

Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 4, 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 21, 2014. 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 approve without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Special Trustee meeting of May 30, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Public Comment:

Phil Carpino of 9027 Saddlehorn Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 was present. Mr. Carpino inquired about 12816 Bentwood Farms Drive and asked what it means when we say the property is a "nuisance." Mr. Carpino said the grass was 6' high. The Trustees explained that by declaring it a nuisance we can schedule someone to mow it.

County Authorities:

none

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief:

Chief Eisel reported Engine 593 Lease is done and they are awaiting notification of Pre-Build Meeting from Pierce Manufacturing.

The specification process for the replacement of apparatus for Rescue 592 and Medic 593 has begun.

One of the new Stryker Cots is installed in Medic 591. Medic 592 left today for install.

We are still waiting to find out the status of our Federal grant applications for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's).

Chief Eisel included the next two months of scheduled events above and beyond the normal day to day operation.

Chief Eisel reported it has been a month since the fire levy passed and it is time to begin the process to evaluate architectural firms for the replacement of Station 591. Chief Eisel had a resolution for consideration that moves forward on this project authorizing the Fire Chief to advertise for requests for qualifications. They will involve Mr. Butcher as the Township Engineer per the Ohio Revised Code 0selection process. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0604-01 – Authorize to Advertise for Requests for Qualifications. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0604-01 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked about the 'Active Shooter Training' and if it would be with a S.W.A.T. team. Chief Eisel said it would be with Fairfield County S.W.A.T. team.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the significance of the Truro-Violet Chiefs Meeting and asked if they meet with the other Chiefs in MECC also. Chief stated they do but there are a number of partnership things we do hand in hand with Truro and they want to continue to

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find ways whether through training or purchasing to work together so they can collaborate more.

Mr. Weltlich wants to meet with Chief Little and Chief Eisel and talk about Gantt charts.

Mr. Dunlap asked if all the old equipment was gone. Chief Eisel said we still have some we are working on. Mr. Dunlap asked if they had someone interested in the old cots. Basil Joint Fire District has expressed great interest. Chief Eisel should have a resolution at the next meeting.

Mr. Myers asked if our 'RFQ' made the Eagle Gazette this week. Chief Eisel said he was waiting to hear back from Legal Counsel on this.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported last Tuesday they had a pre-construction meeting with Shelly and Sands Construction Company and several items were discussed. A schedule is to be determined, however they have a significant backlog and indicated paving would begin sometime in July.

The turnaround on the south end of Diley Road has been completed.

New sign installation continues.

After meeting with Brian Sauer and reviewing financial data from 2013, it was determined that the transfer of funds from the CEDA account to Road and Bridge for 2013 pavement maintenance within the CEDA area was made in October of 2013.

Mr. Butcher will be attending the Ohio Stormwater Conference in Akron.

Mr. Butcher reported he has been certified by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service to allow for the electronic input of utility locate information (idig) in lieu of using the 1-8700 phone number. This should allow for a more streamlined process for clearing underground utilities.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Dunlap have spoken and Mr. Butcher's staff will be taking care of all the pavement markings that need to be completed.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Dunlap also spoke about signage within the Haaf Farms subdivision related to the development on the Licking County portion. We are doing something to make sure that we do not have construction traffic from Blacklick Eastern Taylor Road crossing over into Licking County and traveling through the subdivision (which is in Violet Township. Terry suggested we do signage to be enforceable. Mr. Butcher was directed to make contact with the Scales Deputy at the Sheriff's office which he has done and Mr. Butcher will get the right language so that we can enforce this.

Mr. Weltlich asked when the fence will go away at the Dog Park since we fenced up a portion of it. Mr. Butcher will push this back about 3 or 4 weeks to be cautious so we can get the grass to grow and get some roots established. His target date is July 4th.

Mr. Myers added that the Service Center looks really good as well as the Dog Park. The trees planted last year in the Dog Park seem to be taking well.

Director of Operations:

Mr. King reported Mr. Sauer will request that the public hearing for the budget occur during the July 2nd Trustee meeting. Departments are working on budgets with a June 13th deadline for submittal.

