

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 16, 2014

Regular Meeting

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Sauer called the role: Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich, and Mr. Dunlap were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, BJ King; Engineer, Greg Butcher; Fire Chief, John Eisel; Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Little; Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko and Legal Counsel, Pete Griggs.

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 Trustee meeting of April 2, 2014; as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Public Hearing for Case Number 02-ZC-2014. 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:

Mr. Myers explained that the public hearing portion of Case Number 02-ZC-2014 has been closed and everyone that attended the April 2nd meeting had an opportunity to speak at that time. Mr. Myers stated anyone wanting to speak could do so but the Trustees would not comment.

Spencer Nevin of 11802 Springcreek Drive was present. Mr. Nevin asked if the Trustees would be voting on this issue tonight. Mr. Myers said they were. Mr. Nevin commented there needs to be clarification on the site plan where Storage One had said it would be 6' white vinyl fencing around the entire property. Mr. Nevin said it clearly states on the site plan that the fence will be wood or masonry along Milnor and it backs up against the houses. The site plan only shows the fencing to go along Refugee Road. Mr. Nevin wanted all to be aware that what the site plan says is different than what Storage One says they will do. Mr. Nevin also commented that the City of Pickerington has said they will not allow street access to the street. Mr. Nevin directed his question to Mr. Johnson who said "no comment." Mr. Nevin also asked about the vinyl fencing and Mr. Johnson said "no comment."

Lonnie Rush of 314 Florence Drive, Pickerington was present. Mr. Rush talked about the Trustees opposition to the annexation of the Pickerington North High School property. Mr. Weltlich said the Trustees passed a resolution to that affect several months ago. Mr. Rush wanted to point out that they should annex that property and the Trustees should not be opposed to it. Mr. Rush said 65% of his property taxes go to the school system and they have an income tax on top of that. Violet Township gets .1092 of his income tax and the County gets less than that. The City of Pickerington gets .089. Mr. Rush feels the Fire Department deserves to get the fire levy but he doesn't understand and feels the Trustees don't want to look at what has happened in this community over the years.

County Authorities:

none

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief:

Chief Eisel thanked Mr. Rush for his comments in regards to the Fire Department service but wanted to clarify one thing in regards to the funding for the Fire Department. All of our ballot issues are under Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(I) which clearly states that those funds specifically approved by the electors are designated strictly for the operations of the Fire Department. Chief Eisel explained they have "no fight" for this

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annexation and they are the Fire Department for all of the City of Pickerington, all of the unincorporated portions of Violet Township.

Mr. Rush of 314 Florence Drive wanted to add that he thought it was time for some cooperation between the Trustees and the City of Pickerington.

Chief Eisel continued his report and commented that year to date the total emergency services number is up 19.8% and he is hoping this will level off.

Chief Eisel provided one of the segments the Fire Department put together to help educate people on exactly how the Fire Department is funded as a lot of people do not understand the dynamics that are required to be funded by law. Townships are not permitted to run an income tax so our primary source of funding (roughly 90% to 92% of our funding) has to by law come from property taxes. We have not had an increase in that property tax for 12 years. In the past the voters have approved the millage to the point of 11.55 mills. The levy we ran 12 years ago was certified by the County Auditor's Office to generate \$2.3 million annually forever. As the population increases, the burden on the taxpayer actually declines. With the 3.8 mills we have on the ballot for May 6th it will not even take us up to the 11.55 voted we have now as far as collectio rate. We have projected and promised that within our five year plan that we will make these funds last for at least five years.

Chief Eisel had five resolutions to present. Sadly, they have received resignation notices from part time firefighters Seth Teagle, and Evan Beck.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt, with regrets Resolution 2014-0416-03 – Firefighter Seth Teagle Resignation. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt, with regrets Resolution 2014-0416-04 – Firefighter Evan Beck Resignation. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-04 passes 3-0.

Chief Eisel explained last year the fire department purchased a new vehicle lift to accommodate, and allow safe maintenance on, unibody and smaller vehicles in the township fleet of vehicles. We have a governmental agency buyer for the old two-post lift, and need to declare it excess in order to proceed with the sale. We have a resolution to declare the equipment for sale and a resolution to sell said equipment to Olentangy School District Transportation Department.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2014-0416-05 – Declare Excess Equipment for Sale. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-05 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2014-0416-06 – Sale of Excess Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-06 passes 3-0.

Chief Eisel explained at this time, firefighter Cory Spires was brought in as a Part Time level 1 Firefighter. Cory has had several issues but would like to stay on with the department and has agreed to be reclassified as a volunteer firefighter. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2014-0416-07 – Reclassify Personnel to Volunteer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-07 passes 3-0.**

The Fire Department is recommending Daniel Arnold, Lee Little and Shaun Mosedale be reclassified to Level 2 Part Time Firefighter with an effective date of April 21, 2014. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2014-0416-08 – Reclassify Personnel to Part Time Firefighter Level 2. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-08 passes 3-0.**

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher had a resolution to purchase new mowers to replace our two existing Exmark mowers we use to mow parks and cemeteries.

