

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 16, 2015

Regular Meeting

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

**John Eisel called the roll: Trustees Terry Dunlap, Sr. and Harry Myers, Jr. were present. Others present were: Fire Chief, Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Paxton. Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer and Trustee Gary Weltlich were absent.**

Mr. Dunlap asked students from Toll Gate Elementary; A.J. and Evelyn Glanzman to lead them in 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 then presented the students with Certificates of Appreciation.

**Mr. Myers moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of September 2, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

### **Recognition of Guests:**

None

### **Public Comment:**

Trish Gerenscer of 13073 Oakmere, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Ms. Gerenscer asked if the Township was aware that the water fountain at the Dog Park was no working. Mr. Eisel said we were aware and the parts have not come in yet. We have scheduled a plumber as well. Mr. Eisel said the parts had to be special ordered.

Mr. Butcher added there is sometimes a malfunction with the lower fountain in the big park where it needs adjusted and we can do that. What Mr. Eisel was suggesting was the 'human' part of it or the upper fountain. The little one has never malfunctioned to his knowledge in the small dog park.

Ms. Gerenscer also added they have a strong group of students at Central this year that back up their food pantry for animals. Ms. Gerenscer stated their goal is to reach out to reach the community that they exist.

### **County Authorities:**

None

### **Departmental Reports:**

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

Chief Little had some general updates. Homeland Security training is September 16 through 18.

Resuscitation Academy for MEC EMS is September 22-23.

Combined training at OFA for Violet, Truro and West Licking is September 28-30.

Chief Little will attend OOT Conference September 23 – 29 in Arizona.

Chief Little had three resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was to move forward with the purchase of 13 West Columbus Street for the new fire station 591. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-01 – Authorize Real Estate Purchase Contract. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The second resolution was to approve the purchase of an additional five (5) sets of structural firefighting gear. The cost is \$1950.00 per set, at a total cost of \$9,750.00. This takes advantage of the State Team Contract through the Department of Administration Services Ohio Cooperative Purchasing, and is a savings of \$203.45 per set over last year. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-02 – Structural Firefighting Turnout Gear Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked how many sets we bought this year. Chief Eisel said we bought about 33 sets which is twice what we normally buy. We are on rotation for next year as well. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The third resolution is for the resignation of part-time firefighter Jason Cable. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-0916-04, Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter, with regrets. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Mr. Myers asked if Chief Little would have a closing date tomorrow. Chief Little said he hopes to be able to close very soon. Mr. Myers asked if we got an appraisal on 5 W. Columbus. It will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$8,000. All utilities have been taken care of.

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

Mr. Butcher reported the annual paving program has completed.

The Mingo Estates Issue One project continues. Waterline is nearly complete. Mr. Butcher asked the contractor to do some housekeeping on a few things (via email today).

Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to Schools project is ready to commence with surveying ready to commence. A letter was mailed to property owners advising them of the project. Information about the project is also on our website. To date, Mr. Butcher has received an email from one resident and met with one who had questions.

The drive entrance widening at the old shop will begin within the next week. Pipe has been picked up.

Pavement marking (centerline, stop bars and 25 MPH) continues.

Mr. Butcher stated at the time, he had no capital projects to propose for Issue One funding application and asked if the Trustees had one to consider. Mr. Dunlap has noticed some of the streets have just had paving done. He wondered if there were any streets like Allen Road or Ault Road that we could submit for paving. Mr. Butcher said we certainly could. It was typically reserved for lower income communities but we could try. Mr. Myers added we should talk about the Busey Road/Hill Road with the County and the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Dunlap added the guys are doing a good job on mowing and keeping the parks up. Mr. Dunlap asked if we were looking for part timers for the winter season. Mr. Butcher has interviews with (2) two additional people. Mr. Dunlap would like to proceed with getting these people on board.

#### **Director of Operations: John Eisel**

Mr. Eisel attended the first MECC Council of Governments meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Eisel attended MORPC's new commission member orientation, and Board meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. On September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Executive Director William Murdock and Membership Coordinator Eileen Leuby will be here to meet and discuss services, opportunities and sharing of information. The Trustees are welcome to attend.

Staff has been working on the required policy and application for the required indigency burial program. We had a tabled resolution from the the last meeting and changes have been made to a new resolution for consideration.

We are required to pass a resolution each year, and forward it to the County Auditor in regards to the Eastchester Lighting Assessment. We have that as Resolution 2015-0916-03.

The Senior Center parking lot improvements will be phased in 2015 and 2016 due to project cost. We are also working with the Senior Center in regards to future budget projections. Greg is working with the contractor on this. Paving and parking projects will begin in 2016 for this.

Department heads have received work sheets to begin work on 2016 final budgets.

33 Alliance will meet this Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. at South Central Power, 188 and Coonpath Road.

Staff met with Rockmill Financial to begin final preparation for our Bond Rating hearing slated for November 2015.

With regards to strategic planning, Mr. Eisel wanted to know if Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> would work for everyone.

Mr. Eisel reminded the Trustees the Drug and Recycling Day will be going on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eisel also sent the Trustees information on State Issue 3 – which is the marijuana issue that Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher experienced at the MORPC Board Commission meeting. There are a number of entities that are going to be opposing this issue as another form of impairment. If the board wants to put a resolution together Mr. Eisel will work on it.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. for Review of the Final Plats for Meadowmoore Section 2 Phase 2 and Meadowmoore Section 4 as required by Violet Township Zoning Resolution Section 3V3-01(D)(1). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to close the Public hearing at 8:08 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, Yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to re-open the regular trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes;**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-09 – To Approve the Final Plats for Meadowmoore Section 2 Phase 2 , Meadowmoore Section 4. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Mr. Eisel reported there will be a preliminary plan review at 8:00 pm for Herron Crossing at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. is the Annual MORPC Township Dinner.

September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. representatives from MORPC will be here to meet with us.

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00 p.m. is the Fire Department Open House.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to remove from the table Resolution 2015-0902-01 – Adopt Violet Township Policy for Defining Indigent for Purposes of Burial at Township's Expense. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes;**

**Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap stated that in the procedural we have always followed in the past we have always done motions in the positive and not the negative but you would vote however you want to. So, we vote to adopt and then both vote no and that would 'kill' the motion.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0902-01 – Adopt Violet Township Policy for Defining Indigent for Purposes of Burial at Township's Expense. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, no; Mr. Myers, no. Motion dies 0-2.**

Mr. Eisel had several other resolutions for consideration.

There was a resolution to authorize the Director to sign an agreement with South Central Power. This resolution provides for the continued street lighting for the Eastchester subdivision and there is no cost increase this year over last year. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-03 - Authorize Director of Operations to Sign Agreement with South Central Power. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Resolution 2015-0916-05 – To Adopt Indigent Burial Policy. Mr. Eisel explained – at the last meeting Resolution 2015-0902-01 contained language for provisions for burial (specifically item no. 3) that indicated a Township would provide a suitable grave plot in a Township cemetery. In dealing with legal counsel, Mr. Eisel proposes striking the word 'Township' and having it read 'suitable grave plot in a cemetery'. This was approved as well as the preface of 3 and 4, Mr. Eisel thought it was prudent to add in there 'if' the Township determines to bury the indigent individual, then the language was inserted into the remainder of 3 and 4 based on legal counsel's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-05 – Adopt Indigent Burial Policy. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-06 – A Resolution Declaring the Property owned by Shantanu Sinha and Vihaya Venkataraman, known as Woodstream Section 5, Lots 198, 202 and 203 in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-06. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-07 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Mary Shannon Wilson, known as Woodstream Section 5 Lot 200 in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-0916-08 – Authorize Settlement Agreement in the Case of a Motion in Contempt Case No. 09 CV 0314, 8171 Hill Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked what we were doing in this resolution. Mr. Eisel said this has been an on-going case for 6 years. In 2009 we brought a civil action against Mr. Newman in Common Pleas Court for Fairfield County for violations of the Zoning Resolution to and from the property. There was a contempt filed by us and litigation on July 17, 2014. On April 9, 2015, the parties, assisted by counsel, negotiated an agreement for settlement, which will require Mr. Newman to compensate the Township in the amount of \$3,000.00, some other considerations requiring him to move from the property for a period of not less than (2) two years in a 'Cease and Assist' by the terms of the original injunction. This will allow Mr. Eisel, on behalf of the Township to sign the settlement agreement as recommended by counsel. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.**

Mr. Eisel reported he and Mr. Butcher have spent considerable time trying to join the current City of Pickerington single trash hauler contract. Mr. Eisel and city officials have communicated to Rumpke with no success. They have been unresponsive to amending the City contract to allow all of the unincorporated area to join that existing contract which expires December 31, 2017. Mr. Eisel has been working on a draft for a 'Request for Bids' for trash service for the residents of Violet Township. Once that is finished he will send to legal counsel for review. This bid would also offer curbside recycle service as well.

John Donley said they had a similar issue in Meadowmoore and he just got tired of not hearing back from the trash hauler vendors.

Mr. Dunlap added we have had a significant reduction in funds from the State and we have lost close to a half million dollars a year. With all the trash trucks running up and down our roads it puts a lot of stress and wear and tear on our roads and we are looking for ways to protect the roads and infrastructure.

Ms. Gerenscer asked if this was a decision that the community votes on. Mr. Dunlap said it was not and we would hold a public hearing for the residents but it is up to the Board whether we do it or not and it is not something we can put on the ballot.

**Fiscal Officer: Brian Sauer**

Mr. Eisel reiterated budgets will begin work with our worksheets as well as with the bond rating. We have (4) meeting scheduled with Rockmill to prepare for going to New York for the bond rating in November.

**Trustee Reports:**

None

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

September 29, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. is the MORPC Dinner – Issues and Updates.

October 11, from 1-3:00 p.m. – Annual Fire Department Open House

Sunday, September 19 at 6pm at Hocking Township is the County Trustee meeting

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, October 7, 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. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Executive Session**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a five minute recess then go into Executive Session per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) 1) to discuss personnel issues (to include: Trustee Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee Harry W. Myers, Jr., Director of Operations, John Eisel, Fire Chief, Mike Little and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Paxton. at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 2-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0. 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: \_\_\_\_\_