they would reimburse us for 70%.

The Trustees signed the Senior Center lease which had been signed earlier by Senior Center Board President, John Samborsky.

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

Mr. Yapple mentioned there is an article in the Grass Roots from the Ohio Township Association regarding the National Night Out where they are also promoting this event.

Mr. Yapple reported our Land Use and Transportation Plan was last updated in 2005. Mr. Yapple contacted Fairfield County Regional Planning. They will do the update for about \$18,000.00. The last consultant who updated our plan was in excess of \$50,000.00. Mr. Dunlap wondered if MORPC might be able to do something for us since we are a member. Mr. Yapple said they did not do this type of thing. Mr. Myers asked if there was a requirement to revise this every so many years. Mr. Yapple said there was not. Mr. Dunlap thought we should wait until the Zoning Commission is done looking at an Overlay District.

Mr. Yapple reported there was a favorable ruling from Judge Martin on the Bed Tax Issue. Judge Martin said he would not dismiss the filings as per the defendant's motion and the matter shall proceed so we will go through the whole process. Mr. Myers asked if there was a timeline on this. Mr. Dunlap didn't know if the judge ordered the County to escrow the funds. Mr. Yapple will ask the question again to find out for sure.

The fuel dispense monitoring point to point system was started and the fiber optics should be done this week. It will probably be a few weeks until this is finalized. Mr. Yapple is still working on some phone issues on this as well.

Mr. Yapple received an email from Mike Ebert asking if we would support the Labor Day Festival again this year for Canal Winchester. Last year we gave them \$1,000.00 towards the festival and they are asking for that amount once again.

Mr. Weltlich said he still has not received a firm commitment for the Strategic Planning for Economic Development. He was sent a draft but he would like a commitment for a completion date. Mr. Yapple will talk to Ms. Davis and get Mr. Weltlich a date.

Mr. Weltlich asked what we were doing (if anything) about the road levy assistance. Mr. Yapple will talk with Mr. Butcher regarding this.

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Mr. Dunlap asked if the recent problems we had with ground, generator and the transfer box had been resolved. Mr. Yapple has had conversation with Doc Metzger and the transfer switch is out and has not been put back in. They did find parts for it and they would have to be ordered if we go with replacement of the transfer switch located in the electrical room and if we stay with the generator we have. The generator we have will carry the entire building (give us heat and light). Another scenario is we could put a transfer switch outside which would be about \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. We could buy a 48kw generator that would maintain the building and give us some spare (about 8 or 9 kw's for expansion of the building. This would cost about \$17,900.00 plus about \$5,000.00 to wire and put it in. That generator is about \$900 more than a 38kw with exception that the \$17,900.00 (the 48kw) includes the \$4200.00 transfer switch. This number does not include the dismantling of existing electric service and re-wiring it back together. We are estimating that cost to be \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 to do this. The other option is to come back with what we have, move the transfer switch outside (which is still a \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 cost) or put the parts back in there for about \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. Doc recommends the transfer switch outside and replace the generator. Mr. Yapple said it would add some value to this building if we decided to move to Service Center later on. We originally bought the generator to keep the building from freezing. There would be a fair amount of work to do outside to put in a bigger generator. Mr. Myers said he is concerned about the phones being down for multiple days at a time. Mr. Yapple said if we get it to where we are trying to move regarding phones then that problem goes away. Mr. Smith said the phones being down is a problem as it has been 'hit or miss' whether we can accurately process payroll. Mr. Dunlap stated this building is the 'heart of the Township' and in case of a natural disaster this building needs to function totally to be able to serve the community. Mr. Yapple will put together a resolution for the next meeting to replace the generator, put the box outside and get this to 100%. Mr. Myers added the grounding be included with the generator. Chief Eisel commented that Mr. Yapple and Chief Little have been working diligently on a cooperative agreement as we did with all of our computer servers to move them to Blue Mile with Truro Township. They have also been working with Truro Administrator and their Fire Chiefs to move the phone system down there. We would have been there by now but Mifflin Township put the brakes on it. Chief Eisel explained that at the June 27th Chief's meeting he put them on notice that if they did not have a viable solution in 30 days regarding the phones that we would proceed and do the deal with Truro Township and move on. Chief Eisel said they have their next Fire Chief meeting on July 17th and they could very well come to the Trustees at the 17th meeting with a resolution. Mr. Weltlich suggested drafting up a resolution for the next meeting. Chief Eisel said they would be prepared at the next meeting to move forward if they have to.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0703-05 – Contract with EMH&T for ODNR Grant to Conduct a Phase I Cultural Resources (Archeological) Survey for the Busey Road Park Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked about the 70% with ODNR. Mr. Yapple said we projected about 30% of our expenditures and 70% of their expenditures because we knew what the total dollars ODNR would give us and we went 30% above that number to get us up to the number we had of \$28,000.00 to a total expenditure for the park paths and the shelters. Mr. Yapple spoke to Mary at ODNR and was told we needed to revise the cost of the project and show this \$6100.00 in it as an expenditure and reduce our shelters cost and our paving cost to keep at their funding level. They only have \$21,000.00 to spend and we said we were going to spend \$28,000.00. We took out \$5,000.00 in shelters and took out \$1100.00 in paving and pushed in the \$6100.00 for the archeological study. They will pay us 70% of the \$6100.00. We will get about \$14,000.00 to do construction work as opposed to \$21,000.00. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0703-05 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple also had two motions for consideration.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to authorize the Director of Operations to purchase (2) two HP Compact Pro Replacement computers from Keytel Systems at a cost not to exceed \$1400.00 to include installation. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2013-0703 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to authorize the Director of Operations to Approve Funding of Route 33 Development Alliance for 2013 at a level of \$2500.00 which

