

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 4, 2013

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith, Fiscal Officer called the role: Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yapple; Engineer, Greg Butcher; Fire Chief, John Eisel.

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 November 20, 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.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Special Trustee Meeting of 11-25-2013. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel had one resolution for consideration.

The Toy Drive (drive-thru) is underway and the Girl Scouts worked it December 22nd.

In working with our insurance, Truck 593 was transported to Pierce yesterday. Details are still being worked out with the insurance adjustor. The truck that is available for us to rent is our old truck that is actually owned by Pierce Manufacturing. Once again John Findlay of Findlay Fire Apparatus is going 'to bat' for us because Pierce normally does not do this and they have agreed to do this for us.

Chief Eisel reported Chief Little did a Yeoman's job in submitting the Federal Grant because there were several things that changed this year. One was the timeframe from when the grant application opening period to when the submittal deadline was 30 days and it used to be up to 90 days. We hope to hear some positive information as this will benefit us greatly.

Chief Eisel and Doc will make arrangements to travel when the timing is right to look at and talk to the engineers about the frame, body mounts and those kinds of things to be able to make the best decisions going forward. Mr. Myers asked if they estimated the damage yet. Chief Eisel said the OTARMA adjustor gave us a ballpark figure. Pierce will not commit to anything until they actually have it in their hands. John Findlay told them they normally send a very detailed report and as soon as he gets that he will forward to us.

Chief Eisel presented a resolution for the annual Volunteer Firefighters Dependant Fund. The (2) fire department representatives would be Chief Eisel and Jason Smith. There is a member-at-large and Trustees Myers and Weltlich serve for the Township. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1204-01 – Volunteer Firefighters Dependant Fund. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-1204-01 passes 3-0.**

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Mr. Weltlich asked Chief Eisel if (when he spoke to the OTARMA Adjustor) if he gave him any kind of estimate of where they would total the truck for the damages like they usually do for "private citizens?" Chief Eisel said "yes and no" and said the value of the truck on the open market is somewhere around \$20,000. It is 21 years old and even though we have refurbished it we have put the money in all the right spots. His damage estimate was somewhere in the area of \$30,000.00 and \$35,000.00 but we have replacement value on that truck in the amount of \$270,000.00. We have some 'wiggle' room. This is why we want to be there. Chief Eisel hopes to retain the truck from Columbus until our regular rescue is back in service. The other insured contacted OTARMA and told them they would take full responsibility. We chose to work with OTARMA. Mr. Weltlich asked if Pierce was conservative or optimistic when they look at structural damages and things like this. Chief Eisel said they would be "accurate."

Mr. Weltlich asked about the grant for cots and what is the normal lead time for an answer. Chief Eisel said Mike Little hand delivered our grant to their offices in Pickerington of BWC. We had to submit a vendor information form. They said they would notify us of the acceptance or rejection of our form within 3 to 4 days. Two weeks went by and we got a rejection letter. The form they had on file did not match the form we had submitted. Chief thinks we will hear something by the end of January.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported South Central has contacted him about the removal of 23 pine trees on the south side of the old shop property that have grown into the electric lines. Mr. Butcher shared a photo of the trees with the Trustees. Mr. Dunlap suggested asking South Central Power representatives to top the trees and report back. Also, South Central Power has agreed to help remove 4 trees on the south side of Busey Road Park along Busey Road.

Mr. Butcher reported 700 high intensity signs were delivered last week as part of the Township Sign Upgrade Grant. In a few months we should be compliant with the Federal regulations.

Mr. Butcher reported he attended the MORPC Transportation Advisory Committee and will be applying to the committee to assume Mr. Yapple's position on the committee. Currently, Mr. Butcher serves an alternate to Mr. Yapple.

Mr. Butcher had an update from Etna Township that there was supposed to be some conversation on a meeting of the proposed development east of Haaf Farms on the north side. Mr. Butcher had a call from a resident yesterday; nothing new to report on concerns for the proposed development. According to Holly Mattei at Regional Planning there continues to be conversation at the County level but as far as response from the county; that has not changed.

Mr. Dunlap asked if anything had been done on the striping. Mr. Butcher said they were still trying to get this done.

Mr. Weltlich asked if today was the day they started the road survey. Mr. Butcher said it was and he was happy with the final draft. Mr. Butcher reported they had asked questions to these consultants that the Trustees had asked us to propose to them and some we incorporated and some they came back and said this is the way it needs to be done. It went well and Mr. Butcher feels good about it. It will be good to help in deciding what direction we may want to take moving forward. Mr. Weltlich suggested we need to think of legal counsel to assist in ballot language if we go that way as we don't want to wait until February to prepare the language. Mr. Yapple thinks the County Board of Election takes care of that. Mr. Yapple will check. Mr. Smith recollected that we submitted our millage and Mr. Laramie helped to draft the language with the actual part and the board of elections sent it to us. Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher to have dialog with someone to see what we need to do. Mr. Yapple will talk to Mr. Laramie first. Mr. Dunlap stated we would have to agree on the millage. The millage was 2 mills in the final draft of the survey. This was where Greg, the consultant and Mr. Yapple felt comfortable after discussion.

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Mr. Myers asked about the pole at the corner of 204 and Wagram Road. Mr. Butcher said it was sheared off as a result of an accident during the last snow event. Highway Patrol handled but he doesn't know why it took so long to replace. It was replaced on Monday.

Mr. Yapple added that about 10 months ago there was a phone wire hanging too low across Diley Road that caught on a piece of equipment and it eventually broke a pole off. It was on the east end of the Shade Addition and the pole is leaning out into the paved area of the roadway up high. In looking at all the lines in that shade addition where they go back and forth across the road he thinks we have electric lines laying on top of telephone lines that need to get repaired and fixed. This is not the first time those poles have been pulled down by a piece of equipment. This is on Waterloo Eastern Road. Mr. Butcher said he has asked the question to AT&T about the wires on the south side and he never got any action. Mr. Butcher will ask the question again.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported we are getting closer to demolition on 7220 Lockville Road and he needs a motion to authorize him to hire the Hina Corporation to do the environmental removal on this property and the removal is \$19,695.00. We have approval from Fairfield County through the State Grant that that will be paid by them. The building will come down and the demolition will cost about \$9,000.00. Mr. Dunlap asked who pays what. Mr. Yapple said we would work this through. It will go to the County to pay. North American came in less than Hina.

Mr. Yapple reported we received official notice from the County from the Treasurer's Office telling us we have a representative position on the Fairfield County Land reutilization corporation as established in the Ohio Revised Code that they have established. This Board of Directors will govern that. It is a 5 member board and the largest city and largest township gets a member and three are appointed from the County. They are asking for submission and would like to have it by December 13th.

We discussed the vacation of the alleys in Lockville at the last meeting. The Commissioners vacated the alley behind the property and left the 60 foot right-of-way on the east side. The property owner to the rear is ok with that.

Mr. Yapple asked about dues for the Pickerington Chamber. Dues are \$420.00. We have been a platinum member in the past. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to renew as a platinum member with the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2013-1204 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple had the contract for the Timber from Buckeye Forestry Service to be signed and approved for the Busey Road Park. Mr. Dunlap said he would let us know when he was coming and Mr. Dunlap will make sure Mr. Yapple is aware when he is coming.

We have a renewal for the Ohio Public Entity Consortium. We need a motion to renew as our health insurance coverage cost because our insurance plan runs through June. We need to be a part of the consortium to have the pricing and the consortium runs from January to January. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to renew with Ohio Public Entity Consortium. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2013-1204 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple contacted the County Sheriff in regards to the liquor license renewals for next year. He gave them a list of all the liquor holders and calls in the Township. Mr. Dunlap said a lot of them are alarm drops. He did not see anything that was significant as a problem. Mr. Yapple said there was one issue regarding the Olde Towne Tavern. Sergeant. Duvall and Mr. Yapple spoke about this as he called her for something and she thinks there may be a problem of underage out there. Mr. Dunlap said it was not in this report. Sgt. Duvall said they caught them in the Village. Mr. Dunlap said the Department of Safety needs to be advised. Mr. Yapple will talk to Jim Bally. Mr. Weltlich said that in reality we do not really have a say in this issue. Mr. Dunlap said we have a say if in the report there are consistent problems at a particular place of violations like fighting's or shootings. Mr. Dunlap said if you do object it will go in there records that there was an objection so that if something transpires in the future.

