

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 22, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Violet Administrative Offices by Chairman Myers. All (3) three Trustees were present; Harry Myers, Jr., Gary Weltlich and Terry Dunlap, Sr. Also present were Fire Chief John Eisel, Director of Operations Bill Yapple, Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Scott Warrick, Legal Consultant. Chairman Myers noted Fiscal Officer, Chris Smith was not in attendance.

Mr. Myers asked everyone in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PLEASE NOTE: Under 'Approval of Minutes' section on the agenda Ms. Goldberg mistakenly forgot to take out the approval of the January 2, 2014 minutes. Those minutes had already been approved at the January 15, 2014 meeting.

Department Reports:

John Eisel, Fire Chief

Chief Eisel reported today is the final day for training crews on the new CAD system at MECC as part of the Federal Grant. Three of our people in the 'Train the Trainer' program have been conducting all the training for all the crews as well as Truro's crews at Station 592.

Chief Eisel commended all the road crew for a 'job well done' in keeping the roads safe.

Chief Eisel reported that in order for us to be on the ballot, the filing deadline is February 5th at 4:00 p.m. The Trustee meeting isn't until that night at 7:00 p.m. By Statute code we have to pass the first resolution (which we did at the last meeting) and we have to pass the second resolution at this meeting which has to be taken to the County Auditor's Office and then delivered to the Board of Elections. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0122-01 – Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax Outside the Ten-Mill Limitation & Further Stating the Intent to Proceed to Place a Fire Levy on the May 6, 2014 Ballot. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2014-0122-01 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked where the cots stand. Chief Eisel said they are still waiting and cannot proceed any further until a check is received from BWC..

Mr. Dunlap asked the Chief if he had heard anything from BWC when that might be forthcoming. Chief said no that Chief Little was working on this.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the CAD switch would be a big impact for our people. Chief said the CAD program they will see on their local computers is a different layout and different format but the same information. We will stick with run cards for now and they will have the ability to migrate to APL in the future.

Mr. Weltlich congratulated Chief Eisel and his team and Chief Little for doing a 'Yeoman's' job to get the Fire Levy resolution done in a timely, orderly fashion.

Greg Butcher, Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he would like to get their paving bids out and contract documents established soon. If we need to have this conversation in a different form please let him know so he can get started as soon as he can.

Mr. Butcher suspects in the next few weeks they will see a lot of information out in the public about salt shortages, rationing, costs, supply and transportation issues. Violet Township currently has an adequate supply. Today, this winter we have used about 1150 tons. That compares to 700 tons last year, 400 tons the previous year and the average is about 1150 tons. He wants to keep in front of them the most they have used is 2000 tons of salt. 3000 tons of salt would be very problematic from a budget perspective. We need to continue to review this.

Mr. Butcher said he has a narrative on our website for snow removal. It is similar to other agencies. He encourages anyone that has question or concern to come to him.

Lastly, Mr. Butcher commended his staff, specifically Will Yapple on maintenance of vehicles. We have had no issues this winter.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Butcher what the delivery time would be through the normal delivery channel if he needed salt. Mr. Butcher gave an example of this week where he ordered on Tuesday and it is being delivered the next day (today). This does not appear to be the norm from what some colleagues have said. Mr. Butcher said he can honestly say we have never had a supply problem. We pay our bills on time and we also take salt any time and any hour, any day of the week with a phone call. We have a relationship with Henderson Trucking which manages the biggest stockpiles in Columbus.

Mr. Myers asked how the new fuel management system was working. Mr. Butcher said it was “seamless.” Mr. Butcher had one sensor issue which allows the tank to turn on but you can override that.

Bill Yapple, Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported he had one resolution and a motion that both were relating to the Fiscal Officer stepping down on January 31, 2014 to allow bills to be paid, checks to be written and money to be transferred in the next 30 days until we get the Mrs. Smith’s replacement on board.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0122-02 – Hire Consulting Firm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if we had put an end date on this. Mr. Yapple said we did not as at this point we do not know when that will be. If we were to use him in 2015 it would take a new resolution. Mr. Yapple agreed with Mr. Myers. Mr. Yapple reported he had a conversation with the State Auditor’s office and talking about appointments in the meantime and until final appointments are made. They are all ok with this. As far as audit time they have requested the contractor put us on top of the list to come early this year for our bi-annual audit. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained as he has personal business with the Hagan firm. Resolution passes 2-1.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to appoint William C. Yapple as Deputy Fiscal Officer until such time as the appointed Fiscal Officer is in place. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked when this would take effect. Mr. Dunlap feels we should do it now if at all possible and recommended amending the motion to put an end date. Mr. Weltlich said he didn’t feel we should put an end date.

Mr. Weltlich amended the motion to appoint William C. Yapple as Deputy Fiscal Officer with a termination date to be determined. Mr. Myers seconded the amendment. Roll call: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Amendment to Motion A2014-0122 passes 3-0. Discussion on motion as amended:

none. Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2014-0122 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Yapple had any communications with the Fiscal Officer in regards to closing the books. Mr. Yapple spoke to the Fiscal Assistant and the books did not get closed as of Monday, 1-20-2014 and are not closed as of last night, 1-21-2014. They are close but not done. Mr. Weltlich feels we should ask Mr. Hagan come out and sit with Mr. Yapple and the Fiscal Assistant and put together a speedy process to get this done.

Christopher Smith, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith was not in attendance.

Trustee Reports:

None

Meetings (where there will be more than one Trustee present):

None

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

None

Pay Bills:

There were no bills to pay.

Executive Session:

Mr. Dunlap made a motion at 9:35 a.m. to take a five minute recess and then the (3) Trustees would go into Executive Session per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to discuss employment issues. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap added to include Fire Chief, John Eisel and Scott Warick and then bring back in Mr. Yapple. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. 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 adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joniann Goldberg, Admin. Assist.

William C. Yapple, Deputy Fiscal Officer

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee