

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 15, 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: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Assistant Chief Jim Paxton.

On behalf of the Violet Township Board of Trustees, Mr. Weltlich recognized students Ferome Yadatta and Amani Yohanes from Harmon Middle School who lead the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who protect us around the world. Madison was presented with a 'Certificate of Recognition.' Madison also helped in singing 'Happy Birthday' to Trustee Myers.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of April 1, 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

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little had a few general updates.

The second step of the Lieutenant's testing is this Saturday with the Assessment Center.

Run volumes are steady compared to last year; patient transports are up.

EMS revenues are up over last year at the same time; we are seeing more insurance companies developing special policies and requesting contract agreements for reimbursement.

Chief Little and Mr. Eisel have been working with Lieutenant Belcher to finalize alarm monitoring and annual inspections at all township facilities; Koorsen appears to be the frontrunner.

Mr. Weltlich had some responses regarding the COG and Chief Little will forward them to the appropriate people at MECC before their meeting.

The first resolution Chief Little had was to renew our fire inspection software license. This is our MobileEyes software purchased last year for the Fire Prevention Officers at a total cost of \$4,156.00 for two (2) licenses and two (2) on-board coded, for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0415-03 – Fire Inspection Software Annual Licensing Renewal. 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 the resignation of part-time firefighter, John Jensen. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0415-04 – Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter, with regrets. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported a few weeks ago we opened bids for the Mingo Estates Infrastructure Phase 2 Project and we received two (2) bids. The three components to the project are 1) City of Pickerington water line; 2) Fairfield County Sanitary Sewer component and 3) the rest to include roads, curb and gutter. The proportion of the water line for Pickerington was higher than what they elected and they expressed concern that the percentage of work is higher than what they have in their capital improvement plan. The City needs to have some internal discussions on whether or not they want to proceed forward with the project. In speaking with the Fairfield County Utilities it is a consensus that they do want to move forward with the project. It is the Township's and county's intent to move the project forward regardless of whether the waterline component is included. There will be a resolution to accept the bid at the next Board meeting. It is Mr. Butcher's goal to move forward but it depends what happens with the City. The deadline is the end of 2015.

Mr. Butcher reported Federal authorization was received from ODOT for the Harmon Middle Schools Safe Routes to School project. Project coordination is underway with construction planned for this year.

Plans for the Senior Center parking lot replacement are being finalized.

Pothole patching activities have slowed down.

Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher met with a representative from the Violet Festival Committee and they plan to schedule another planning meeting.

An invoice was submitted to the PLSD for supplying salt. They were billed for 84 tons.

Curb work continues on Shalimar Drive in Mingo Estates per planning session and budget discussions.

We have been approached by representatives from Grace Fellowship Church. They are planning an impact week from May 11 to 16 and are looking for community activities. Mr. Butcher suggested engaging them for litter pick-up on select township roads and planting of trees in Busey Park. None of the Trustees had any objections. Mr. Myers said he was contacted by a professor at OSU who has about 60 oak trees that they are willing to sell to us for \$3.50 each so we would have about 100 Oak trees to plant and asked where we want to put them. Mr. Dunlap suggested along the walking trails at various intervals. Mr. Weltlich said he would plant about 80 and put the rest at the Maintenance Center and other places. Mr. Dunlap recommended planting 10 at the Maintenance Center and 90 at the Park. Everyone was good with this.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we were progressing with employing of another road worker. Mr. Butcher reported we have identified a candidate and in the process of going through the procedural checks and should have a resolution to hire at our next meeting. Mr. Dunlap also asked about hiring of a part-timer as well.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel gave kudos to firefighter Eric Taft for hooking up the monitor in the conference room.

Our BWC premium audit was conducted last week and we will be getting a partial refund in the amount of about \$5,000.

Mr. Eisel reminded all that we have a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Amendment to the Zoning Code for Temporary Uses/Special Events scheduled for April 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Eisel reported Pickerington Kiwanis had reached out to let us know they continue to work on the plans 'special needs' playground equipment for Busey Park and may be prepared to present in May. Mr. Eisel spoke with the risk management aspect from OTARMA in regards to liability issues. They would like for a "Certified Playground Safety Inspector" (CPSI) be present as part of the installation and to complete a final inspection.

Donley Tree Service will be treating the ash trees at the administrative office.

