

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 20, 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 (was absent), Interim Director of Operations, John Eisel and Assistant 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 August 6, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Carrie Woody of Lancaster Public Transit was present. Ms. Woody asked for the support of the LPT for another year. She passed a summary of Violet Township ride activity for review. They have people they cannot get to and with which they have to negotiate trips.

Mr. Dunlap asked what the cost of return is for the average end user. Ms. Woody said if you are general public and you call a day ahead of time it is \$2.00 each way anywhere in the county. If you are 65 or older and you have a disability then it is \$1.00 each way. If you call the same day and want same day service it is \$5.00 each way.

Mr. Weltlich asked how much the Commissioners gave this year. Ms. Woody said they gave \$30,000.00.

Mr. Myers asked where they were on their State and federal funding and what the forecast was. Ms. Woody said at this point they have been given a forecast and as long as they can get all of their local matches they will be at 46% state and federal and 54% local funds.

Mr. Weltlich encouraged Ms. Woody to go back to the Senior Center and ask for a pledge as they have gone through some shuffling of board members.

Mr. Myers asked if we were still parking at the Township barn. Ms. Woody said they were parking one bus there now and not two.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to support the Lancaster Public Transit System in the same amount as we gave last year (\$12,500). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2014-0820 carries 3-0. People can call a day ahead and as far as two weeks ahead.

Interim Director of Operations John Eisel suggested putting something in the upcoming Pickerington Magazine as they may have some extra space for an article. Carrie will write something up and send it to Joni.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

none

Departmental Reports

Chief Eisel reminded everyone that the Doug Barr Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for August 29th at the Homestead Golf Course beginning at 9:30 A.M.

The Labor Day Breakfast will be held at Station 592 on August 31st to be followed up on Labor Day with the Parade on Monday beginning at 10 am and the Canal Winchester Labor Day parade begins at 1:00 P.M.

Chief Eisel has been asked to sit in on behalf of the Ohio Fire Chiefs on the fire service review of the Ohio Administrative Code 4123 which will begin to review the Ohio Rules for firefighting and safety.

Last week the building team reviewed and graded the request for qualifications and got it down to the final four. Chief Little will reach out to the final four to schedule meetings when he returns.

Battalion Chief Greg Eisenacher completed and graduated from the International Association of Fire Chiefs Chief Officer Series. This was a two year venture for him and a lot of hard work.

A new video was released addressing fire safety concerns and with the issues that modern fire behavior are presenting to us. This went out nationwide and was reviewed at their board of directors meeting. While he was there he gained ongoing support from them on our cancer research project team from Ohio State University. We now have the support of Dr. Sara Jahnke. She has done a tremendous amount of work on firefighter research and done a number of studies. Her group is willing to jump in and help support us as well. We have the full backing of the Firefighter's Cancer Support Network which is a nationwide network. Brian Frieders is on their Board of Directors as a liaison to our section. With one phone call we have nationwide support. Chief Eisel communicated this to OSU as well and they could not be more pleased.

Chief Little, Doc Metzger, and Lieutenant's Carter, McFarland and Goodwin are at Pierce Manufacturing for the pre-build conference for Engine 3 and the concept design for Rescue 592's replacement. Chief Little said the trip has gone very well.

Chief Eisel said there was an auto accident at Harmon and Refugee which in retrospect was a minor accident compared to some. The patient did not want to be transported to get checked because it was her son's first day of school. The child got to ride to school in the medic, they took pictures for her and the principal assured her that her son would be fine. Chief Paxton shared this and now there is a child that will never forget his first day of school.

Chief Eisel included Dr. Zeeb's first monthly report with his vision showing everything he is involved in.

