

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 19, 2014

Regular Meeting

Mr. Yaple 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, Assistant Chief, Mike Little.

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 special Trustee meetings of January 25, 2014; February 1, 2014 and February 11, 2014 as submitted by the Deputy Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of February 5, 2014 as submitted by the Deputy 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:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Jerry Perrigo was present. He reported they had to put their Canine to sleep. They hope to get another dog with funding they have in place.

They are working with the EMA Director in getting radios for the schools. The schools are getting a grant to help with the purchase of these radios. This will be for active hostage situations.

The new building was approved and they are in the design development stage.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel had (2) two resolutions for consideration. The first was for their annual turnout gear purchase. They are proposing to purchase fifteen (15) sets of Janesville V-Force structural firefighting turnout gear to be appropriated from the Other-Capital Outlay fund 4904-760-790-0000. The cost of this purchase would be \$2153.45 per set, at a total cost of not more than \$33,000.00. This takes advantage of State Term Contract Pricing through the Department of Administrative Services Ohio Cooperative Purchasing contract STS842, schedule #800216. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-01 – Structural Firefighter Turnout Gear Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0219-01 passes 3-0.**

The Fire Department would like to send three (3) representatives; Lt. Brett Bowen, Firefighter Liz Pfeifer and Firefighter Mike Proctor; to the BGSU State Fire School Certified Rescue Technician Training program. This training will be held in Washington Township (Columbus area) at a cost not to exceed \$7,800.00 for tuition, to be appropriated from Training Services Fund 2281-230-318-0000. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-02 – Fire Department Rescue Tech Training. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0219-02 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich gave kudos to the two (2) Chiefs for sharing their candid information with the two (2) gentlemen that insisted on meeting with them. Chief Eisel said they learned just

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as much from the conversation and will start using some of this information on our website.

Mr. Dunlap asked about cots. Chief Eisel said he should have a resolution at the next meeting to purchase and we will have to authorize the entire amount.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the engine repair update. Chief Eisel said he should know more next week. Doc has been in contact with them.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher passed on kudos to Chief Scott Bordner and asked Chief Perrigo to pass on to him how much we appreciate what he does.

Mr. Butcher met with an arborist at the Busey Road Park to discuss removing the tree Mr. Myers requested be taken down. Mr. Butcher is awaiting a proposal.

Mr. Butcher had a conversation with a resident of Huntington Hills who requested we remove stop signs on Huntington Way. After lengthy discussion, he advised her that he would discuss with the Township Board of Trustees and reply with a formal response. Mr. Dunlap stated that when he came on with the Township a question was brought up about those signs and he said they probably were not correct in being put up the way they were. At the demands of the residents they went ahead and put them up. Basically the Prosecuting Attorney at the time said to leave them up and by taking them down it could create more problem for the motorist. Mr. Butcher will draft a letter for the Trustees to review.

Salt usage total for this winter is at approximately 1500 tons. We have sold salt to both Canal Winchester and to Pickerington Local Schools. Mr. Weltlich added that Mr. Ebert expressed his gratitude. Referencing an email Mr. Butcher sent 2/15/2014; Rationing, blending salt with sand are options we need to keep in front of us. Currently, our supply is adequate with about 300 tons stockpiled. This is good for every bit of 3 different events. Mr. Weltlich asked if there were other options besides salt such as calcium chloride as a potential alternate if we're out of the rock salt. Mr. Butcher said sand and curb and gutter subdivisions could be more problematic.

Mr. Butcher reported potholes are very problematic. This is number one priority when we aren't involved with snow removal. It is likely pavement conditions will worsen with water infiltration into cracks combined with thawing and softening of subgrade soils occurs.

Mr. Butcher asked if the Trustees object to placing weight limits on Busey Road between Hill Road and Diley Road. No resolution is needed; simply an approval and he will get signs posted and notify the County. The Trustees said to proceed.

Flooding is a concern over the next 24 to 48 hours. Currently, high water signs are posted on Busey Road and Allen Road. It is likely Walnut Creek will close Waterloo Road.

There is a resolution to advertise for 2014 Township pavement maintenance. Advertising is done over 2 weeks. The tentative scope of work is: conventional hot mix for New England Acres (\$200,000), Sturbridge Meadows (\$50,000), and Busey Road from Pickerington Road to Diley Road (\$200,000). Mr. Myers asked Mr. Butcher to confirm when we last did these roads.

For the first time ever, hot mix paving costs exceeded \$100,000/mile in 2013. Utilizing a hot mix asphalt approach for pavement maintenance is unsustainable at current funding levels.

A church is being proposed on the south side of Busey Road immediately west of the Busey Road Park. There are concerns with access (specifically site distance) for one of 2 proposed drives. Guidance is offered in the Township Access Management Plan. Mr. Butcher is working with the Church's design team and has sought and received concurrence from the County Engineers Office regarding the Township's approach to this issue. Future discussion will be held with the church's design team. Mr. Butcher will

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keep the board informed. There is some engineering discretion on this issue; however it is unlikely two full movement drives will be approved. Mr. Butcher is leaning towards a right in right out recommendation at the western most access point, hence, the site distance problem and full access movement at the eastern most drive. The County Engineer concurred with this. The current status is that Canal Winchester council or committee has approved it with conditions.

Mr. Butcher had (3) items he needed Mr. Yapple to check on. One was to see if FEMA fund was re-distributed to another fund and he asked about the paving was done in the CEDA area back in 2013 and wondered if it was transferred. Mr. Yapple will check on this.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported the State of Pickerington and Violet Township is March 20, 2014 at 11:30 am. at the Pickerington Chamber.

Mr. Yapple had several resolutions for considerations such as the appointments to the Port Authority board, hiring of his replacement, and adopting an agreement with the Fairfield County Sheriff (regarding reimbursement for a deputy). There was a copy of the building agreement signed in 2008 which will be good until November of 2018.

Mr. Yapple reported there was a connection made today to interconnect our phones with Truro and Mifflin Township.

No annual meeting has been set for the Trustees to meet with the County Engineers office as of yet.

County Trustees and Fiscal Officer's Association will meet March 15th at Walnut Township at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the school located at 11850 Lancaster Street.

There is nothing new on the forester for tree removal in Busey Park.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-04 – Hire New Director of Operations to Replace the Former Director of Operations & Current Independent Contractor Filling that Position. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-05 – To Reappoint Dr. Leigh Atkinson, PhD. To Term on the Violet Township Port Authority Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-06 – To Reappoint Steve Palsgrove To Term on the Violet Township Port Authority Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-07 – Adopt Agreement with Fairfield County Sheriff. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Deputy Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Yapple prepared a resolution for Salary Reduction Pick-up Plan. Mr. Weltlich said that without further clarification he would not move forward. Mr. Yapple will talk with PERS for clarification. **Mr. Myers made a motion to table Resolution 2014-0219-08 – Salary Reduction Pick-up Plan. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0219-08 is tabled 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple presented Resolution 2014-0219-09 – Adopt the 2014 Township Appropriation Budget to Appropriate Appropriations. Mr. Yapple explained this was following the similar appropriations that were made in July for our budgeting process for our 2014 appropriations budget. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0219-**

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09 – Adopt the 2014 Township Appropriation Budget to Appropriate Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0219-09 passes 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

None

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

None

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, March 5, 2014 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.

Executive Session

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 5 minute recess and then go into Executive Session to discuss pending personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22(G)(1) to include the (3) Trustees, Chief Eisel, Chief Little and Mr. Yapple. 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 at 8:55 p.m. for 5 minutes and went into Executive Session.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:27 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes. 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William C. Yapple, Deputy Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____