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Mr. Yapple reminded everyone that Sunday night is the Fiscal Officer and Trustee function at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1204-02 – 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 2013-1204-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-1204-03 – Hire Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District to Perform GPS/GIS Services. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to Authorize Director of Operations to sign proposal from North American Environmental for Asbestos Abatement at 7220 Lockville Road (Moving Ohio Forward Program). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2013-1204 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith, Fiscal Officer reported he did not have any recons for the Trustees. He said he would have through October at the 18th meeting and then November and December for the end of the year. Mr. Smith handed out an appropriation status that is completely up to date. Tomorrow's pay is not included. He had a submittal for consideration.

We need to decide whether there will be a special meeting in order to either pass the budget or to pay bills.

The first meeting for 2014 will be slated for January 1st. The Trustees need to determine if and when they will meet. Mr. Smith wanted to make them aware that our two payrolls the pay period ends in December. Our pay date is January 2nd. How that works is that whenever we get paid on Thursday, the money is taken from our account on the Wednesday. When it's a holiday it can't be taken on the Wednesday, so in order by our contract to get paid on Thursday then the money has to be taken on Tuesday which is the 31st. All that to say, in order to pay per our contract in our Employee Manual, we will get paid in 2014 but we have to have funds in 2013. Chief Eisel said technically there would be 27 pay periods in 2013 and 25 in 2014. Mr. Smith said 26 from an employee standpoint but 27 from a "we need to have monies appropriated" standpoint. We need to have conversations. Mr. Smith said that as far as the employee goes they are getting paid in 2014 and it will show on 2014's W-2's. There is no impact. Mr. Weltlich said this just tells him that at the next meeting we have to have the appropriation in place.

Mr. Dunlap asked when the budget has to be approved and to the county. Mr. Smith said it has to be approved and to the County by 12/31. Mr. Weltlich said there seems to be misimpression about who is doing the budget. Mr. Weltlich said their intent was to look at expenditures to begin to see where we can cut and where we have to cut. It was not our intent to do the budget. Mr. Smith said the email clearly said they were doing the budget. Mr. Smith had not planned or even thought about executing that based on the email he received back in October. Mr. Yapple said they have to have a vote at the next meeting in order to be done for the first of January or have a special meeting.

Mr. Smith said if they would email him on thoughts on specific line items. Based on the feedback Mr. Smith gets then he will put something together.

Mr. Weltlich asked what we agreed to with the road levy consultant, Allerton Hill. Mr. Smith said we owed them a \$30,000.00 deposit which was 50% of the \$60,000.00 that we agreed to. We had to move money and we gave them \$20,000.00 and we told them we would send them \$10,000.00 to get them to \$30,000.00 and they were ok with that.

Mr. Dunlap asked if reconciliations were up to date. Mr. Smith said he would have up through October at the next meeting and then November and December will have pretty close at the end of the year. Mr. Weltlich asked where he was now. Mr. Smith said he was working on August.

Mr. Weltlich also asked how close Mr. Smith was of having a summary of the investments. Mr. Smith said he would have this for the next meeting.

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Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich attended Pickerington City Council meeting last night. They had their third reading of the pre-annexation agreements. It was approved 5-1.

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

The three Trustees will be at the Ohio Township Association Fiscal Officers and Trustees event 12-8-2013. Mr. Weltlich will attend the tree lighting on December 6th. There might be two Trustees at the Historical Society Annual Banquet on December 5th.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills

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

Mr. Myers 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 and there will be no business conducted after they return out of Executive Session. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes. 3-0. The board recessed for 5 minutes and went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes. 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:39 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 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: _____