Mr. King had been asked to reach out to Mr. Brosius regarding the Township's authority to bill for costs associated related to damage of Township property. Mr. Brosius confirmed the County Prosecutor's decision that statutorily, the Township has no authority to bill individuals or insurance companies for damage. Our only recourse is to pursue legal action against individuals. The other option is for the Township, as a home rule entity, to establish, through legislation, a fine schedule and process. The fine, which

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can't exceed \$1,000, would have to be certified by the County sheriff, issued, and collected. If the party did not pay the fine, it would go through a civil court process to pursue collection. The individual would also have the right to appeal the issuance of the fine. Mr. Dunlap asked that we have Mr. Brosius prepare some language for a resolution.

Mr. King had five (5) resolutions for consideration pertaining to zoning.

The first resolution pertaining to receipt of a rezoning application and scheduling a public hearing. This is for a request to rezone property at 7205 Babbert from S-1, Limited Commercial District to C-3, Unlimited Commercial to allow contracting and service companies, and service and repair company vehicles. We would need to schedule the hearing July 2nd to meet our timeframes. We will also have the Budget Hearing on the same evening. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0604-02 – Receive Rezoning Application and Schedule a Public Hearing and to have this hearing immediately following the Budget Hearing which is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. 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 adopt Resolution 2014-0604-03 - A Resolution Declaring the property owned by US Bank National Association as Trustee, located at 12816 Bentwood Farms Drive in Violet Township, Fairfield County, a Nuisance. 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 2014-0604-04 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Ibrahim Aboomer Located at 8757 Cedarbrook Street in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. 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 2014-0604-05 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Ibrahim Aboomer Located at 8739 Cedarbrook Street in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. King mentioned the front yard on this property has been mowed but the rear yard had not been mowed. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0604-06 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Mitchell Real Estate Investments LLC Located at 13372 Falmouth Avenue in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported everyone has received the payment listing for beginning of June. They have not been able to balance the books yet because they have not received the statement but he will have at the next meeting

Mr. Sauer has been finalizing the audit for fiscal year 2012/2013. We should get a final letter and Mr. Sauer will get with the Trustees with regards to how they want to go over the results.

Mr. Sauer has setup wiring monies between our checking account and our investment account with Starr Ohio. He should now be able to do this without having to go to the bank. Mr. Sauer has learned that Huntington Bank has an alternative to Starr Plus which is an investment account that is at a little higher rate of return than the regular Starr Account. The benefit with Huntington's version is that those monies can be transferred and withdrawn with one days notice versus the current Starr Plus which we have to give a week's notice.

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Mr. Sauer had a very good meeting with Ed Laramie to get his point of view and some recommendations and a brief on what is expected and what to expect with the budget hearing.

Mr. Sauer sent an email to the Ohio Township Association regarding the signs as requested by the Trustees but has not heard back. Mr. Dunlap recommended sending one to the Fairfield County Trustees and Fiscal Officers.

Mr. Sauer will be on vacation from June 14th to June 24th and will be in Atlanta from the 25th to the 27th. He will miss the second meeting in June and will work on having someone fill in.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to request a Public Hearing to Review and Approve the Tax Budget for 2015 at 8:00 p.m. on 7/2/2014. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2014-0604 carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the basis points difference between Starr Ohio plus and the Huntington. Mr. Sauer said they were the same.

Trustee Reports:

none

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

Flag Burning Ceremony by the Grange at the Service Center on Monday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Annexation Hearing – Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities at Pickerington Regional Office at 7140 Reynoldsburg-Baltimore Road June 17 at 11:00 a.m.

County Association of Township Trustees and Clerks on June 21 at Clearcreek.Township at the Stoutsville Firehouse at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, June 21, 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 carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers announced they would be going into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. after a 5 minute break under Section 121.22 (G) (3) of the ORC - Conference with an Attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and Section 121.22 (G) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code to discuss personnel issues to include the three Trustees; Director of Operations, BJ King; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; Fire Chief, John Eisel; Assistant Fire Chief, Mike Little; Engineer, Greg Butcher and Attorney, Paul Lafayette. There would be no other business conducted after they come out of Executive Session Mr. Dunlap made the motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Adjournment

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Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, 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: _____