

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 15, 2014

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll: 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. 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. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Special meeting of January 2, 2014 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. 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 a Resolution of Necessity declaring it necessary to levy a tax outside the ten mill limitation and further declaring the intent to place a fire levy on the May 6, 2014 ballot. The resolution has been reviewed and approved for language by the county prosecutor and county auditor's office. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0115-04 – Resolution of Necessity – Declaring it Necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation and further declaring the intent to place a fire levy on the May 6, 2014 ballot. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0115-04 passes 3-0.** Chief Eisel explained they will take this resolution immediately to the Auditor's office which the Auditor's office will then certify and send us back a certificate which will require another meeting of the Trustees and another resolution to put it on the ballot.

Chief Eisel was assured he would get all the paperwork back by Friday. They can then start preparing the next resolution. Mr. Weltlich suggested coordinating with Susan Bloom at the Board of Elections so everything is in sync.

It was decided to have a Special Trustee Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Violet Township Offices. The press will be notified 24 hours before.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief Eisel would have any input with the Doug Barr Safety Award. Chief Eisel has not made contact as of yet. Mr. Weltlich asked that he make it a point to contact them. Chief Eisel intends to go to the luncheon tomorrow.

Mr. Dunlap asked what the status was of Engine 593. Chief Eisel said their intent right now is to repair.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported the Safe Routes to School Harmon Middle School sidewalk design Stage 1 plans have been submitted to ODOT.

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Mr. Butcher met with Pickerington personnel to consider a 2014 SRTS grant application/scope. The purpose is to identify potential projects. Mr. Butcher will be meeting with the PLSD superintendent and assistant superintendent next week to discuss further. Projects along West Columbus Street from Circle K to Seven Pines Drive and from the area of Mingo Estates to Education Drive on the south side of Refugee Road were discussed.

The OPWC District 17 meeting was January 10. Mr. Butcher was happy to report that after the fourth attempt the Mingo Estates Phase 2 Project was funded. In general that project consists of complete 'rebuilt infrastructure on essentially the southern half of a portion of Mingo Estates north of the creek to north of section 1. Mr. Butcher provided the Trustees with a breakdown of the application. Estimated project cost is \$1.6M; local shares of the three partners, Violet Township, City of Pickerington and Fairfield County - \$421K; Grant - \$348K and loan; \$850K (30 years, 0% interest). Mr. Weltlich asked what our 'out of pocket' would be. Mr. Butcher said our local share is about \$250,000 and our grant application and our loan for 30 years. Mr. Dunlap asked how this is determined. Mr. Butcher said you have to look at the construction cost components. The loan is all ours. Mr. Yapple said the storm sewer is a good bit of the added cost. This is some of the area that doesn't have a good storm sewer so this will be a big portion of the number. Our local share is 1.1M total. Mr. Weltlich asked how the funding works. Mr. Butcher said we get approved to expend funds July 1, 2014. As the project commences and we are invoiced, the local shares are drawn. Mr. Myers asked what the timeline was. Mr. Butcher said we would start in 2014 and will likely carry over into 2015. Mr. Yapple asked what the percentage complete are for drawings. Mr. Butcher said we are between 90 and 100%. In his opinion we are close to 100%. Mr. Myers asked if all the parties were on board with this and could one of them back out. Mr. Butcher said yes they absolutely could.

Mr. Butcher prepared a State and Federal Grant Funding Summary from 2002-2014. \$5.7M in grants has been secured. Mr. Butcher has looked at infrastructure grants we have received in the last 12 years. Significantly, Issue 1 and Issue 2 projects are \$4M. Mr. Butcher feels we are being efficient internally looking for funding versus externally.

Mr. Butcher brought up House Joint Resolution 9, which is a reauthorization of State Capital improvement Program for another 10 years. Mr. Butcher feels it is important to reach out to our local legislators to obtain their support and make sure the voters vote for it as it will be no cost to them. The bottom line is it takes funding from the OPWC funding from \$150M to \$175M in 5 years and then 6-10 is \$200M. Mr. Butcher will put something together. It will be on the ballot May 6th. Mr. Weltlich recommended supporting this on our website as well.

Mr. Butcher reported he attended a District 17 meeting regarding the Clean Ohio Fund or the Natural Resources Assistance Council. Within District 17 there is \$2.1M in grants available and he wanted to revisit this. We had talked about looking at the southern part of the Township and open space opportunities and there is not much competition for these funds. The contingencies are that it is great space forever that can be used for stream protection, road protection, and trails. Mr. Butcher envisions something along Canal Lands and the old Canal. Perhaps there is something we could come up with conceptually with Lockville Park to the City of Canal Winchester. Mr. Dunlap asked if we could look at bike paths from Diley Road (that are no longer in existence) to our park and them some additional trees in our park on Busey. If there is any way we can see if there is help in putting up the cabins. The deadline is February 1st or March 1st. Mr. Butcher will ask some questions and get back to the Trustees.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the generator that used to be at the administrative offices. As he understands from Doc it needs a switch for about \$1,000. Mr. Dunlap thought we should explore getting this to the Senior Center who does not have one. With the lighting and all it would make a nice place to have for shelter in case of a natural disaster. Mr. Weltlich said the Senior Center uses the Levy money for Capital Improvements. Mr. Myers and Mr. Yapple didn't think it would be big enough for the Senior Center. Mr. Dunlap said Doc said he thought it would run all the lights and the furnaces in there. Mr. Dunlap wants it to be checked out as this is the only building the trustees own that is not protected by generator.

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Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported the Trustees received notice that OPBVA will have an Open House Wednesday, January 22, 2014 from 5-7p.m. at Park Alley Banquet Hall.