Mr. Weltlich commended Chief Eisel for his initiative with being on the leading edge of the cancer research and for his initiative for getting this going.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher was not in attendance as he was taking his son to college. Mr. Myers read Mr. Butcher's report:

- 1) Mr. Butcher will be providing the Trustees a proposal for crack sealing at the next Board meeting.
- 2) New Sign installation continues.
- 3) Planning for Mingo Estates, Phase 2 continues. We are finalizing design which is nearly complete as well as reviewing other coordination details.
- 4) A meeting was held with the Senior Center board on Thursday August 14, 2014. Gary Weltlich and Bill Yaple were in attendance. Senior Center Board voted to authorize up to \$10,000 for 'spot' pavement repairs to be preformed yet this year. They have a desire to completely replace the parking lot in 2015. Resolution provided for consideration.
- 5) Mowing of Township road right of ways will begin Thursday August 21, 2014. Allen Road has already been mowed.
- 6) OPWC Issue One applications are due Friday, October 3, 2014. Consideration needs to be given to a project to be selected. Stonecreek Drive has been selected in the past. With the City's work on SR 256 happening within the next couple of years, it may be a good time to apply.
- 7) MORPC Township Dinner Forum event scheduled for September 9. Mr. Butcher plans on attending.
- 8) Harry, John Eisel and Mr. Butcher met regarding Busey Road park trail development and shelters.
- 9) Pickerington Road from Stemen Road has been resurfaced. This was performed as part of a regional MORPC paving program encompassing several agencies. The only roads that qualified for this program within Violet Township were Harmon Road and Wagram Road which were recently resurfaced.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0820-01 – Authorize Expenditure for Pickerington Senior Center Parking Lot Repair not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich commented this will come out of the levy funds and they had to authorize this first. Mr. Weltlich explained Mr. Butcher recommended we assess the impact of this and then start a maintenance program like we do with Township roads. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2014-0820-01 carries 3-0.**

Interim Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported the Grange Bicentennial is to occur on September 28. We are awaiting information.

Peggy Portier has begun her orientation and will be prepared to cover Joni Goldberg who is leaving for her scheduled vacation August 29.

Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce has asked for the Township's input of what we would like to see in the next Director.

Permits Local Software Program is now installed on the server and accessible by all users in the office.

Volunteer Energy's mailing list has been corrected and they are taking the appropriate action to notify affected residents. The Director of the Ohio PUCO is a Township resident and wrongfully received one of the letters.

MORPC Township Dinner Forum will be held September 9th from 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. at MORPC. The benefits of a MORPC Membership will be presented by Eileen Leub. Finance Options for Township Projects will be presented by Allison Binkley-Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP. Communication strategies will be a roundtable discussion.

Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher attended a Storage One Meeting at the County Engineer's office with all interested County agencies to refine the plat for Regional Planning approval in September.

Mr. Eisel had a copy of the City of Pickerington invoice for the 4th of July fireworks for review.

Kelly Sarko is finalizing the training for BZA members for September. They will schedule a special meeting to conduct the training and will have the date after tomorrow's BZA meeting.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Eisel can access the shared documents with his mobile phone. Mr. Eisel said he does not have access yet but will have them set it up.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the fax machine. Mr. Eisel said Keytel came out and they are working on some options.

Mr. Myers asked about our website updates. Mr. Eisel said he had not heard anything.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the complete amount for the July 4th Fireworks (\$12,135.63) to the City of Pickerington in addition to whatever the motion said. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2014-0820 carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer provided the Trustees with a copy of the bank reconciliation, fund status, appropriation status, payments that we had last month and half of this month.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap went to the land auction for land on Basil-Western Road which was up for public auction. It went for slightly under \$10,000 an acre, but it was not ratified that the sale was made. We are waiting to hear back from Canal Winchester.

Mr. Myers received an email from the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation stating that they had asked the state for a grant for \$500,000. We have been approved for a grant for \$642,500. If anyone knows of any foreclosed or abandoned properties

that need torn down or fixed up (something that the land bank could own) please let the Trustees know.

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

The Labor Day Parade on September 1st all three Trustees as well as the Fiscal Officer may be in attendance at 10:00 A.M.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, September 3, 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. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked about a check paid to Scott Warrick on August 18 for \$3500.00. Mr. Eisel said this was for work Mr. Warrick did for the Fire Department for the EQ testing of all the Battalion Chiefs and an orientation session for new hires. **Mr. Eisel added that he also met with Mr. Warrick to discuss meeting with the other Township employees that had not had the communication class that he does. The goal of this was to get Peggy Portier on board so that Joni could attend the full class and not be interrupted by the phones or having to greet customers. Roll call vote: Mr. Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:12 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 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 9:13 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:14 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: _____