

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 01, 2014

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the role: Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich, and Mr. Dunlap were present. Others present were: Township Engineer, Greg Butcher, Interim Director of Operations, John Eisel and Assistant Fire 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. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of September 19, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Boy Scout Troop 866 was present in the audience.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Jerry Perrigo and Lieutenant Alex Lape from the Fairfield County Sheriff's office were present. Chief Deputy Perrigo reported this coming Friday evening they will partner with our Fire Department and Pickerington Police and bring up the EMA 'Command Bus' for the football game for Pickerington North versus Pickerington Central.

They upgraded the CAD System in the radio room allowing them to upgrade the mapping system in the computers.

They have applied for a license to buy digital radios if they can get the funding. Today they have settled the dispatcher's contract. They are also updating their directives.

Chief Deputy Perrigo introduced Lieutenant Alex Lape who runs our Patrol Bureau.

The jail population is at 211 (somewhat down).

They caught the suspect in the Violet Meadows crimes and he confessed today.

There has been a fight for the new jail facility. Lancaster City Council members don't want it in downtown Lancaster. There is a bond hearing meeting in November and they anticipate we will go out to bid sometime first of the year with about 24 months of construction.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the Violet Meadows incident. Lieutenant Lape said he was not at liberty to discuss a lot. A juvenile was charged and there were two victims with two different incidents. The Sheriff's Department met with the Homeowners Association and have shared that an arrest was made.

Departmental Reports:

Assistant Fire Chief: Mike Little

Assistant Chief Little reported they had a Proclamation for signatures with regard to the annual Open House at Station 592 on October 12 from 1 – 3 p.m. The theme this year is Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month.

Assistant Chief Little reported the first oxygen manifold system has arrived and will be installed at Station 591.

Also, the first Fire Department site visit was completed today; the other three will be done by October 8.

The Pickerington High School Central-Pickerington High School North football game is this Friday; using the County EMA Command vehicle to run a unified command for this event with Pickerington Police Department, Fairfield County Sheriff Office and Pickerington Local School District. This will give us a good opportunity to test this system in a non-hazardous situation to see how this works.

It is Breast Cancer Awareness month; you will see our fire personnel wearing pink shirts or the Woody Strong shirts (bladder cancer awareness).

We are hosting the Street Smart Drug Education Class on Saturday, November 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Marcus Cinema.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had heard any more on the engine. Assistant Chief Little said we received information today that Engine 593 will be going up to Pierce later this month. The Chassis is ready to go online. We will have discussion about extra charges and things that needed to be added or deleted. This will be for things that are needed so it can be fully functional. The Rescue itself is still in the development stage. We hope to have a specification notebook here sometime in November and hope to have a pre-build conference on that truck in January. We might be able to pick up Engine 593 at the same time and bring it back.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported he had a resolution for consideration for the Stonecreek Drive improvements. The total cost of this project is approximately \$1,055,000. For maximum points Mr. Butcher proposed the following: 26% total OPWC local share broken down as follows:

- a) (5%-52,750). \$31,650 in in-kind services using our certified LPA status for construction and contract administration and \$21,100 cash
- b) A 30-year interest free loan of 21% (\$221,550).

The project includes 2400 feet of lane widening between SR 256 and Oxford Drive, concrete curb and gutter, bi-directional turn lanes, pavement markings, signage, lawn and treescape, and drainage improvements.

Mr. Butcher was asked if this would come out of the General Fund and he feels that using the professional discretion of our Capital Improvements Fund that it is built in. This money won't come out until 2016.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-1002-02 – A Resolution Authorizing Greg Butcher, PE Violet Township Engineer to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Butcher reported Busey Road trail construction continues. The path is being covered with limestone materials and rolled.

Mr. Butcher did some research on the Grace Lutheran Church storm water. He attached the resolution and agreement from 2011 and included an excerpt from Chad Lucht on the rationale behind the agreement and its intent.

Jim Smith won the Township portion of the County Rodeo.

Etna Township is improving Taylor Road (on the north side of Interstate 70). It is a MORPC and ODOT project. Part of the project involves/requires a section of storm sewer and outlet within Violet Township. The storm sewer will outlet at the new County bridge. The storm sewer cost will be borne by Etna Township and its partners. The pavement is required to be widened from 15 to 17 feet and overlaid. The cost has been estimated to be \$15,000. 20% or \$3,000 would be borne by Violet Township. An agreement will be forthcoming for the Board of Trustees to execute. Mr. Weltlich asked when they would start the project. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Eisel thought it would be in 2015-2016. Mr. Myers asked what the storm sewer is going to be picking up. Mr. Butcher said it was curb and gutter runoff. The pavement will be widened and go clear to the bridge in Violet Township.

Mr. Butcher shared traffic accident data provided by MORPC for the year 2011-2013. This data has been widely reported by the media. Mr. Dunlap commented that Pickerington Road/Route 33 was not on there.

MORPC has submitted population estimates to Violet Township for review. Among other things, it enables MORPC to correctly invoice jurisdictions. Mr. Eisel added we would check this out to see exactly how we need to respond.

Saylor Road Improvements between Refugee Road and SR 204 in Liberty Township are ongoing. This is an Issue One Project.

Hill Road has been recently resurfaced by the Fairfield County Engineers Office.

