

Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 17, 2015
Regular Meeting

Mr. Weltlich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Eisel called the roll: Gary Weltlich, Terry Dunlap, Sr. and Harry Myers, Jr. were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko. Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer arrived later.

Chief Little shared a few updates regarding the monthly report. The runs were consistent with last year; Transports are up over last year at the same time and EMS receipts are slightly better than last year at the same time.

Chief Little reported the crews held Stand-Down Days this week for each unit. They were able to go to Delmonico's and said it was a fantastic experience.

Chief will be out of town June 20 – 28 for vacation.

Chief Little had six (6) resolutions for consideration. The first was to reclassify firefighter Joe Magerko to the position of Fire Prevention Officer. They would like to put him into this position 6 months prior to Don Searls' retirement in January so he can get acclimated to the position. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-01 – Reclassify Firefighter to Fire Prevention Officer. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap.** Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if he would still be able to do "radio things." Chief Little said yes he would. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Chief Little reported that with the recent reclassification of two firefighters, we have two full time positions open and would like to promote Firefighters Lee Little and Jacob Yaraschuck to the position of Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic. They will both be sworn in.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-02 – Appoint Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Lee Little. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Weltlich deferred the swearing in to Mr. Myers who swore in Mr. Little.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-03 – Appoint Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Jacob Yaraschuk. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mr. Weltlich deferred the swearing in to Mr. Myers who swore in Mr. Yaraschuk.

Chief Little explained that after review of Rob Fann's performance since his date of hire in June 2014 it is recommended that we increase the hourly pay rate for our part-time mechanic to \$25.00 per hour with an effective date of June 29, 2015. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-04 – Hourly Rate Increase for Part-Time Mechanic. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Chief Little explained we have an opportunity to purchase eight (8) iPad AIR tablets, 32GB and related accessories and training software as an upgrade to our Blue Card Command Training simulation at a cost not to exceed \$6,200.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-05 – Training Technology Hardware and Software Updates. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The last resolution was to purchase ten Motorola APX7000XE rugged digital portable radios, related accessories and firmware, at a cost not to exceed \$48,000.00 from B&C Communication. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-06 –**

Purchase Portable Communication Equipment for Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this would be replacement or in addition to. Chief Little said it is partly both. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries, 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of June 3, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 3, 2015 for Case No. 02-ZC-2015 to Modify the Approved Development Plan and Approved Development Text for the 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. Motion carries 2-0 with 1 abstention.

Public Comment:

Peggy Portier of 9841 Refugee Road was present. Ms. Portier wanted to thank Mr. Butcher for his help today with an issue they had in Mingo Estates where they had an overflow of a drain.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher introduced his new intern, Conner Downard. He is a student from Dennison University that is working for us as an intern from MORPC.

Mr. Butcher reported we opened bids today at 11am for the 2015 Paving Program. We had 8 bidders. The apparent low and best bid was received from the Shelly Company. There is a resolution for consideration to receive the Board's authorization to enter into contract with the Shelly Company. This resolution would be for the lowest and best base bid.

Mr. Butcher received comments back from the City of Pickerington regarding the Senior Center Parking lot plans. It will allow us to get the plans in a final status to move forward. Prior to that we have to have a conversation with the Senior Center board.

Mr. Butcher reported we are still waiting on a start date from Columbus Asphalt Paving for the Mingo Estates Issue One project.

We have completed our township signage project. We ended up replacing about 700 new regulatory warning signs. We are now regulatory compliant with those particular signs. Additionally, we installed breakaway posts for each of those signs. This was all made possible with a \$50,000.00 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Mr. Butcher has to certify this and he will be sending it to ODOT.

Mr. Myers asked if we have received our money back from Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the park. Mr. Butcher said they had approved it and had received additional information they asked for but he did not know if a check had been sent.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the road mower. Mr. Butcher said it was repaired and gave kudos to Will Yaple and the staff for getting this all taken care of.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had received any complaints on mud in Meadowmoore. Mr. Butcher said he had not.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported he is still awaiting response from Rumpke in regards to the contract that the City of Pickerington currently has, and if they are willing to modify the existing contract.

Mr. Butcher, Mr. Eisel and other staff have been working 'hand in hand' with the Violet Festival. Mr. Butcher and he met with the leadership of Huntington Hills Civic Association. The desire is to have no parking and we believe that it is in the best interest of public safety to have no parking on the streets in Huntington Hills, Tollgate Road, Tollgate Court and Mamie Drive. We have worked with the Sheriff's Department and the County Prosecutor's office to present a resolution for consideration that would prohibit parking on the street in those areas for the duration of the festival. According to ORC 505.17 it has to be posted in five (5) places and advertised in the newspaper three (3) times within 30 days.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Eisel met with Mr. Michael Stockum of the Fairfield County Juvenile Court. They are launching a new "Youth Accountability Program" designed to assign offenders to community service. Mr. Eisel thanked the Chamber president (who was in the audience) for directing him to us. Mr. Eisel sent the legal waiver off to risk management for review.

Mr. Eisel reported Jason Hickman with the Kiwanis Club will be at the July 1 meeting to discuss the Busey Park Project.

Mr. Eisel sent correspondence and copies of checks sent by Janet Anderson in regards to the Dog Park. They closed out the fund raising account and provided us with \$600.00 that was the remaining balance in the account towards items for the Dog Park.

Mr. Eisel will attend a tour of the Mason, OH Community Center on June 19, which is unique in function and contains many amenities and enrichment programs.

Mr. Eisel mentioned the July 4th Pickerington Parade and asked if all three (3) Trustees would be attending. Mr. Weltlich will speak during the opening ceremonies.

Strategic Planning is scheduled for July 24th beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Eisel presented his resolutions for consideration. Resolution 2015-0617-07 – would create no parking zones for the duration of the Violet Festival from Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 12:00 noon and terminating on Sunday, August 2nd 2015 at 8:00 a.m. which would include all streets located in the Huntington Hills Subdivision (maps attached), all locations on the right of way on Tollgate Road, from Refugee Road north to SR 204, Tollgate Court and Mamie Drive. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-07 – To Establish No Parking Zones for the Duration of the Violet Festival. Seconded by Mr. Myers.** Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if we got clarification on what signs we have to use for enforcement. Mr. Eisel said he met with Lieutenant Lape and he will see how many signs they have readily available. Section 451109 of the ORC gives us a number of choices of signs that we could use. Mr. Eisel was still not able to contact Dublin about their signs but he is working on it. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0617-08 – To Award Contract for 2015 Pavement Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported emails went to Department Heads this week requesting their budgets for tax budget coming up. He is currently working with Josh at the Auditor's office to obtain revenue projections for next year for tax collections.

Mr. Sauer is still working on scheduling a meeting with Rockmill. Mr. Myers asked a question about when we go to New York to get the bonds he wanted Brian to ask someone at Rockmill if the local residents of our community would be able to buy some of those bonds. Mr. Sauer said he would certainly bring that up when the committee

gets together. Mr. Dunlap thought when they made their presentation they mentioned bonds would be available for local residents.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich announced the Food Truck Frenzy event went extremely well. Mr. Eisel agreed.

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

June 27, 2015 – Township Association Meeting at Berne Township

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:30 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. Dunlap made a motion to take a 15 minute recess and come back at 7:58 and re-open the meeting in time for the scheduled public hearing at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of recess and return to the Regular Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular trustee meeting and open the scheduled 8:00 p.m. public hearing. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers respectively asked the Chairman to be excused from the Public Hearing. Mr. Weltlich excused Mr. Myers.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to the regular scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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: _____