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shall be paid out of the General Fund. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2013-0703 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith explained he had January through April's reconciliations.

Mr. Smith said the feds have come out and said they are not sure they can keep rates where they are and what this has done in the market (at least short term wise) is that we have had a spike. Knowing this, Mr. Smith has invested some of our monies and things that will get us a little higher return. We were able to pick up a couple of bonds that we will get more return on then we have in the last 36 months.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the books were reconciled through May, June, July or what. Mr. Smith said they were fully reconciled through April and most of May is completed. Mr. Weltlich asked if he was trying to continue to reconcile monthly. Mr. Smith said he was.

Mr. Dunlap asked the question about a second signer again in case he were to become disabled or something. Mr. Smith said he had met with the different people and what would need to happen is that if say he would get hit by a bus; then the Trustees would have an emergency meeting and they would say this is our Deputy Fiscal Officer and depending on where it was in the election cycle that person would be authorized to do that and then the Trustees would do a motion/resolution. Mr. Dunlap asked if we had a list of where everything is. Mr. Smith said Rochelle had this but he would make sure Bill had a copy.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to approve the Tax Budget as submitted and discussed in the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion D2013-0703 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to donate \$5000 to the Pickerington Food Pantry for 2013. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion E2013-0703 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers also asked Mr. Smith if he could have a listing of all the charitable donations we have done in 2013.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to Canal Winchester for the Canal Winchester Labor Day Celebration. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion F2013-0703 passes 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap reported he met with Tim Haines of Buckeye Forestry and they walked through Busey Park and some other properties. Mr. Haines recommended a lot of the trees that are damaged needed to come out. Mr. Dunlap told him to consider anything large or a little sick looking that could potentially come down on people's properties. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Yapple to also contact ODNR Forestry to see if they still do this.

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

All the Trustees and Fiscal Officer will be at the July 4th Parade.

There may be more than one Trustee at the County Trustee and Fiscal Officer's meeting July 13th at Richland Township Firehouse.

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 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township offices.

Pay Bills

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to pay the bills to include a \$5,000.00 donation to the (PCMA) Pickerington Food Pantry. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

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Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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: _____