Conversations and discussion are ongoing between representatives of Violet Township, City of Pickerington and stakeholders regarding the southeast corner of Pickerington and Refugee Road. Mr. Butcher had nothing new to report.

MORPC is evaluating 2 local projects for federal funding: Refugee Road between SR 256 and approximately Hines Road. Fairfield County Engineers Office is requesting funding for a roundabout at Pickerington and Refugee Roads. Scoring/evaluation has begun.

Winter salt prices have been obtained. Our price per ton is \$72.97 a ton. We are contracted to purchase between 900 and 1100 tons.

Mr. Butcher commented that he continues to communicate with the City of Pickerington and the school district regarding salt. As of today, we will be the school district's second option and the City of Pickerington will remain the first option. The City is in agreement with this. We have contractual obligations to purchase anywhere between 900 and 1100 more tons of salt, which for budget purposes equates to about \$75,000.

Interim Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported he and Mr. Myers attended the Grange Centennial Celebration on September 28th. They were very appreciative of our proclamation on their behalf.

Mr. Eisel reminded all that the Board of Zoning Appeals Training was scheduled for October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Eisel reported our BWC rates for 2015 will remain the same as 2014.

Our annual Drug Free Work Place reports have been completed and submitted. We are also working to establish a listing of dates to insure that we are in compliance with all of our requirements and achieving our needed credits for all of the discount programs we are eligible for. The ISSP application for 2015 has also been completed.

Budget meetings have begun in preparation for the remainder of 2014 and 2015.

The Winding Creek Homeowner's Association is tentatively scheduled to present their plans at the November 5th meeting.

The Chief Building Official proposal has been submitted for 2014-2015 from Ohio Building Code Consultants. The terms have remained the same.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1001-01 – Contract for Building Services. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was with Lenny Lewis. Mr. Eisel said it was. Mr. Myers thought there was a 'misprint' on the resolution where it referred to the Fire Chief. Mr. Eisel said we did this last year because Mr. Yapple had gone to his part-time status. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel passed out information on the Storage One final plat and their landscaping plan. They are scheduled to go before their final action with the City of Pickerington Service Committee on October 7th. They are scheduled again before our Board of Zoning Appeals on October 16th for a modification to their approved variance. The modification consists of the landscaping to meet the cities design standards that they had requested and through the Regional Planning process – a requirement for storm water retention, which has been added. This project is half of a building less than what was originally approved and has met all the requirements.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the detention basin was going to be up next to Milnor Road at the bottom of that hill. Mr. Eisel said it was. Mr. Myers added that the County has granted them construction access off of Milnor Road. They can do the temporary access if they would like.

The letter notifying all the property owners has been sent out and the hearing is scheduled for October 16th for the modification. Mr. Eisel asked for consideration to waive the fees for Storage One modification of the Variance and Conditional Use Permits. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to waive the fees for Storage One modification of the Variance and Conditional Use Permits. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion 2014-1001-A carries 3-0.**

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported over the last few weeks he met with Mr. Butcher to discuss the Road and Bridge Budget and with Mr. Eisel and Ms. Tremblay and discussed where we are at this year. We should be set to take care of any salt purchases we may have to make at the beginning of next year.

Mr. Sauer, Mr. Eisel, Mr. Little and Mr. Weltlich met with Fairfield National Bank with regards to financing opportunities for the Fire Department. We were told this is not going to be an option for us.

Mr. Sauer had a meeting with our Edward Jones representatives and got clarification on information they provided to us with regards to any type of administrative fees. They also clarified what the amortization schedule will look like for a bond that we would potentially get through them versus our other potential bond provider RBC. They are extremely competitive.

Mr. Sauer will be out of town for the next Trustee meeting and he will make sure someone is there to fill in.

Mr. Weltlich thanked Mr. Sauer for clearing up the issue with the Senior Center.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich reported the Food Pantry has a new President, Tony Barletta. Mr. Weltlich is the Vice President and Mr. Eisel is the Secretary.

Mr. Myers attended a Board of Health meeting and there was nothing new to report.

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

Annual Open House at Fire Station 592 on Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 1-3pm

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Myers received a quote from Hickory Circle Construction for the sunshades for the Busey Road Park - they will build (4) four of them for \$9,563.00. They will also furnish two men to erect these for an additional \$1,500.00. The total would be \$14,200.00 without any concrete. Mr. Butcher is getting pricing for concrete. He could have these built in a month. The other bid Mr. Myers received was for \$21,799.00 with different sizes. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to contract with Hickory Circle Construction for the project without concrete for the (4) four sunshades for Busey Road Park not to exceed \$15,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Myers.** Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked what will happen if we don't come up with the \$30,000.00. Mr. Sauer said if we don't come up with the \$30,000.00 we don't meet the qualification for the grant so we don't get the \$20,000.00. Mr. Sauer said if we don't use the grant we get penalized. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion 2014-1001-B carries 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked for 30% down and asked for a check for \$3,000.00 made out to Hickory Circle Construction.

Mr. Myers also needed a check for \$465.68 made out to Lifespan Building Specialists.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, October 15, 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. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. (after a five (5) minute recess) per the *Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss personnel issues.* Included in the Executive Session will be the three (3) Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Assistant Fire Chief and the Interim Director of Operations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Myers added there will be no further business conducted after the Executive Session.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:40 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:41 P.M. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 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: _____