

# Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 18, 2015

Regular Meeting

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

**Mr. Sauer called the roll: Mr. Weltlich, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Myers were present. Others present were: Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; Director of Operations, John Eisel; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Chief, James Paxton; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; and Township Legal Counsel, Wanda Carter.**

On behalf of the Violet Township Board of Trustees Mr. Weltlich recognized students from Diley Middle School Xavier Gonzalez and AJ Terbovich 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. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of Feb 4, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

## **Recognition of Guests:**

None Scheduled

## **Public Comment:**

None

## **County Authorities:**

There were no county authorities present. Mr. Weltlich acknowledged that Mayor Lee Gray was present.

## **Departmental Reports:**

### **Fire Chief: Mike Little**

Chief Little reported they are at a point where KZF has completed the programming portion of the Station 591 design. They are awaiting our final site selection.

Chief Little and Assistant Chief Paxton met with Pickerington Police Department to discuss the upcoming 256 project and how it will impact response.

Chief Little provided the Trustees with an outline for the Planning Session.

Chief Little handed out bios for the seven new part-time members they would like to have considered for resolution.

Chief Little and Assistant Chief Paxton will be attending the PLSD Crisis Management Training on February 24 and 25.

The Lieutenant's Written Exam is scheduled for March 28. A memo will be out on February 23 to all eligible members to see how many will be participating. There are 21 eligible, which is the most we have ever had since we have been doing this. Out of the 21 we will take 9 people forward into the assessment center.

Chief Little had the first monthly report of the year. Nothing really sticks out. We are still seeing a lot of flu and breathing issues.

Chief Little received a call from WBNS TV that there was a Cancer Summit that the Local 67 was putting on in Columbus today regarding the firefighter cancer issues and how we are combating this. Chief Little was asked to do some interviews.

Chief Little had three resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was to appoint seven new part-time firefighters. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-03 – To Appoint New Part Time Firefighters,**

**Level 1. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was for fire suppression system for Station 592. It is in need of replacement due to age and should be replaced for the safety and protection of the Township's assets. Specifications have been prepared for the replacement and we are prepared to move forward with this project. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-04 – Replacement of Fire Suppression System at Fire Station 592 Located at 8700 Refugee Road, Pickerington, Ohio. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**The final resolution was for resignation of part time firefighter Dan Arnold. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-07 – Resignation of Part Time Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes and thanked him for his service, Mr. Weltlich, yes and expressed his deepest regrets. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if Rescue 2 was running good. Chief Little said it was.

Mr. Myers asked about the new engine. Chief Little said Rob and Doc are diligently working on this. It should be completed. The engine is already here and they are putting the radios and IT items in as they could not do that at the factory.

Parts are ordered for the ladder.

**Township Engineer: Greg Butcher**

Mr. Butcher reported we have used about 700 tons so far this year. We placed an order today that will fill the barn. Under the ODOT winter contract, we have up to 70 tons left to purchase. The minimum quantity has been satisfied.

Road department personnel have been working many hours. As expected, some overtime will result. With the extreme cold temperatures, it should be noted that clearing snow to the pavement surface is problematic. Our goal is to maintain safe roads; secondary streets may not be cleared to the pavement surface and still be considered 'safe'.

Mr. Butcher reported AT&T will begin installation of a large cable project along Refugee Road next week. The project limits are Steeplechase Avenue to the east and Ohio Health to the west. Most of the work will be performed within either City of Pickerington or Fairfield County right of way.

Mr. Butcher will be emailing Planning Session topics to the Trustees tomorrow. It will be very 'budget centric.'

The old copier that was here has been moved to the Service Center.

Mr. Butcher is attempting to coordinate a meeting with ADR to discuss Senior Center parking lot design. One meeting has been cancelled due to weather.

Mr. Myers asked when the Mingo project will start. Mr. Butcher said it will start April or May and should be completed this year.

Mr. Myers asked about Stonecreek Drive. Mr. Butcher said there might some work done this year.

Mr. Dunlap said the guys are doing a 'stellar' job outside.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the horses being in Busey Park. Mr. Butcher said this had not happened yet as it was a combination of the owner of the horses being ill and the weather this week has been bad. It should still happen at some point.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to have the guy look at any trees that might need cut on Busey Road that were not on the 'original' list. He asked that they look at everything they need to remove to make everything safe.

Mr. Weltlich asked how the EPA audit went. Mr. Butcher thought it went very well. They were very diligent and were an expedient and professional review.

Mr. Weltlich asked that Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher to have a dialog with Mr. Hackworth about the parking spaces at the Senior Center.

Mr. Weltlich asked if it would make sense to put a brief description on the website regarding the roads being covered with snow. Mr. Butcher said we already have something on our website but will confirm it is still on there and says what it needs to say.

**Director of Operations: John Eisel**

Mr. Eisel 'echoed' what Mr. Dunlap said about the guys doing a great job. He also commended Chief Little on his interview with Channel 10. The passion continues in regards to helping to find ways on how to mitigate our first responders to getting Cancer.

Ms. Sarko continues to work with the Zoning Commission and Legal Counsel to amend the Zoning Code to accommodate the Violet Festival for those types of events. There may be a need to schedule a meeting for a public hearing in regards to this because of time lines.