Staff met with Jim DeLucas and Megan Roschek from OTARMA in regards to our annual renewal. It was a very productive meeting and Mr. Eisel asked for the Board to consider a motion to accept and renew our coverage with OTARMA for the period of April 2015 to April 2016. We will meet again next week to review some additional items. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to renew with OTARMA for April, 2015 – April 2016. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0415-A carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel reported we have a proposal for annual mosquito spraying from Sam's Termite and Pest Control as we have in prior years – the rate is \$120.00 per hour and the terms and products remain the same. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to renew with Sam's Termite and Pest Control for Mosquito Spraying in the Township. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0415-B carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel reported Pickerington High School Central Fall Sports Program sent us an annual opportunity to renew as we have done in the past. Last year we did a motion for a half page ad for a total of \$400.00. They are giving us a 10% discount on a half page ad. **Mr. Myers made a motion to go with a half page ad for a total of \$337.58 for a half page ad. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Eisel feels it would work better if we had a full page ad and the price difference is only \$87.00. **Mr. Myers moved to amend his motion to make it a full page color ad for \$450.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote on the amendment: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Dunlap made a motion approve the amended motion as amended. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0415-C carries 3-0.**

We will be hosting our first Violet Township "Round Table Community Meeting" scheduled for May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pickerington Senior Center. The invitations went out via email today.

We received notification from the City of Pickerington that the Board needs to appoint two members to serve on their Tax Incentive Review Council and report that to the City of Pickerington and the County Auditor. For us in the past were Stephanie Brobst and Lisa Ross. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to appoint John Eisel and Harry Myers as to the members for the Tax Incentive Review Council. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Motion 2015-0415-D carries 2-0 with 1 abstention.**

We received information from the PCMA Food Pantry in regards to sponsorship opportunities for their upcoming "Food Truck Frenzy" fundraising event. Mr. Eisel had scanned and emailed this to the Trustees. The event will be held on June 14th at Setan Parish. It is a very 'family oriented' event. The intent is for this to become a fundraising event similar to the Plaza of Lights so we can have two dedicated fundraising events for the Food Pantry each year. They are seeking out sponsorships. **Mr. Myers made a motion to purchase the Platinum Membership with the Pickerington Food Pantry for \$5,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0418-E carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel reminded the Trustees the opening of the City of Pickerington's Time Capsule this Saturday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

We are sponsoring part of the sponsorship with Soil and Water and the Sheriff's office for the electronics and drug recycling event on April 25th at the Maintenance Facility from 9 am to noon.

Mr. Eisel added on May 5th there will be a Special meeting for the Board of Zoning Appeals to consider a variance by Storage One in regards to the distance between the buildings and the current order of the buildings for permission to simply flip by placing building F where Building E is and Building E where Building F is. The distance between the buildings will increase the amount of green space on the west end of the project. They are not looking for space to add another building, but simply make the project flow better by increasing the green space and improve the maintenance of the project in the future. Mr. Eisel asked if they would consider waiving the variance fee. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to waive the fees for the application for variance for Storage One. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion 2015-0418-F carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap referred back to Donley and trimming the trees; he thought they were going to come back and do a 'ceremonial' type thing with the horses and drag out another log or two so the press could do a story. Mr. Butcher said this was discussed and he will confirm this and make sure it happens.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported he had a resolution to establish a fund for the grant received for the Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to School. This would establish fund number 4305 and essentially we need to establish this fund so we can deposit those monies and show how they are extended. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0415-01 – Establishment of Fund. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap.** Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if we had to do one each time for a separate grant. Mr. Sauer said we had to establish a separate fund each time we get a grant for a project. When we are completely finished with it we can go in and close out the fund. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2015-0415-01 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Sauer said the second resolution will appropriate the \$460,000.00 in grant monies we will receive for the Safe Routes to School Harmon Road Middle School Project. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0415-02 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked if the OPERS problem had been corrected. Mr. Sauer said it had.

Trustee Reports:

None

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

There will be a Chamber Luncheon on Thursday, April 16 at 11:30 a.m.

City of Pickerington Time Capsule Opening on April 18th at City Hall at 10:00 am.

There will be a Special Trustee Meeting on April 22, 2015 at 7:30 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, May 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

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 passes 3-0.

Executive Session

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1) Regarding Personnel Issues after a 10 minute recess (to include: the three Trustees, Mr. Sauer, Mr. Eisel, Chief Little & Asst. Chief Paxton. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich announced they would take a 10 minutes recess and when they come out of Executive Session no further business will be conducted.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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: _____