

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 18, 2013

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Smith was out ill and the Fiscal Assistant had just gotten in town so Mr. Yapple, Director of Operations called the role: Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yapple; Engineer, Greg Butcher; 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 September 4, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll Call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

County Authorities: Jeremiah Upp, PE PS, Fairfield County Engineer of 1800 Sugar Grove Road, Lancaster, Ohio was present to speak and get support for the upcoming road/Bridge and Culvert Levy Rebuild Issue 2 Project. Basically it is set up to bring about \$1.4 million in construction. This is about 50% of their construction budget. Per \$100,000 valuation it will cost \$13.30 per year. This is also where they get monies to provide townships with their allocation money. Mr. Upp explained the levy has always been a 5 year renewal and he is going to try to make this levy permanent because it has been there for so long. He left an endorsement sheet and fact sheet for the Trustees to look at.

Mr. Weltlich recommended Mr. Upp thoroughly investigate everything with the Board of Elections regarding the levy. Mr. Weltlich wanted clarification for the audience that Mr. Upp meant the income received is fixed. Mr. Weltlich also commended Mr. Upp and told him he had done a great job since he came into the office.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to endorse the Road and Bridge Levy. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2013-0918 passes 3-0.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel presented a resolution for the retirement of Lieutenant Rick Leaver. Chief Eisel explained he was one of the first firefighters to be hired back in 1986 and accepted this with sincere and genuine thanks. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-03 – Lieutenant Rick Leaver Retirement. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap said it would be with a lot of thanks for his service and regret. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-03 passes 3-0.**

To fill a current full time vacancy the Fire Department would recommend part time firefighter William Carr to the position of full time firefighter/paramedic. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-04. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-04 passes 3-0. Mr. Dunlap swore in William Carr to the position of full time firefighter/paramedic.**

Chief Eisel stated that as a result of the retirement of Lieutenant Leaver, we need to fill a current Lieutenant position. Barry Wright is the next candidate on the established promotional list. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-05 – Promotion to Lieutenant. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr.

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Weltlich noted just for the record this was the second resolution proposed this evening. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-05 passes 3-0. Mr. Dunlap swore in Barry Wright.**

Chief Eisel said that as part of their planning session, they would like to move forward with the purchase of new and supplemental collapse and extrication shoring equipment and related accessories at a total cost not to exceed \$5,736.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-06 – Rescue Shoring Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-06 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel thanked reporter Michael Hayes for the outstanding article he wrote for the recent National Safety Award.

Chief Eisel stated that the month of October will be in support of Dave Woodward and his family because of his recent diagnosis.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the status of the cots. Chief Eisel reported they are doing the narrative for the grant. Striker Systems will be the supplier of the cots if the grant is approved.

Mr. Weltlich stated that since our Fire Department has received the aforementioned National Safety Award, they now have an obligation to communicate their best practices of our organization to other organizations and 'broadcast' this.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported they have done about 1000 feet of curb and drive within Mingo Estates along Circle Drive East and Merry Lane have been cut and are in the process of being repaired. Mr. Butcher shared a thank you note received from Merry Lane resident.

Shelly Company completed chip seal today (Bid Package 2). Areas completed are New England Acres, Sturbridge Meadows, Terry Lane. Grant Lane and a portion of Amanda Northern Road south of Woodstream. Mr. Butcher thinks it looks good. Fog seal is anticipated within 2 weeks. Asphalt is about \$100,000 per mile and chip seal is about \$20,000 per mile.

Reclamite (pavement rejuvenator) was placed on Wagram Road, per Bid Package 1. Additionally, a 'test section' of reclamite was placed on Harmon Road between Northchester Drive and Coventry Avenue (northbound lane only). This will allow for a side by side comparison of the effects of this product on the pavement surface.

The Township safety grant is close to having all the paperwork in place. This will upgrade about 700 signs within the Township.

Fuelmaster system seems to be working well. There are a couple of issues but overall it is a good project.

Mr. Butcher wanted to have conversation about crack sealing. Mr. Butcher has approached American Pavements about getting a quote for the application of hot applied fiberized crack seal to various streets within the Township. It's about \$37,000 with the bulk of it being on Tollgate Road. The others are Hampton Ridge, Achievement Way at the school, Eastwood Village and in Canal Pointe. Mr. Butcher did not have a resolution because he wants to capture (as close as he can) where our budget is.

There was discussion regarding the submission of a Phase One application for Mingo Estates Issue One, Phase 2 funding. The deadline to submit the application is October 4th. Mr. Butcher wanted to revisit in concept the local share/loan commitment from Violet Township. One of the major components of this (which is within our control) is the funding. Mr. Butcher wants everyone's input as far as do we want to structure everything as we have in the past as a global share amount or do we want to take a loan out for the entire amount which gives us the maximum. We were 12 points shy in 2012. We would get the loan from Ohio Public Works Commission. Mr. Dunlap asked how our points were from last year compared to the year before. Mr. Butcher said we missed it by 12 points but changing the funding would increase it by 6 points. Mr. Weltlich felt we should go ahead and go for this. Pickerington and Fairfield County are very much on

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board with this project because the water and sewer lines will also be replaced and/or repaired with this project.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution prepared for a Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study Addendum. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-07 – Authorizing Hiring of URS Corporation to Amend Original Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study Contract to Include Task 5. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-07 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-09 – A Resolution Authorizing Greg Butcher, P.E., Violet Township Engineer to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required.

Mr. Myers said he was told that on September 26th they would vote on the TRAC meeting; so that will put Winchester Road either on or off the TRAC. Mr. Yapple said he would know more tomorrow after his meeting with Bob Lawler.

Mr. Weltlich asked what Mr. Butcher expected the Board to do regarding Busey Road Park ATV issue. Mr. Yapple said that was from him and we received a report back from the prosecutor that we could sign it under two different codes. We would have to pass a resolution. One could be done as Home Rule and the other cannot.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any update on Milnor Road crossing. Mr. Butcher hopes to have an update by tomorrow evening as he is doing a final walk through on the project with ODOT. Mr. Butcher asked them to confirm that they had no objection to the crossing being at Ault Road.

Mr. Yapple asked if Mr. Butcher had an opening date for the Lithopolis Road Bridge. Mr. Butcher said he did not.

Mr. Butcher reported he took a traffic counts at Waterloo Eastern Road last week and there were 6,000 cars in a 24 hour period. Mr. Butcher said the last time they tracked it it was 3000 to 3500 so to double this tells him that not only is the detour impacting this but he feels there is a trend of increased volume on that road. They will keep a close eye on this. Mr. Yapple is fearful that once the bridge opens our numbers will be closer to 4000 a day. There is a meeting next week at Canal that Bill will attend as there are a lot of questions; especially with the three way roundabout. It will probably force more traffic towards us during that construction work in 2014.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported he is working with two different companies for roof work for the Pickerington Senior Center. Either way it may be a prevailing wage issue.

At the last board meeting we discussed several major upgrades that they want to consider. They want to make some major parking lot changes. Mr. Yapple told them he would like to take Mr. Butcher and do some cores and analyze what needs to be done. He would also like to look at adding some parking to the west of that property line. There are issues at the front of the lot with surface draining. They will address this issue before addressing the issue of expanding the parking lot. This will be discussion in the next few months.

Mr. Yapple reported we received the paperwork and there is a resolution to approve the demolition of the house on Lockville Road.

We have booked Blue Moon Catering for December 20th for our Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

There is a resolution for Mr. Smith for Ohio Police and Fire Increase Retirement Funds that need to go in effect.

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Mr. Yaple has called the gentleman a few times regarding the recommendations for the preservation of the woods at Busey Park. Mr. Myers asked if the lady from Ohio State had gotten back to Mr. Yaple. Mr. Yaple said the first lady did but he has not had a second call. He was waiting to hear back from Andy the Forester. The lady from OSU referred him to Andy. Andy called Mr. Yaple and said he would take a look at it but Mr. Yaple has not heard back. Mr. Dunlap said he had another name of a forester who they can contact.

The property on Blacklick Eastern is down but still needs to get filled. They are waiting on the well to get sealed.

Mr. Yaple had a schedule from the courts on the Bed Tax Issue. No discovery after November the 1st and depositions will also be done by then. Motion for judgment will be November 15th all replies will be in December 16th.

