

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 29, 2014

Special Meeting

10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Violet Administrative Offices by the Fiscal Officer. All (3) three Trustees were present; Terry Dunlap, Sr., Gary Weltlich and Harry Myers, Jr. Also present were Fire Chief Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief Jim Paxton; Director of Operations John Eisel; Township Engineer Greg Butcher and Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer.

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

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular trustee meeting of 12-17-2014. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes of the 12-17-2014 Regular Trustee meeting are approved and motion carries 3-0.

Department Reports:

Mike Little, Fire Chief

Chief Little had nothing to report except that he would have a breakdown for the year (2014) of all the runs at the second meeting in January.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the Toy Drive. Chief Little said we helped a couple more hundred families than last year. We also extended toys out to Licking County this year as well as Fairfield County.

Greg Butcher, Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher had a few updates.

The Storage One construction will start soon. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Eisel attended a meeting last week with Storage One and they have changed contractors.

Mr. Butcher reported John Donley, Mike Donley and their engineer were in our office to discuss the extension of Meadowmoore East. The developer will be required to perform a Traffic Impact Study in accordance with County Regional Planning requirements.

During the wind storm on Christmas Eve, utility poles were down on Pickerington and Refugee Roads.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we needed to put pipe in the ground at Busey Park to deter people from driving on the trails and we need to determine if we need to put signs or posts or both in. Mr. Butcher stated we currently have four (4) signs; 2 referencing the ORC statute about off road vehicles and (2) stating no motorized vehicles beyond this point. Mr. Dunlap witnessed today where someone drove on one of the walking paths. Mr. Dunlap requested we place a steel post in the center of the trail that intersects the drive and parking areas.

John Eisel, Director of Operations

Mr. Eisel wished all Happy New Year and said he would be out of town from tomorrow afternoon through Sunday.

Mr. Eisel had one resolution for consideration to support and sponsor Pickerington's Bicentennial in 2015 for \$5,000. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1229-01 – Support and Sponsor Pickerington Bicentennial Event. Seconded by**

Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked if anything was new with the Violet Festival. Mr. Eisel said they are moving forward and as he understood it, the school board acted on the location of the Beer Garden and will allow it to be on school property but the ORC dictates they cannot do advertising and such of brands and things like that. Chris Stein will be in contact after the first of the year to schedule the next meeting.

Mr. Dunlap suggested we need to prepare for the phone calls we will get about the people parking on the streets at Huntington Hills during the Violet Festival.

Mr. Eisel said discussion has occurred about potentially closing the area in between the first and second entrance to the Tollgate school complex to allow for pedestrian traffic to flow both sides of the road. The County Engineer's office has discussed signage, sign boards all along Refugee Road. There is also talk about putting a jersey barrier in to protect the pedestrian traffic.

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer had three (3) resolutions for consideration.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1229-02 – Transfer of Fund. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap wanted clarification. Chief Little clarified that the 2281 currently is called the EMS Fund and is not renamed yet. We are transferring funds from the EMS fund back to the fire fund in preparation of renaming the 2281 to the MECC/EMS Fund. The monies we are leaving in the 2281 is the carryover amount that MECC/EMS has. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Sauer said the next resolution was to rename the fire and rescue, ambulance and EMS service fund to the MECC Fund. It will retain the same identification number of 2281. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1229-03 – Renaming of Fund. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The third resolution had a few minor changes. One was the addition of Melissa at a salary level for the Fiscal Assistant which we had discussed previously and the second was with regards to the Fire Fund. There were minor changes with accounting and legal fees and they both cancelled each other out. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1229-04 – Adopt the 2015 Township Permanent Appropriations Budget to Appropriate Permanent Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked what was budgeted last year. Mr. Sauer said last year we spent \$11,88,552.49 and we have \$192,753.99 left to spend between now and the first of the year.

Mr. Butcher commented the road and bridge maintenance department is funded out of four separate funds. There is motor vehicle license tax, gasoline tax and permissive tax. We budgeted \$100,000.00 out of gasoline tax and \$176,000.00 of municipal tax for a total of \$276,000.00. Salt is identified under gasoline tax fund for \$73,000.00 for the allocated purchase under the ODOT contract.

Mr. Eisel commented that certain line items will be more streamlined this year to track revenues and expenses in building, zoning, and the Sheriff will have its own line item.

Mr. Dunlap recommended doing a study of our building and zoning fees again.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we terminated the salt contract for this year. Mr. Eisel thought we already had.

Mr. Weltlich recommended doing a strategic plan for the entire township as soon as possible. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

None

Meetings (where there may be 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, January 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative Offices. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to have the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative Offices. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion 2014-1229-A carries 3-0.**

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 carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 5 minute recess and then go into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22 (G)1 to include the (3) Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Director of Operations and the Township Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 12:38 p.m. 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 adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Joniann Goldberg, Admin. Assist.

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee