

Violet Township Board of Trustees

May 21, 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: Director of Operations, BJ King; Engineer, Greg Butcher; Fire Chief, John Eisel; 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. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of May 7, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

none

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief:

Chief Eisel reported Mr. Weltlich, Mr. Sauer, Mr. King, Mr. Little and he participated in a conference call to discuss financing and they had a meeting on Friday with the building team to discuss the process for their tech selection. They will also meet with the Prosecutor in regards to the request for qualification and the request for proposal process.

Chief Eisel had two (2) resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was for the annual maintenance agreement with Physio Control for the Lifepak 15 defibrillators and battery support system. The cost remains the same as last year. **Mr. Dunlap made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0521-02 – Physio Control Lifepak25 Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2014-0521-02 passes 3-0.**

The second resolution was to replace a 1993 fire truck with a 2014 NFPA 1901 compliant fire apparatus through the process of utilizing the old body, and placing it on a new chassis. This method is a unique opportunity that affords significant savings, and leasing the vehicle provides for the project to be expedited. **Mr. Weltlich made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0521-03 – Authorize Lease Agreement with Oshkosh Capital. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion:** Mr. Weltlich commented if they decide to pay the lease out early to pay attention to when the due date is for the next payment because they will charge you interest for anything before that due date and recommended he notify them ahead of time but execute the check the day after the payment is due. Mr. Myers asked if they had a time line. Chief Eisel said they did not as of yet. Mr. Dunlap asked what we will have as a backup when this is gone. Chief Eisel said we may have to talk to Doc about using Engine 1. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0521-03 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked about the status of the cots. Chief Eisel said training was the 28th, 29th and 30th of this month. One of the medics is at the dealership having some warranty work done. Mike Marr from BWC will come out for at least one of the trainings.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported the 2014 Pelotonia event will be August 8-10 and will be similar to last year. Last year, there were 6,723 riders. In over 5 years, over \$62 million has been

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raised for cancer research. Some roads within the unincorporated portion of the Township used for the ride will include Wright, Schoolhouse, Pickerington, Ault, SR 204 and Wagram. Pickerington North High School will again be both a rest area and a starting point for those who wish to start there.

Mr. Butcher reported road right of way mowing has begun.

Mr. Butcher attended a Mingo Estates Civic Association meeting last week. There was discussion on the OPWC project amongst other road-related issues. They had questions about the traffic signal at Harmon and Refugee about which Mr. Butcher spoke to the County Engineer.

Mr. Butcher reported two roads were closed last week due to high water: Waterloo Road between Hill Road and Winchester and Busey Roads between Bruce Court and Sycamore Creek Drive. There were a few other areas of berm washouts, etc. that required response.

Parks and cemeteries are being mowed this week in anticipation of Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Butcher is in the process of preparing the 2015 road budget.

Mr. Butcher will have a pre-construction meeting with Shelly and Sands next Tuesday.

Mr. Weltlich asked if they would be doing Sturbridge Meadows and New England Acres street paving and wanted to make sure it was high on the list of first things to do. Mr. Butcher said yes.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher contacted OSU regarding grass recommendations for the Dog Park. Mr. Butcher said he had not. Mr. Myers said any time we want to get someone out to do grass we can get someone from OSU out here.

Mr. Myers asked if the culvert was plugged on Busey Road. Mr. Butcher confirmed it was plugged and that it is the first time it has flooded in a while and the second time it has flooded within the last five years. The culvert is now in good shape and is clear.

Mr. Myers asked how the sign placement was going. Mr. Butcher said it was going and he had targeted it one year from when they received the grant which was June 24th. Once they get through the mowing they will get back on the signs.

Mr. Myers asked if they were still looking for a used truck. Mr. Butcher said he was still looking but has not found one yet.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Sauer are working towards getting the money situation worked out with the CEDA.

Mr. Dunlap said he discussed what they will do with the old stop signs. One thought was letting the other townships know we have surplus signs they can get to re-skin if anyone wants them or we could scrap them. We will have hundreds of signs. The Trustees all agreed. Mr. Sauer will get specifics and send an email out.

