

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 3, 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; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer and Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of May 20, 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:**

James R. Blair of 9368 Circle Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Blair was present regarding a project that began November of 2014 for replacement of curbing and digging out of gutter for the water to run through. His water was so deep that he hit bottom going in and out of his driveway. This has been going on since last November. Pavement is crumbling again and he is wondering when his side will be completed as his driveway is slowly recessing because it doesn't have any blacktop to hold it. Mr. Butcher explained this is a process and in order to get these streets patched, and repaved it is not as easy as just tearing it all out at one time. Mr. Butcher stated next week we will tear out the curb. Shalimar Drive will be milled and resurfaced. The last year or so we have focused on curbs. Mr. Butcher added we have spent more money in Mingo Estates than any other subdivision. We are coming back this week to start his side of the street. Mr. Butcher will look at his driveway tomorrow to see if there is anything we can do to help.

Maurita Ott of 10561 Stoudertown Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present representing Violet Grange to thank the Trustees for the use of the Township facility for their monthly meetings and for the use of the Service Center for their Flag Burning Ceremony on June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Ott invited all to attend the ceremony.

### **County Authorities:**

None

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

Chief Little had a few general updates.

OhioHealth opened for business today.

Stand-Down Day activities scheduled for June 15, 16, & 17 at Station 592. Will cover material on skin cancers, proper food prep and selection.

All MECC partners, excluding Whitehall, have approved the COG.

New lease agreement for Station 593 was received and sent to Jason Dolin for his review. Once it is signed, we should be able to move forward with the generator project.

A contract extension for Dr. Zeeb's services as MEC EMS Medical director in 2016 was also sent to Jason Dolin for review. No changes were made.

Chief Little had two resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was for Firefighter Brian Smith who wished to be reclassified to part time firefighter Level 2 to allow him to pursue his firefighter career as a recruit with the Columbus Division of Fire. He is also requesting a leave of absence to complete this training. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0603-01 – Reclassification of Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries, 3-0.**

The second resolution was to renew a two-year maintenance contract with Physio-Control, Inc. commencing July 30, 2015 and expiring July 29, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$9,802.00 to be billed in equal annual payments. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0603-02 – AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) Multi-Year Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if this covered all the AED's in the system. Chief Little said it covered all 13. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked what the status with the cancer investigation with cooperation of OSU. Chief Little said they have been providing a monthly cancer in-service for us on different types of cancers. Mr. Weltlich asked him to inquire and find out what their future plans are. Chief Little will pass this on to Lieutenant Bowen.

**Township Engineer: Greg Butcher**

Mr. Butcher reported we received bids on June 1, 2015 for the Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to School SRTS project. There is a resolution to hire Newcomer Concrete Services.

Mr. Butcher also had a resolution to hire two more seasonal part-time employees (Stanley Parker, Jr. and Brian Hooser) within the Road Department.

We have been asked by a company called ACD.net to approve installation of four 40 ft. wooden poles for fiber optic telecommunications. Three are on Harmon Road and one is in the middle of Violet Meadows in an area where there are no above ground utilities. Mr. Butcher has no objection to the work along Harmon Road but with respect to Violet Meadows, he has asked them to seek an alternation location since all existing utilities are underground and didn't deem it appropriate to have a pole installed where it was proposed.

Mr. Butcher reported the 2015 Violet Township Paving Program is currently being advertised. Bids will be opened June 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Administrative Office and if they look ok, there will be a resolution for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Butcher reported Senior Center parking lot plans are being reviewed by the City of Pickerington. There has been some discussion on the elimination of two or three parking spaces. Mr. Weltlich said they want to preserve the cherry tree and the aesthetic grass. Mr. Weltlich suggested they have a board meeting to discuss it. Mr. Butcher recommended they continue with the City's review and keep in mind the Senior Center's recommendation.

Mr. Butcher provided the Board with information on ShareOhio, a program developed by the State Auditor's Office under the direction of David Yost. ShareOhio is an equipment sharing program. Mr. Butcher asked the Board to review to see if there is an interest in participating. Mr. Dunlap said he thought we were already doing this. Mr. Butcher said we are but this formalizes it. Mr. Butcher will make hard copies for the Trustees so they can discuss further.

A preconstruction meeting was held with Columbus Asphalt Paving last week. Construction is a few weeks away for Mingo Estates Phase 2.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Dunlap (alternate) were not elected as representatives to OPWC District 17 committee. Township representatives are from Madison Township, Licking County, Morris Township, Knox County; and Hilliard Township, Knox County.

Salt bid prices for the summer fill are \$76.70 per ton. Last year's price was a little under \$73.00 per ton. We have to purchase 450 tons which is just short of \$33,000.00. The vendor will be American Rock Salt. Prices across the state ranged from \$63.41 (Geauga County) to \$95.07 (Jefferson County) per ton. Orders need placed by August 15.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0603-03 –Enter into Contract with Newcomer Concrete Services, Inc. for Harmon Middle School SRTS Project, PIS 93582. 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 2015-0603-04 – To Hire Stanley Parker, Jr. and Brian Hooser as Seasonal Part Time Employees within the Road Department. 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 authorize Mr. Butcher to attend a conference in Pittsburgh. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0603A carries 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to recess the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for Case number 02-ZC-2015 – an Application filed by M/I Schottenstein Homes, Inc. for property consisting of 109 + acres on north side of Refugee Road and the Estate of Alfred and Maria Allert, 6890 Refugee Road. The application requests to modify the approved Development Plan and approved Development Text for Eastern Lakes Planned District to allow 187 single family homes and 52 + acres of Open Space. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Mr. Myers respectively asked to abstain from this hearing. Mr. Weltlich agreed. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with 1 abstention.**

The Chairman called the regular meeting back to order at 9:48 p.m.

**Director of Operations: John Eisel**

Mr. Eisel reported he and Mr. Butcher met with a representative of Rumpke in regards to the contract that the City of Pickerington currently has. The City would need to amend their contract to allow Violet Township to join and we are awaiting a response from Rumpke. Mr. Weltlich asked how long the city has to go on the present contract. Mr. Eisel said till the end of 2017.

The landscape project here and at the maintenance facility with Ridgeview Jr. High went very well. Mr. Eisel gave many thanks to Ridgeview and, Administrative staff and the road crew for their hard work.

Staff and County Agencies met with the Violet Festival on site to review logistics and we met with the County Engineer on 6-2-15 to discuss safety concerns relating to Refugee Road. We are also working with the Huntington Hills residents to discuss parking / access options. Mr. Dunlap asked if we were talking with just the civic association residents in the north end or the people in the north end of the subdivision who will be directly impacted. Mr. Butcher said leadership he met with indicated a desire of no parking. With respect to this particular event Mr. Butcher feels it important that whatever we do we consider a consistency of element. The Violet Festival board may have been convinced by a select few that they represent the majority. There needs to be information conveyed to the extent they can and the second point was Mr. Butcher understands the importance of the quality of life and the desire for no parking. If we post an event that means everywhere and we want to be consistent. Mr. Eisel said that permit parking will be very hard to do with 400 + homes.

Mr. Myers asked where the festival organizers parking would be. Mr. Eisel said Pickerington North and shuttle, the church at Tollgate and 204 and shuttle; handicap

parking will be on the school grounds by permit. Mr. Butcher added that vendors and workers would only park on the paved surfaces at Tollgate. Mr. Eisel explained they were working on signage, directions and trying to finalize everything. Mr. Weltlich asked which church they were speaking of on 204 and Tollgate. Mr. Eisel said it was Trinity.

Mr. Dunlap said even though we are going to close Tollgate Road at Refugee, we need to look at people wanting to park on both sides of Tollgate Road. Mr. Butcher said we would map out that entire area. Mr. Butcher is suggesting posting Tollgate Road "No Parking." Mr. Eisel said if we legislate it we will have to post it. Mr. Myers thought they were talking about Huntington Hills. Mr. Dunlap said both will be impacted. This also gets into the expense of signage and Mr. Dunlap wanted to know who would take care of that. Mr. Dunlap suggested getting in contact with the people in Dublin at Muirfield where they have the sticks that stand up and says 'No Parking Tow Away Zone' and see if we can borrow them after the tournament is over. Mr. Butcher said there are a lot of ways to capture this. Mr. Dunlap added there would be a lot of 'drop-off' traffic in Huntington Hills.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the committee wanting to activate the 20 mph school lights. Mr. Butcher said they openly discussed this and the flashing lights as it relates to the ORC which talks about children being present at a school function or during school. Mr. Butcher would feel comfortable with this.

Mr. Dunlap again stated we must consider no parking up and down Tollgate Road and we need to think about the signage that needs to go up and who will take care of the cost. Mr. Eisel said we will have to see what the Sheriffs' office wants to do as they have done this before and added that the County is concerned about all these things as well.

The Violet Festival committee has also submitted a letter (as requested) respectfully requesting a waiver from the Board for the Township noise ordinance for the nights of the Festival.

Mr. Eisel reported the sound system for the Grange Flag Retirement Ceremony has been secured.

Mr. Eisel thanked all who attended the OhioHealth grand opening.

Mr. Eisel has been communicating with the Kiwanis Club in regards to Busey Park project. They are researching the questions posed and have respectfully requested to defer until the June 17 meeting.

Mr. Eisel along with Ms. Sarko, have been working on ways to improve how we deal with properties that are overgrown. Mr. Dunlap said the one thing that slows us down is the 'courtesy letter.'

Mr. Eisel will be out of town beginning Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and return on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eisel provided the Trustees with a copy of the proposal from Della Rucker for review of the "Wise Economy Workshop" to consider sharing the cost with the City of Pickerington. This would provide direction for future economic development opportunities and engagement of stakeholders. Mr. Eisel said the City would be very happy to work together with us on this. Mr. Weltlich added he would like to see the Port Authority "interwoven" into what we do with this. Mr. Eisel also conveyed in his meeting with the other parties that at some point consideration needs to be given to Canal Winchester. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to authorize \$4200.00 for the Wise Economy Workshop. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion 2015-0603-B carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel is trying to schedule a Strategic Planning Session with Scott Warrick. The best available dates for the Trustees are July 22 and 24. Mr. Eisel will get a date scheduled.

Mr. Eisel reminded all of the Grange Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Maintenance Facility on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Eisel also reminded everyone of the PCMA “Food Truck Frenzy” event to be held at Seton Parish on June 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In regards to the thefts in the Summerfield subdivision, there has been an arrest it is believed there may be another person involved. Some property has been recovered.

Mr. Eisel has done some research in regards to Kingy’s Pizza being 35 years old this year and E.C. Babbert Company will be 55 years old. Mr. Weltlich has offered to do some type of special awards. Mr. Dunlap asked if we had researched any other businesses. Mr. Eisel can’t find any others that are beyond those types of milestones. We will continue to work on this and make a recommendation.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0603-05 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Located at 870 Hill Road North in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. 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 2015-0603-06 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by David R. Ludwig and Douglas P. McFarland, known as 7505 Refugee Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked where this property was. Mr. Eisel said it would be east of Pickerington Road on the south side. Mr. Butcher thought it was a home in Huntington Hills. Mr. Myers asked about the description of this property. Mr. Eisel said the property is vacant and has been for many years. Mr. Dunlap added we had to do the same thing to this property last year. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap stated he has yet to hear an answer to Mr. Myers’ question about alcohol on the school property for the Violet Festival and wondered if we had posed that question to the committee. Mr. Eisel said the schools passed legislation to do this and the State issued them a Liquor Permit. Mr. Eisel added they are in the process of training all of their volunteers that will be part of that activity in the Safe Core Program through the Ohio Investigative Unit. In addition, there will be no less than (3) volunteers at each core site. They will be checking id’s and have special duty deputy personnel (not private duty) manning the area.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Mr. Sauer reported tax budget season is coming and will be due mid July. Mr. Sauer will be sending out requests to department heads to submit their budgets and would like to have these back the end of the first week of July.

Mr. Weltlich asked about meeting with Rockmill. Mr. Sauer has not met with them yet due to conflicting schedules and hopes to meet next week.

**Trustee Reports:**

None

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

June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Violet Grange will hold their annual Flag Burning Ceremony at the Violet Township Service Center.

June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. the PCMA “Food Truck Frenzy” event will be held at Seton Parish.

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

**Pay Bills**

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

Mr. Myers announced the County Trustees are having their quarterly dinner in Berne Township in late June and he asked if we sent in reservations. Mr. Sauer was not aware that we did so at this point. Mr. Sauer will get the information and take care of it. Mr., Myers added that reservations need to be in as soon as possible.

**Executive Session**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:34 p.m. to discuss personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1) and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (2) - to include: the three Trustees, Mr. Sauer, Mr. Eisel and Chief Little. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Weltlich added when they come out of Executive Session there will adjourn and conduct no further business.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:38 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, no. Motion carries 2-1.**

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_