

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 15, 2015

Regular Meeting

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

**Mr. Sauer called the roll: Gary Weltlich, Terry Dunlap, Sr. and Harry Myers, Jr. were present. Others present were: Fire Chief, Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko and Legal Council, Pete Griggs.**

Mr. Weltlich led the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who protect us here at home and abroad.

**Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of July 1, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

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

### **Public Comment:**

Justin Craddock of 7137 Optimara Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147 was present. Mr. Craddock was trying to understand and get more information on the impact to our current infrastructure, roads and our school system will have on the development Heron Crossing. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap recommended he save his comments for the public hearing scheduled at 8:00 p.m.

### **County Authorities:**

None

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

Chief Little reported the Strategic Planning session needs to be re-scheduled. The available dates are September 8, 9 & 15. Director Eisel would prefer September 15. Chief Little will contact Scott Warrick and all the Trustees are good with this date. The time will be 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Chief Little reported overall runs are up 2% over last year.

EMS transports are up 8% and EMS revenues are up 2.5%.

There is a Violet Festival meeting on Tuesday, July 21. This should be the final meeting before the festival.

Chief Little will be attending the Ohio Fire Chiefs Conference July 16-19.

There was discussion on the E593 accident. The mailbox has already been replaced and the homeowner is fine with the replacement. Mr. Weltlich asked if they did a reenactment. They did not do a reenactment but there are pictures that give us an idea of what happened. There was discussion with the crew. Mr. Weltlich asked what the protocol was for this accident. The protocol in existence revolves around our backing SOG which was having spotters out and when you have decreased vision having everyone out that can be out. We are updating our SOG's at this time. Mr. Weltlich asked that Chief Little go back and look and see when the last accident was. Chief Little said August of 2014. Mr. Dunlap commented this was outstanding with the number of runs we have and thought this was very commendable.

Chief Little had one housekeeping resolution. We passed a resolution on May 20<sup>th</sup> of 2015 for ballistic vests. He did not catch that we had bid it out of the wrong appropriation fund. This is a resolution to amend that and put it into the correction appropriation fund. It does not change the dollar amount. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0715-02 – Amendment to Resolution 2015-0520-01 – Purchase Tactical Vests. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was to purchase up to thirty (30) sets of Janesville V-Force structural firefighting turnout gear to be appropriated from the Supplies – Personal Protective Equipment 2111-220-420-3429. The cost of this purchase would be \$1950.00 per set, at a total cost of \$58,500.00. This takes advantage of the State Term Contract through the Department of Administrative Services Ohio Cooperative Purchasing contract STS842, schedule # 800216, and is a savings of \$203.45 per set over last year. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0701-02 – Structural Firefighting Turnout Gear Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

#### **Township Engineer: Greg Butcher**

Mr. Butcher reported he had just returned from the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Low Volume Roads in Pittsburgh sponsored by the Transportation Research Board. Funding is an issue across the country.

Mr. Butcher is trying to schedule with the Shelly Company regarding a potential start date for paving activities. Weather has significantly impacted their work this construction season.

Senior Center Parking Lot plans are complete and awaiting required signatures (City, etc.). Update was provided to Senior Center Board on July 9. Advertisement for bids will be done after title sheet signatures are obtained.

The Mingo Estates Issue One project has begun. Major activities to date: clearing and grubbing trees and bushes and removing/relocating sheds within the County's sanitary sewer easement (Grandview Avenue/Taylor Curt area) and new sanitary sewer installation on the southwestern portion of project site (between Hill Road and Circle Drive southwest.

Curb on Shalemar Drive was completed Friday, July 10. Residents seem pleased (including Mr. Blair)

Mr. Myers spoke to a member of the cemetery board and when we get Shelly in here they need a truck load of asphalt laid down. They will pay for it. Mr. Myers asked Mr. Butcher to mention this to the Shelly Company.

Mr. Myers added Doc received a quote from Spires Paving for the parking lot at Station 592. He suggested Mr. Butcher get a quote from them as well on the Senior Center Parking lot. Mr. Butcher will make sure they are aware.

Mr. Dunlap reported whoever is doing the Mingo Estates project stockpiled a bunch of gravel on Circle Drive and the water created quite a damming process backing up into people's driveways and yards and so forth. There are about 10 loads of gravel in a big strip. Mr. Butcher will check on this tomorrow. Mr. Dunlap commended the road crew and the fire department for the outstanding job they all did with all the rain we had.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had thought about a contingency plan if the Shelly Company cannot get through the paving because of the rain. Mr. Butcher said we gave them a generous timeframe to complete the work (longer than we normally do) but there is not a lot to get done.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher had gotten up on Summit Road north of Summit Station (a surface street Mr. Myers wanted him to look at). Mr. Butcher said he had not but he did find out the contractor was Strawser.

Mr. Weltlich explained Mr. Eisel had a serious operation and would be out for some time. He seems to be recuperating well.

**Director of Operations: John Eisel/Greg Butcher (filling in)**

Mr. Butcher wished Mr. Eisel well on behalf of everyone. Mr. Butcher explained he built off of Mr. Eisel's report from the last meeting.

Mr. Butcher reported to his knowledge we have still not received a response from Rumpke, the single trash hauler for the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Butcher addressed the Violet Festival meeting to be held at our office on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 a.m. Mr. Butcher will reiterate in discussion the impact of no parking in the vicinity of the festival as it is imperative that folks be aware of the shuttles.

Mr. Butcher received an email from the Juvenile Court of Fairfield County that wants to get us engaged in their 'Youths at Risk' program. We will respond to him next week.