The Records Retention and Destruction Schedule has been updated and waiting on signatures. Mr. Yapple also shared a new requirement from the State on records destruction. It is being handled by the Ohio Historical Society through the Attorney General's Office. Once they send us back this schedule of destruction they will sign it and things they think we may need to keep permanently you cannot destroy but instead of going through the process we go through today, of notifying the Auditor, them approving and so forth; once the time period 'clicks' we can just destroy the items. We keep a schedule what you destroy.

Mr. Yapple is working with OTARMA. We have a schedule of insurance renewals issue that comes up in April. We need to look at the values and come back with recommendations if you think they are incorrect. This will help to establish our premium for next year.

On Moving Ohio Forward, the house on Lockville Road demo started today. They will probably have it cleaned up in the next day or so and the septic tank and well abandoned. Mr. Yapple asked for a motion to authorize him to approve him to sign for the demolition of the property at 7265 Amanda Northern Road. Hazardous Materials are being started and we will be ready to demo that in about 10 days to 2 weeks.

Mr. Yapple forwarded the motion to legal counsel in regard to the appeal of the bed tax.

Mr. Yapple is talking with Chief Eisel and Chief Little regarding some issues with the DocuLex shared document issues.

There is a District Advisory Council meeting on January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the courthouse.

They are looking for reservations for the Pickerington Chamber annual dinner Saturday, February 8th at Hickory Lakes. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to attend the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras Celebration and pay for a table. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2014-0115 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple reported the EPA is looking at the storm water permits again. Our permit will be up this year. The criteria has not been drafted yet. We will have to reapply for it this year and the decision would be do we do it individually or do we go with the County again. With what we have in place with the MS4 program that we purchased, Chad is comfortable doing the reporting for us. There is an educational component. Our share would be about \$1500 a year. They have not told us the deadline for the permit application. Mr. Weltlich asked about the lawsuit that is going on. Mr. Butcher said the EPA permits expire January 29, 2014. Right now they are accepting draft comments to the new permit and the new permit does not have an effective date. Mr. Yapple said we would continue as we have and fund it from General Fund. We will be required to get a permit with or without the County. This will be the third permit we have applied for. Once we know the date and after the draft conditions are done we will know more.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0115-01 – Hire Prosecuting Attorney's Office to Serve as Law Director for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked how much. Mr. Yapple said it would tie for the same amount as last year (which has been \$15,000.00). **Mr. Myers moved to amend the resolution to make the statement of \$15,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution is so amended. Mr. Smith then called the roll on the resolution as amended. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution passes: 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0115-02 – To Proclaim February 1, 2014 Ohio Township Day. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr.

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Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0115-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0115-03 – Authorize Participation in ODOT Purchasing Program. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0115-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to authorize Mr. Yaple to proceed with signing of agreement with Colvin Gravel Company not to exceed \$9,490.00 for demolition and cleanup of property located at 7265 Amanda Northern Road. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich Motion B2014-0115 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked if they had actually filed the appeal for the bed tax. Mr. Yaple said they had not; they have to do the final paperwork on the original findings first and then they will file the appeal. Mr. Weltlich asked what the task was and what the deadline was. Mr. Yaple said the task was our counsel to file their final paperwork with the judge. Mr. Yaple will check with our counsel tomorrow.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we are required to keep the paper copies if we have digital storage and if so why. Mr. Weltlich feels we need a team to take charge of this in an organized fashion to get this done.

Mr. Weltlich asked what was going on with Pickerington TV. Mr. Yaple said he has not seen or heard anything about it in the last year.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith, Fiscal Officer reported he had a few payroll summaries for signature. He sent an email regarding Medical Mutual for Township employees is paid up through the end of February. At the next regular meeting it would be good to request the advancement of taxes from the county.

In regards to the monies needed for Mingo; we have done a temporary budget this year but when it becomes permanent he urges them to be strategic in how they will speak to this.

Mr. Smith also reminded the Trustees that generally at this time of the year they set a planning meeting.

Mr. Smith hopes to have the books closed next week.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we had any monies in Star Plus. Mr. Smith said we did not. The Huntington had a product that was similar to it and they did not get back to us. We have a limited amount of money in Star. Star Plus the model (from an execution standpoint) they would be using the funds we give them to invest and the execution of that requires the Fiscal Officer to be on top of giving that information. When Mr. Smith met with them the process to utilize them at that point was very cumbersome. It is not a good investment for anyone to do.

Mr. Dunlap thanked Mr. Smith for his service with the Township as this would be his last "official" meeting. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Dunlap and said he enjoyed serving the Township for the last six years.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Chief Eisel attended the Epiphany Lutheran Community Church meeting. Mr. Weltlich was disappointed in the way the meeting was handled by the consultant. Chief Eisel added that at this point they really do not know what the intent of the meeting was. Mr. Weltlich learned what the purpose of the meeting was. It was to take their survey and dwell with what the community leaders to see if there was any synchronization of needs. It was never discussed at the meeting.

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Mr. Weltlich also reported the election was held at the Pickerington Senior Center. They will miss John Samborski.

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

Mr. Dunlap reported he might attend the Pickerington Chamber luncheon tomorrow. Mr. Weltlich will not be there.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices. Mr. Myers reported there will be more than one Trustee attending a special meeting on January 22, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Township offices.

Pay Bills

No bills paid.

Executive Session

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 5 minute recess and then go into Executive Session Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employment and employment issues per the ORC Section 121.22(G)(1). Attendees will include the (3) Trustees and Fire Chief John Eisel and there will be no business conducted after they return out of Executive Session. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes. 3-0. The board recessed at 8:46 p.m. for 5 minutes and went into Executive Session.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:11 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 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William C. Yaple, Deputy Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____