Director of Operations:

Mr. King reported the July 4th parade will be held Friday, July 4th and line-up will be at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. King proposed that each department, in conjunction with their budget preparation prepare all of their budget items and submit them all together to the Trustees for review and they can review the items before the planning session. Mr. King recommended putting our plan for 2015 and submit as part of the budget process. Mr. Myers said if the department heads agree with this that is fine. **Mr. Dunlap made the motion to not have a planning session for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes A2014-0521 passes 3-0.**

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Mr. King reported Chief Eisel, Assistant Chief Little, and he met with John Price of the Grange to discuss landscaping improvements to the Grange monument. During the meeting, Chief Eisel explained potential future plans for the property near the Grange monument and how the monument could be incorporated to any future developments on the property. The Grange representatives agreed with this idea and will work with the Fire Department in the future to incorporate any improvements to the monument with any future developments on the property.

Mr. King had three (3) resolutions for consideration. The first was to approve the extension of time for the Eastern Lakes Development Plan. They originally were approved in 2004 and an extension was granted in 2009. This is expected to expire in November of 2014. We received a request to provide another five (5) year extension for the development. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0521-01 – To Approve an Extension of Time for Development Plan for Eastern Lakes. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion:** George Sicaras, President of H&G, LLC 2988 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202 was present. Mr. Sicaras explained to the Trustees that the economic circumstances over the last few years have severely and adversely affected the real estate development. Therefore, they need additional time to allow the economy and real estate market to recover so they can resume their plans. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Resolution 2014-0521-01 passes 2-0.**

The next resolution was for renewal of the health insurance as presented at the last Trustee meeting to enter into the OPEC Healthcare Program. The initial period would be for the next 18 months. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0521-04 – Health Insurance Renewal. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap mentioned Mr. Harmon had said mentioned making one of the plans available for part timers if they wanted to pay for it. Mr. King said the insurance committee discussed this and this is something they can add on but does not have to be part of this approval. Mr. Dunlap expressed this was something we should consider as we have a lot of dedicated part-timers and it would be nice to have this available for them. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0521-04 passes 3-0.**

The next resolution was to enter into the short term land use agreement. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0521-06. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0521-06 passes 3-0.**

Mr. King reported the Grange Flag Retirement Ceremony is coming up June 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Service Center.

The Pickerington Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon is June 19th at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Dunlap asked where we stood with the Busey Road Park project. Mr. King reported they met with folks from OSU and walked the entire property. We have a grant that on which we need to get moving. There is a tremendous water problem through the woods. Mr. King has contacted ODNR who has provided the grant to us to check on the timeframes. They have been delayed on getting information to us but we have it now. We are trying to get it out to bid. Mr. Dunlap was under the impression the grant we got was not for the paths in the woods but for out through the grass area. Mr. King said the grant goes out through the grass area but what they looked at was the entire park. Mr. Dunlap said the grant we have we need to move on it. Mr. King assured Mr. Dunlap we were given a 6 month extension for our deadline and it is in writing.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. King to reach out to our other counsel regarding the correspondence going on regarding property damage from Jason Dolin. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to call the Attorney General's office direct in regards to 2014-006 and how that works and try to get a direct answer.

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Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported the Starr Plus information is in the mail. Once they receive the original then we can electronically transfer funds.

Mr. Sauer mentioned with regards to wiring through Huntington Bank he was able to get this implemented through our website.

Mr. Sauer reported he is in the process, per Mr. Yapple's suggestion; of switching credit card providers as current Township credit cards are operated through an organization out of Minnesota. Mr. Sauer would like to have all this transferred over to the Huntington Bank by the end of this year so everything is under "one roof."

Budget packets have been delivered to all departments. Mr. Sauer has received the revenue estimates from the Auditor's office will email the information out to everyone this week.

Mr. Sauer reported we will need to have a public hearing for the budget that will likely need to take place in June or first meeting in July. Mr. Sauer will be on vacation during the second meeting in June and he recommended scheduling the hearing for the first meeting in June or more likely the first meeting of July. The cutoff date for submittal is July 17th. Mr. Sauer would like the Trustees to consider doing a motion at the next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Sauer had a resolution for consideration to appropriate \$200,000.00 from unappropriated monies to 1000-110-311 under the General Fund.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0521-05 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0521-05 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich commented Mr. Sauer is doing a 'Yeoman's' job in showing the Trustees what our liabilities in the future are. Mr. Sauer said much of the credit goes to Melissa.

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, June 4, 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. Mr. Dunlap Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers announced they would be going into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes per the ORC Section 121.22(G)(2) to include the three Trustees; Director of Operations, BJ King; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; Fire Chief, John Eisel and Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Little. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

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Adjournment

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:51 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: _____