

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 18, 2013

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Yaple called the role: Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple; Engineer, Greg Butcher; Fire Chief, John Eisel. Mr. Smith, Fiscal Officer was not in attendance.

Mr. Myers 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 December 4, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll Call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Lonnie Rush who resides at 314 Florence Drive in the City of Pickerington. Mr. Rush was present to say he was in support of annexation into the City of Pickerington for the property which includes Pickerington North High School. He hopes the Trustees have a business plan and will work with the City of Pickerington to achieve the best results for the community. His main reason for supporting the annexation is he feels the people who work at the high school and Jr. High School should pay their fair share of income tax into the City of Pickerington. Mr. Rush said the school system takes most of our tax money.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel had handouts of what the Fire Department activity in the last 30 days. They have been active with the Food Pantry Thanksgiving preparation, Plaza of Lights, Toy Drive, training – cold water/ice rescue with Columbus Fire Department, motor vehicle accidents requiring extrication, playing Santa at the Fire Station, in Pickerington, mutual aid to Basil, Ronald McDonald House: some firefighters went to serve food to the families; spent another day there playing games and spending time with the kids. His personnel have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes.

Chief Eisel had two resolutions for consideration. The first was to declare the 2003 Ford Expedition vehicle as excess equipment and offer it for sale as we have replaced it with newer updated equipment. The equipment may be usable to another state agency per the Ohio Revised Code that states the Township may agree to a price and value of this equipment with any agency within the State of Ohio for an agreed purchase price. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-07 – Declare Excess Equipment / Authorize for Sale. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-07 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel presented a resolution for the sale of excess equipment to the Village of Millersport, Ohio as they have agreed to purchase the 2003 Ford Expedition vehicle declared as excess by Resolution 2013-1218-08, for \$6,000.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-08 – Authorize the Sale of Excess Equipment to the Village of Millersport, Ohio. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-08 passes 3-0.**

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Mr. Weltlich asked Chief Eisel to share with the other Trustees about the grant for the cots. Chief Eisel reported he received an email from BWC and the gentleman's job was to review the technical aspects of the grant. Mike Marr told Chief Eisel that our application was going in front of the board first thing tomorrow. We should hear something early next week.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported he spoke last meeting to the Trustees regarding removal of 23 trees on the south side of the old shop property at 491 N. Center Street. Mr. Butcher spoke to South Central at the Trustees request about trimming the trees and (based on the condition of the trees) suggested they would rather take the entire tree down and consider compensation for the planting of the trees. He will speak to the property owner and will report back next meeting. Mr. Weltlich asked if he would suspect any resistance. Mr. Butcher thought they were planted at his request and he may have some concern. Mr. Butcher feels that South Central will do whatever we ask of them.

Mr. Butcher attended a leadership training this week. It was a collaborative training with Groveport, Canal, Pickerington and us. It went well and Dr. Flanagan does a very nice job.

Results of the telephone survey are in relating to the road levy. On January 7th at 10:30 AM at the Township offices anyone who is interested in being 'debriefed' can attend a meeting with a representative of the organization that conducted the survey. One comment with respect to set annexation there will be the possibility of significant impact to the road department. Mr. Butcher is in process of compiling that evaluation.

Due to the financial issues we have been facing the last few years, Mr. Butcher had a resolution for consideration that is part of any process involving a levy whether it is a fire levy or road levy or senior citizens levy for Resolution Requesting the Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio, to Certify to Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Subdivision & the Dollar Amount of Revenue to be Generated by a 2 Mill Road Levy. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-12. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was only for the unincorporated residents. Mr. Butcher said this was correct. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-12 passes 3-0.** Mr. Yapple said the resolution is in discussion late today with one of the auditor's office personnel and we have to modify a couple words in the heading. Mr. Yapple will let the Trustees know when it is ready to be signed. Mr. Butcher added this was the first part of the process. Some of the wording will be used for the actual ballot language if we decide to put it on the ballot. Mr. Butcher added this was part one of the process (that the valuation is received). Mr. Dunlap said if we decided to do it we have to officially ask for it and they have to officially accept it.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the tandem truck was back working. Mr. Butcher said all parts are in and it should be working by tomorrow. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to tell the guys they have done a great job.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we were ahead, behind or less than last year's usage with the salt. Mr. Butcher said we are behind in dollars and way ahead in ordering. There is no shortage as long as we have the money to pay it. It is \$58.22 a ton. Mr. Myers also commented how good the guys were doing on the roads.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported we need to determine what we are going to do about the first meeting in January.

Mr. Yapple also received an email from Mr. Smith stating we need to set a meeting for December 30th at 2:00 p.m. or December 31 at 8:30 a.m. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to set a special meeting on Monday, December 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2013-1218 passes 3-0.**

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to set the first meeting in January for Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2013-1218 passes 3-0.

Mr. Yaple reported we had several housekeeping resolutions for consideration.

Mr. Yaple reported the asbestos material at 7220 Lockville Road is scheduled to be removed in the next few weeks and then we will demo the house.

Mr. Myers attended a meeting for the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation.

Mr. Yaple has not heard from the forester or seen if the trees have been marked for Busey Road Park. Mr. Dunlap said he would call before he comes out.

Mr. Yaple sent the Trustees information this morning on all the issues that were due yesterday on the issue with the bed tax. According to the email Jennifer sent it could be 6 months before the judge makes a decision on the escrow and whether we have standing. Mr. Myers asked if we can ask for a venue change. Mr. Weltlich said we should ask her opinion regarding asking for a change of venue. Mr. Yaple will get a hold of Jennifer tomorrow.

Mr. Dunlap had asked for some backup information from Perrigo regarding statistics.

Mr. Yaple had two books from the consultant in regards to the survey for a road levy. Also included is detailed answers to question 6. There were percentage answers on every question.

Mr. Yaple had the bonds for Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Myers and the swearing in of office oath. We could do that on the December 30th meeting.

Mr. Yaple reported that we were notified that People Resources is now under the ownership of E4Health and LifeScope (now our EAP) and they are endorsed by Working Partners with whom we have a consortium with. We should get new literature within the next week or two.

Mr. Rush from the audience had a question. In his opinion Violet Township and the City of Pickerington are the largest communities in Fairfield County and there are two helicopters based near Lancaster he wanted to know who provides this service here in Violet Township. Chief Eisel said Med flight One is the closest one to us and they are down on 33 and they service us. If they are not available then their evac from 188 comes.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1204-01 –To Reappoint Monica Hogan to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-01 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-02 – Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys for Particular Matters for the Year 2014 – (Loveland and Brosius, LLC). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-03 – Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys on an Annual Basis for the Year 2014 – Loveland Law, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-04 – to Retain Alfred E. Schrader, Attorney at Law. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-04 passes 3-0.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-05 – Resolution Retaining Wanda L. Carter & the Firm of Newhouse, Propheter, Letcher & Moots, LLC as Legal Counsel to Advise & Represent the Township in Annexation-Related Matters. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-05 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-06 – To Retain Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an “As-Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-06 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-09 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-09 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1219-10 – Hire Kessler Heating and Cooling to Replace Heating and AC Unit for Pickerington Senior Center. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if they got another price or bid for the work. Mr. Yapple said the Senior Center did and they submitted the prices to Mr. Yapple and Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-10 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1218-11 – Nominate Greg Butcher, PE to MORPC Transportation Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1218-12 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith, Fiscal Officer was absent.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap reported he was at the annual Senior Foundation meeting today. They can put about \$25,000.00 in their savings account. They will explore other options and will have a special meeting in March. Whoever is the chairman next year will have to attend that meeting or an appointed designee. They are talking about doing away with the Foundation. Mr. Weltlich recommended that Mr. Dunlap recommends to them that they consider the person that is doing the investing for the Senior Center. Mr. Dunlap said they are going to look at this and they have another one to look at as well. Mr. Dunlap said they are going to look at this and they have another one to look at as well.

Mr. Myers attended the Fairfield County Land Re-Vitalization Corporation meeting. They will deal with blighted houses, areas. All state money. Brian Kuhn, Steve Davis, Dave Levisay, Dave Smith and Mr. Myers are all on the committee. They will have their organizational meeting in January. Mr. Myers said this is really not the kind of group where you would want to change people every year. Mr. Myers would like to take this on. The other two Trustees were in agreement. Mr. Yapple will write another letter stating the Trustees elected Mr. Myers to be a permanent member. We can expand the board to 7 or 9. There are 5 members now. The reason we were invited is because the ORC states they need a representative from the largest township in the county. One of the commissioners thinks we should have all three commissioners and Bob Clark.

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

The three Trustees will be at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon at the Violet Township Service Center at noon on Friday, December 20th.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Christopher Smith, Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2013-1218 passes 3-0.

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.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22(G)(4). Attendees will include the (3) Trustees; Fire Chief John Eisel and Director of Operations, Bill Yapple and there will be no business conducted after they return out of Executive Session. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes. 3-0. The board recessed for 5 minutes and went into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes. 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:46 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

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: _____