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Mr. Butcher reported he has been reviewing posted speed limits in some of our subdivisions. Mr. Butcher was asked to do a review of where we are with our subdivision posting and speed limit posting in platted subdivisions. Mr. Dunlap said we need to make sure all of the postings fall under the 451121 section so that we don't have any issues in the future. Mr. Dunlap suggested Mr. Butcher review these and bring back a resolution to adjust the traffic control map. Also Mr. Dunlap recommended he include the four 'no truck' signs for the four entrances to Haaf Farms as we told those people we would do that. Mr. Butcher said he can do that.

Mr. Butcher reported the resolution to purchase salt using cooperative purchasing through ODOT was forwarded to ODOT and they acknowledged receipt.

A meeting was held with consultant and personnel from Fairfield County Utilities and the City of Pickerington regarding the Mingo Estates infrastructure project. The goal is to finalize the scope and just as importantly, the project sequencing. Funding will be available July 1, 2014. Mr. Dunlap commented this was a good example of the cooperation we do with other entities. We own the streets, City of Pickerington owns the water and Fairfield County owns the sewer. Mr. Butcher added we do collaborate quite frequently.

Mr. Butcher reported we opened our 2014 maintenance bids this morning and Shelly and Sands is the apparent low bidder pending review. The second lowest bid was from the Shelly Company. A resolution will be presented at the next Trustee meeting to enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder.

Mr. Butcher reported he had talked to the Trustees several months ago regarding a request from South Central Power to trim some pine trees in our former maintenance facility in the line of pine trees that boards a residence to the south. Mr. Butcher met with the resident and he was in agreement that those pine trees should be removed provided that we install some other lower profile buffering. Mr. Butcher gave him suggestions that the resident was good with. Mr. Butcher will let South Central Power know we are in agreement that the trees need cut down and he get back to the Trustees on this.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2014-0416-01 – Exmark Zero Turn Mower Equipment Purchase for Township Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-01 passes 3-0.

Director of Operations:

Mr. King reported he met with our current vendor of our website. There was discussion on the components to do a website redesign; making it more interactive and user friendly to residents and staff. Mr. King awaits a proposal.

Mr. King asked the Trustees to consider a motion to renew the OTARMA policy for the period April 2014-April 2015. The quote for coverage of this period is \$61,727, an increase of about \$5,800 from the policy for April, 2013 – April 2014. The cost increase is attributed to the addition of the Senior Center and additional equipment. We will receive a refund of \$4,326 from OTARMA as part of their Capital Distribution payment from their reserve fund. The portion of the insurance cost for the Senior Center will be taken from the Senior Center levy money.

Mr. King had a resolution for the zoning approval of Zoning Amendment for Case No. 02-ZC-2014 that the Trustees held their Public Hearing on during their April 2nd meeting.

The second resolution is some old business that has been tabled for the past several meetings relating to the salary reduction pick-up plan through OPERS. We have been waiting on a recommendation from PERS and that has been received.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2014-0416-02 – Resolution to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio – Zoning Amendment Case Number 02-ZC-2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0416-02 passes 3-0.

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Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt a motion to accept and renew the OTARMA policy for the period April 2014 – April 2015. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2014-0416 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported the Auditor was here last week for two days and is still in the process of completing the audit for fiscal years 2012-2013. Mr. Sauer was told things look good so far.

Mr. Sauer recommended getting a Starr Plus account which would give us a higher rate of return and we could maximize our benefits. He has contacted a representative from Starr Plus to get an account opened.

Mr. Sauer had reconciled for March.

Mr. Dunlap thanked Mr. Sauer for all the reports that we are now getting.

Mr. Weltlich mentioned Mr. Sauer held his first investment team meeting and thought it went very well.

Trustee Reports:

none

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

Mr. Myers announced April 17 is the MORPC State of the Region Luncheon. Also, on April 17 is the Pickerington Chamber Luncheon at 11:30 am.

On April 30th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Construction site of the new OhioHealth Pickerington Medical Campus.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

Mr. Dunlap moved to remove Resolution 2014-0219-08 – Salary Reduction Pick-up Plan off the table. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion B2014-0416 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to replace Resolution 2014-0219-08 – Salary Reduction Pick-up Plan with the substituted amended language. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0219-08 passes 3-0. Mr. Weltlich asked how long this dispute had been going on. Chief Eisel said he did not know the history.

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills

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

Mr. Dunlap moved to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)1 – Compensation of a Public Employee. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers announced they would take a 5 minute recess and when they come out of Executive Session there will be no other business conducted.

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Mr. Dunlap moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:56 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 9:57 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative
Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____