We have received as many requests and inquiries related to mosquitoes as he has experienced since he has been here. Mr. Butcher's response to this is we have attempted to schedule but have not had any success from a weather standpoint.

Mr. Butcher sent an email to everyone regarding the Pickerington North Boys Track Team Division I State Championship and if the board wants to do a Proclamation. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to prepare a Proclamation in Recognition of the Pickerington North Boys track Team for their Division I State Championship. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion 2015-0715-A carries 3-0.**

Mr. Butcher reported there had been discussion at the last Trustee meeting regarding Lancaster Public Transit and asked if there had been any more feedback. Mr. Dunlap thought we had budgeted for the same amount as we put in last year. Mr. Sauer said we did and we also just got authorization from the Senior Board as well for a check to be cut. We don't have to have it to them until the first of the year for the Senior Center. Mr. Myers said we need a resolution for the next meeting to support them for 2016.

Mr. Butcher reported he attended a meeting at MORPC last week. There is a new initiative sponsored by State Treasurer Josh Mandel related to fiscal transparency. At the July 16 MORPC Commission meeting, Treasurer Mandel gave a presentation on Ohiocheckbook.com. The foal of the website is to provide access to State, County and Local Government and School District finances. While this is voluntary, there appears to be a significant momentum from a number of local agencies to participate. The Treasurer's Office posts and hosts the information at no cost. We should have received notification of this opportunity. Mr. Butcher's intuition is that while it is voluntary at this time, there will be a push for this to be incorporated. The way it works is you can select an agency, it identifies their spending and it shows where their expenditures went. Mr. Butcher wanted to share this as he suspects this will be pushed at the State level.

Mr. Butcher reported we have received full reimbursement for the NatureWorks Grant for Busey Park. \$20,880.00 was electronically deposited with no notification and we had to search for it. We have reallocated the funds to where the grant goes.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Butcher to express the importance of the road closures for the Violet Festival. Mr. Butcher mentioned that with the location of this festival being different than the previous location, and with additionally no parking in the vicinity it is very important that people recognize the importance of the shuttle. Mr. Hayes said this coming article is simply addressing the logistics of the festival. Mr. Dunlap added that it is important to note that the shuttle locations are the Pickerington North lots and the Toll Gate church lots (where Trinity is).

Mr. Dunlap added he had a resident from Huntington Hills call and wondered about if he was having a family event how this would affect them. Mr. Dunlap told him to contact the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and they would put him in touch with Lieutenant Lape.

Mr. Myers asked Mr. Butcher if he knew where the mirror hangars were. Mr. Butcher said the Sheriff's office will be providing mirror hangars and he did not know where they were. They will attempt to get those hangars to them. He emphasized that we were strongly advised and recommended that no parking be employed through that subdivision as a safety component, realizing there will be tailgates, bridal showers, and retirement parties. No parking will be no parking, however, we are not the enforcers of that; the Sheriff's department is.

Mr. Butcher said he and Mr. Eisel had decided after the next meeting to send out a letter to residents with the final parking and road closures, where the closures will be, what it means, a soft closure for Pickerington and Refugee Roads for local access, a soft closure for at Saylor and Refugee Roads for local access, permanent closures on Refugee Road in front of the school, permanent closures on Toll Gate Road during select times including the 5K run. We will be notifying everyone and there is some cost to this.

Mr. Weltlich thanked Mr. Butcher for doing a 'Yeoman's' job filling in for John and even while Mr. Butcher was out of town.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0715-03 – A Resolution to Waive the Provisions of the Noise Control Resolution for the 2015 Violet Festival to be Held July 29 through August 1, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Fiscal Officer:**

Mr. Sauer announced we have a hearing coming up for the tax budget for fiscal year 2016.

Mr. Sauer had a resolution for supplemental appropriations. Each of these appropriations are for the grants we received; one for the Stonecreek Drive improvements fund and the other for the Mingo Estates Phase 2 Fund. This is appropriating the money we had already set aside to be used for these projects. The local share and the grant monies so we can expend those as well as the loan monies that we will receive. We will advance funds from the General Fund into the Mingo Estates Fund to cover the local portions, one is our portion and we are covering the City of Pickerington as well as the county (which we will be reimbursed for those). Then those monies will be transferred back into the General Fund. With regards to Stonecreek Drive, our local match is coming out of our pocket.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0715-01 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Weltlich asked what the total amount of the two. Mr. Sauer said 3,300,000.00 total. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the scheduled 7:45 p.m. Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2016. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the scheduled Public Hearing for the tax budget and return to the Regular Meeting at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0 and the Public Hearing was closed.**

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Dunlap if they had looked into the Brubaker replacement.

Mr. Dunlap said he is researching this and he should have an answer at the next Trustee meeting.

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

Suellen Goldsberry is retiring from the Pickerington Public Library. Her Retirement Party is at Rule3 on 7/17 @ 5:30-7:30 p.m. There could be 3 Trustees attending.

Also, there could be 3 Trustees at the Violet Festival Parade and the Violet Festival.

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, August 5, 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 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap requested a 4 minute recess at 8:20 p.m. before going into the 8:00 p.m. scheduled Public Hearing. Mr. Weltlich granted the request.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion at 9:25 p.m. to close the public hearing and return to the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:41 p.m. per the ORC Section 121.22(G) (2) – to consider the purchase of property for public purpose. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich added that they will go into Executive Session and will come out of Executive Session and conduct no further business and adjourn.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_