

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 7, 2015

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the role: 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; Assistant Chief, Jim Paxton and Township Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer.

On behalf of the Violet Township Board of Trustees Mr. Myers recognized students from Pickerington Elementary; Scarlett Wilde, Lauryn Winters and Isabella Matney who lead the Trustees in 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. Myers turned the meeting over to Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer to accept nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2015.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to nominate Gary Weltlich as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with (1) abstention.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to nominate Terry Dunlap as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with (1) abstention.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Special Trustee meeting of December 29, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Chris Schweitzer, Pickerington City Councilman residing at 119 Lone Elk Court, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Schweitzer thanked the Trustees for their generous donation of \$5,000 for the Pickerington Bicentennial Event.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little reported the Building Committee met to discuss room programming and sites for Station 591.

There is a meeting with KZF on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Township office.

Chief Little reported they are working on a yearly summary for 2014. Based on our CAD numbers, we surpassed the 5000 run mark for the first time in the history of the Fire Department. It works out to about 14 runs a day on average.

E593 will be ready near the end of January. Lt's. Carter and McFarland and Doc will be going to Wisconsin to take delivery. They will leave on January 26th and be back on January 29th.

Chief Little reported he has been working with Osh Kosh on all the finance documents for the Engine Rescue. Sara Rose is developing her letter of opinion. We are using the same master lease agreement that we utilized for Engine 593 refurb. Chief Little hopes to have a resolution for consideration at the January 21st Trustee meeting to accept the

lease agreement with Osh Kosh. Mr. Dunlap asked if the lease agreement would fluctuate on the specs of the truck. Chief Little said it would not. The truck came in at \$811,000.00 and some change. We will get about a \$52,000.00 discount.

Chief Little added we would probably have a resolution for consideration on Engine 3 at the January 21st meeting. There were some things we had to change to make the truck more functional. We knew this based on how we were setting the truck up. We will probably have about \$30,000.00 of changes that we were aware of and for which we budgeted. Mr. Weltlich asked if the \$30,000.00 was over and above what the lease was. Chief Little said this was correct and this will budgeted into our 2015 budget. Mr. Weltlich asked Chief Little to ask if they have electronic transfer mechanisms in place as it saves from having to deal with checks. Chief Little said this was not feasible at this time.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported we received the agreement from Etna Township this week. It is an inter-governmental document for the cost sharing of some utility extensions on Taylor Road north of Interstate 70 as part of Taylor Road widening project sponsored by Etna Township through MORPC. The document has been sent to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for review.

Mr. Butcher reported the road crews responded well to the 4" snow event this week. The Trustees gave 'kudos' to all the guys for a job well done.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported they are still in the process of reviewing applications for the Road Department vacancy.

Mr. Eisel reported he is working with Kelly Sarko and legal counsel to review and possibly amend the zoning code in regards to not just the Violet Festival but any future events we may have throughout the community as it relates to festivals.

We have received a quote for the Document Management software to replace the Doculex. Staff and users have been involved in the demonstrations and have agreed on one of the products being proposed. We may proceed with a resolution at our next Trustee meeting. They gave us an option to lease or purchase and there is absolutely no advantage to leasing it. We also have a quote to replace the copier at the Administrative office. Over the term it would be a cost savings and would be a newer more functional machine than what we currently have.

Mr. Eisel reminded all that the Ohio Township Association Conference registration deadline is January 16, 2015.

Mr. Eisel reported we are all working on completing inventories for the County Engineer's office that are due the first part of January.

Mr. Eisel had eight (8) resolutions for consideration.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0107-01 – Hire Prosecuting Attorney's Office to Serve as Law Director for 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked why there was no amount on the resolution. Mr. Eisel thought it was the same as last year. Mr. Sauer said it was \$1250.00 a month. **Mr. Myers made a motion to amend the motion to add the words "\$15,000.00 annually." Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote on the amendment: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Amendment passes 3-0.** There was no further discussion on the original motion as amended. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0107-02 – Resolution Retaining Wanda L. Carter with the Firm of Newhouse, Propheter, Kolman & Hogan, LLC as Legal Counsel to Advise & Represent the Township in Annexation-Related Matters. 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 2015-0107-03 – To Retain Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an "As-Needed" Basis. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0107-04 – To Retain Alfred E. Schrader, Attorney at Law. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0107-05 – Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys on an Annual Basis for the Year 2015 (Brosius). 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 adopt Resolution 2015-0107-06 – Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys on an Annual Basis for the Year 2015 (Loveland). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0107-07 – Hold Regular Meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month for year 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0107-08 – Authorize Payment for Additional Deputy. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap said to make certain when this (along with the original) goes to the Sheriff’s office that they understand that the (2) deputies are for Violet Township only because under Home Rule this is the only way we can pay for this. We cannot pay for a Deputy who is also going to Liberty Township. Mr. Dunlap suggested we might want to sit down with Perrigo and the Sheriff and have a conversation to make sure we get these details worked out. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to keep Trustee Assignments for 2015 as they were in 2014. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0107-A carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported the Fiscal Office is working on year end and closing the books for the year. The target is the end of January.

Melissa is setting up UAN with the budget numbers for 2015.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we could ‘officially’ pay the bills before the books are closed. Mr. Sauer said we could set up a temporary budget in UAN for the process of paying bills before the year-end has been closed for the previous year and it will fold in.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap brought up a Use Agreement for the Sub-Station and asked Mr. Eisel to research this to make sure we are in agreement and doing what we are supposed to.

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

Friday, January 9th is the Pickerington Bicentennial Event at the Pickerington Senior Center.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Mr. Myers announced there will be a short presentation put on by OSU at the January 21st meeting to talk about the Busey Park Program they put together.

Pay Bills

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15 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, 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. Weltlich added there will be no further business conducted after the Executive Session.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, 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: _____