Mr. Yaple provided the Trustees information regarding Eastchester Lighting. Mr. Yaple had a resolution authorizing him to move forward with South Central so we can get the assessments filed with the County. The current cost is \$15. The proposed cost (which is not in place yet) is \$1.50 more (which the board has not approved yet) that would not go into effect until April of 2014 and the first bill would be in May, 2014. The increase cost would be \$1.50 per light or \$48 for the whole sub-division per month. Mr. Campbell doesn't think it will go any higher. With that \$48 and as far as budget numbers we are carrying over close to \$4,000 in that account. Mr. Yaple told Jeff he could pay him the \$480.00 for the rest of the year and then we are a month short at the end of the year but that still does not get the assessment in September of next year. Mr. Yaple proposes we burn up some of the carryover because those funds can only be used for that purpose. In August of 2014 we can assess the number that will carry over. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-08 – To Authorize Director of Operations to Sign Agreement with South Central Power. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-08 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yaple also presented Resolution 2013-0918-02 – A Resolution to Proceed with the Removal of the Insecure and Structurally Defective Structure from the Property Owned by Steven and Nita Leonard, Located at 7220 Lockville Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0918-02 – A Resolution to Proceed with the Removal of the Insecure and Structurally Defective Structure from the Property Owned by Steven and Nita Leonard, Located at 7220 Lockville Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Seconded by Mr. Myers.** Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if everyone was on board with this. Mr. Yaple said they all were. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2-13-0918-02 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked what Mr. Yaple wanted to do about Busey Road Park and the ATV's. Mr. Yaple will prepare a resolution and we can do it at the next meeting. He needs to talk to the Sheriff's Department as to how to handle this. Mr. Dunlap stated that the park was in the City of Canal Winchester and therefore, any court action would go through them. Mr. Yaple stated that he would get with Canal's Legal Counsel to see how they will want to handle violations.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the Route 33 Overlay District. Mr. Yaple reported it was approved at the Zoning Commission meeting last night. It should be coming to the Trustees at their next meeting.

Mr. Myers asked about the generator outside and the pad that was poured. Mr. Yaple said Mr. Cotugno poured it. Myers wanted to know why it was not elevated. Mr. Yaple said it was supposed to be but it wasn't. He dug it out more and put the right thickness and Doc came over and checked it out. Mr. Yaple said they did change the gas meter this week.

Mr. Dunlap went back to the Senior Center topic and reported he attended the Historical Banquet and to the east and the doors that goes to the outside where the chairs are – every once in a while you can hear a clunk on the air conditioner? Mr. Yaple said they need to replace the condensate coil. The coil is original coil and the recommendation is to replace it.

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Mr. Dunlap also asked Mr. Butcher to look at about 4 Ash trees along Busey Road that he came across. He also mentioned he could get with South Central Power on this.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith was not present. Mr. Dunlap said he thought the resolution for O P & F Pension Pickup was dealing with the funding pension plan for Ohio Police and Fire and believes this is an authorization to change this from the process we have been doing. Chief Eisel felt that we needed to make sure that anything that has changed with amounts due to the history that we have had. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to table Resolution 2013-0918-01. Mr. Myers said the bottom line of the resolution is that it says the Board of Trustees of Violet Township authorizes the "above mentioned changes" in the method of calculating wages for members. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap felt we needed to get all the correct information and table it. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0918-01 is tabled 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Myers reported he attended a District Advisory Council meeting on Monday evening. This week the DAC is mailing a check to the vital statistics part of the State of Ohio for \$14, 592.00 so this will be the last payment of the back fees that had not been paid.

Mr. Myers said that in the new state budget it says they would like for the Health Departments to be accredited by 2020. It is not required but if they don't get accredited by 2020 this could affect wick funding money from the state and other things. It is \$30,000.00 to apply for this accreditation. The new sewer rules will be in place by 2014 by the State of Ohio for onsite systems. The carryover for next year will be about \$250,000.00.

Mr. Dunlap reported that he was stepping down and relinquishing his position as Chairman to Vice Chairman, Harry Myers. Mr. Myers continued the meeting from this point on.

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

September 21st is the Trustees and Fiscal Officers Association Meeting hosted by Amanda Township.

October 13th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm is the annual Fire Department Open House at Station 592.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills

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

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss personnel issues per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G4 to include Chief Eisel and the (3) Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes. 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:22 p.m. 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. Myers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:22 p.m. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 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: _____