We have our new copier and all went well with the install.

Mr. Eisel received a call from BWC and is still waiting to hear from them in regards to scheduling our premium audit.

Mr. Eisel thought our EPA Audit of our MS4-Permitting with Fairfield County went very well and thought it was very professional and to the point.

Mr. Eisel met with Michael Kaper, the Executive Director of the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corp and traveled around our community with him to view some properties that may be appropriate for their mission.

Mr. Eisel, Chief Little, Ms. Huskey and Ms. Tremblay met with Paycor about improvements to their system and discussed ways of improvement which may lead to Kristi and Melissa attending some training and meeting with their developers to help improve our processes.

Mr. Eisel had three resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was to approve a five year extension of time for the Development Plan for Woodland Ranch. The two Trustees and CEO have requested, in writing, consideration of a five year extension of the plan. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-01 – To Approve an Extension of Time for Development Plan for Woodland Ranch. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Motion carries 2-0.**

The next resolution was for replacement of the fire suppression system at the Pickerington Senior Center. They have had many leaks and system deficiencies over the year. Bill Yapple is representing the Senior Center in getting this done. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-02 – Replacement of Fire Suppression System at the Pickerington Senior Center Located at 150 Hereford Drive, Pickerington, Ohio. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.** Mr. Weltlich once again asked Mr. Eisel to convey to Mr. Hackworth the estimated completion of this project. Mr. Eisel said he would.

The last resolution was for the annexation agreement that was acted upon at our last meeting. Since that meeting there have been conversations that happened prior to our meeting with our Legal Counsel, Wanda Carter and the County Engineer and the County Prosecutor who had stated that as long as the County Engineer was good with it he would be good with it and this turned out not to be true once he returned from vacation. He proposed several language changes which primarily were assurances that the Counties involvement in the Annexation Agreement was very limited to Article 3, Section B and there were several places where that is pointed out as well as where it said the parties were more defined as the 'City, the Township and the Ricketts.' Mr. Weltlich asked if we were voting on the just the amendments or are we voting on the entire Amendment Agreement. Ms. Carter said it was the entire Amendment Agreement. Mr. Dunlap asked if we had to rescind the previous resolution. Ms. Carter did not feel that was necessary as the resolution states that they were now voting on the amended agreement. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-08 – Accept Amended Annexation Agreement between City of Pickerington, Violet Township**

**and the Ricketts Family Fairfield Holdings, Ltd. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Motion carries 2-1.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had a fax and if it was the same number. Mr. Eisel said it was the same number as before and he would check to make sure it was on the website.

Mr. Weltlich asked where we stood with Road Department interviews. Mr. Butcher answered that he had letters scheduled to go out next week to interview six candidates.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Mr. Sauer reported he had two resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was for a supplemental appropriations resolution where we had created a new fund for the fire, wage and stabilization fund and all we will do there is appropriate the \$250,000.00 that was originally appropriated in the Wage and Stabilization fund. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0218-05 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was with regards to the refinance we are doing with the bond for our Maintenance Facility. The resolution is to give authorization to go ahead and seek that bond. Currently we are at a 19 year term. The offer that was on the table was from Chase Manhattan which would put it at a term of 17 years. The ultimate savings with the interest rate drop would be around \$200,000.00. Mr. Sauer received a call today from our financial advisor and apparently Chase has changed their policy within that time period where the maximum term that they will allow the loan to go out for is 15 years so instead of 17 now we are at 15 which in terms of payments will increase our annual payments by roughly \$30,000.00. In reviewing the budget, the money is there to pay it. The savings \$200,000.00 to \$220,000.00, depending on where the interest rate falls once the bond actually is secured and the transaction takes place. Mr. Connelly will solicit information from additional banks until Friday this week. He will do his due diligence and if he cannot secure this he will be back in contact Mr. Dunlap asked if this would impact our road and bridge budget. Mr. Sauer said it will have no impact on the Road and Bridge Budget. The \$220,000.00 rate can change as the interest rates change. Approval of this resolution will give the Fiscal Officer the authority to go ahead and approve them to go ahead and seek the bond and secure the bond transaction with Chase Manhattan Bank either with the 15 or the 17. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 10250218-06 – A Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$2,500,000.00. for the purpose of Paying the Costs of Refunding Bonds Previously Issued by the Township for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Constructing and Equipping a Township Service Center, Including Road and Fire Safety Facilities, and Acquiring and Otherwise Improving the Site Therefore, Together with all Necessary Appurtenances Thereto. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich.** Discussion: Mr. Myers referred to the 'maximum principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 and asked if what we are actually going to re-issue is the payoff of the maintenance facility'. Mr. Sauer said this was correct. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Trustee Reports:**

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

There will be a Planning Session on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Township 8am to 5pm.

Mr. Eisel added the Drug Free Workplace Training on February 23rd at Station 592.

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Mr. Myers added that the lady from OSU would be present at the next Trustee meeting for a short presentation and he will confirm this.

**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.**

**Adjournment**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:12 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,

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Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg, Administrative  
Assistant

Approved by:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_