

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 17, 2014

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the roll: Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich, and Mr. Dunlap were present. Others present were: Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; Director of Operations, John Eisel; Fire Chief, Mike Little and Township Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer.

On behalf of the Violet Township Board of Trustees Mr. Myers recognized siblings Dale and Mary Ellen Brick, students from Toll Gate Elementary who lead the Pledge of Allegiance and followed by a moment of silence honoring those who protect us around the world. The students were presented with 'Certificates of Recognition.'

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of December 3 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, abstain. Motion carries 2-0 with one abstention.

Recognition of Guests:

Dave Conley and Scott Ericson of Rock Mill Financial Consulting, LLC made a presentation. Mr. Conley explained that Rock Mill Financial Consulting represents the township as a consultant regarding the financing activities the township will be undertaking in the next six months to fund the new fire station. They gave an overview of what will be happening going forward. The goal is to continue to move the rating for the Township higher.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little reported the Toy Drive is in full gear and doing well. The training room at Station 592 is full as are the two PODS. The community has been very generous again this year. We will start distributing toys throughout the County.

The Building Committee met with KZF regarding preliminary room design and size for new Station 591. There was also preliminary discussion about sites.

Backgrounds are being done by PPD for eight potential new part-time members. Chief Little hopes to bring those to the Trustees in January.

After a positive review of his performance since his date of hire, in June of this year, it is recommended that we increase the hourly pay rate for our part-time mechanic, Rob Fann, to \$22.50 per hour with an effective date of January 1, 2015.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-04 – Pay Rate Increase. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

There will be an ODOT Project Audit next Wednesday for the 'federally funded' Safe Routes to School Project. This is a project audit performed of a 'Local Project Agency', of which we are certified. Mr. Butcher felt the audit went well.

The preliminary 2015 Road Department budget has been submitted to the Fiscal Office.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution to accept the certified mileage for 2014 from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The increase is about 0.813 mile and this relates to a section of Jefferson Farms where public improvements were 'never accepted' by the

County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Butcher asked Regional Planning Commission to clean up whatever had not been accepted in Violet Township for whatever reason. This selection was identified and there should be no County unaccepted areas left in Violet Township.

Thus, the mileage certification for .813 mile. Essentially, it allows us to capture revenue for a public improvement we have been maintaining for over 15 years.

The delay in the process was held up in the County Engineers Office (former County Engineer) for design issues that Mr. Butcher felt were inappropriate.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-06 – Annual Certification of Township Road Mileage for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked what was going on to the east on the north side of Ault Road towards SR 204 halfway between the middle of the street and the left curb going south as there seems to be a crack developing. Mr. Butcher said there is a 'rutting' that has been there and when the last resurfacing was done the 'rutting' was there and when it was scrub sealed the thickness was such that unlike a hot mix asphalt, or a double layer of chip seal you have a bridging affect. With the thin surface that was applied at that time it reflected back through.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported applications are currently being reviewed for the Road Department vacancy.

Maps for the 2015 Violet Festival have been provided and a planning meeting is scheduled for January 2015. We also got poster size maps to display.

We received a quote today for the replacement of the Doculex program and data migration. It came to about \$13,000. We are still waiting on pricing from the other vendor.

Firefighter Joe Magerko is working on the project of road and fire department vehicles being able to communicate via radio. This work continues.

Storage One has closed on the property and they are actively working on their project. The Township lease on the project has been cancelled.

The Storage One Storm Water Management Agreement has all the required reviews and the agreement has been delivered to Storage One. Mr. Eisel has not heard back from them regarding closing. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Eisel will attend a pre-construction meeting on Friday.

ID cards for Road and Administrative personnel are being produced for us by the County Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Eisel will be speaking briefly at the Chamber luncheon in regards to the LEADS program.

CMI Waste has turned all their Fairfield County accounts over to Local Waste who has been very helpful in getting trash collected and resolving this issue.

Mr. Eisel reminded the Trustees of the Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on December 19 at noon at Station 592.

The OTA Conference Registration deadline is January 16, 2015.

Mr. Eisel asked the Trustees to establish a date and time for the year end meeting.

Mr. Eisel listed meetings he attended over the last few weeks. Mr. Eisel gave special recognition to Eric Taft and the Firefighters that worked on the Plaza lights on behalf of the Pickerington Food Pantry.

Mr. Eisel proceeded with the resolutions for consideration.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-01 – To Reappoint Stephanie Brobst to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. 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 adopt Resolution 2014-1217-02 – To Reappoint Mark Decker to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-03 – To Reappoint John Biancamano to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-07 – Accept Settlement Agreement with Fairfield County. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap thought this was good but questioned Mr. Davis' comment in the paper that this was supposed to be over and above any of their regular increasing to the Sheriff's Department. They said they were going to move extra people in a few years and this just moves it up. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-08 – Adopt Agreement with Fairfield County Sheriff. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-09 – Contract for Building Department Services. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer handed out a preliminary copy of the 2015 budget and asked the Trustees to look this over before setting the year end meeting.

Mr. Sauer had a resolution for consideration to amend the 2014 appropriations. This is moving funds from the current MECC account into transfers out that goes into the Fire Fund. This is all part of realigning those funds so that they are appropriately placed. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1217-05 – Amend 2014 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked if we needed to have a special meeting. Mr. Sauer recommended we have a special meeting to pay final bills and approve the appropriations.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Sauer resolved the issue with the Trustees getting paid. Mr. Sauer said he would have a calendar showing the dates into next year. Mr. Sauer said it would cost us about \$1200 from Paycor to run this separate payroll. Mr. Sauer is working towards trying to get the payment set up by date and as early in the month as possible.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Sauer read a letter dated December 17, 2014 addressed to Terry Dunlap, Sr., Harry Myers, Jr. and Brian Sauer regarding Gary P. Weltlich appointment. The letter thanked the Trustees for appointing him to the position of Trustee so that he may serve until December 31, 2015 which would have been the normal remainder of his elected term.

Mr. Dunlap announced they had the annual meeting of the Pickerington Senior Center Foundation. This is money that is set up to be a reserve backup in case there is an emergency where the Senior Center would not have money. The interest is the only thing that the Senior Center could request. The total amount of the CD is \$159,552.00. The interest this year was about \$500.

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

12/19/14 – Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon at noon at Station 592

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to have the end of year special meeting on Monday, December 29th at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion 2014-1217A carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked the Fiscal Officer to note that the previous Fiscal Officer always provided pizzas for this meeting.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015 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. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:40 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 and the Director of Operations and the Fire Chief. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Myers added there will be no further business conducted after the Executive Session.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:49 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, 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: _____