

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 7, 2015

Regular Meeting

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

Brian Sauer called the role: Trustees Terry Dunlap, Sr., Gary P. Weltlich and Harry Myers, Jr. were present. Others present were: Fire Chief, Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; and Director of Operations, John Eisel.

Mr. Weltlich asked students from Pickerington Elementary – Girl Scout Troop #677 to lead the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who protect us here at home and abroad. Mr. Weltlich then presented the students with Certificates of Appreciation.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of September 16, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with (1) abstention.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

James R. Blair of 9368 Circle Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He congratulated Mr. Butcher on the progress in Mingo Estates.

Trish Gerenscer of 13073 Oakmere, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Ms. Gerenscer said the dog park is great, the streets are great and she has no complaints.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little had some general updates. The Grange building was razed last week. This is the first visible step in the new Station 591 project. The Grange monument has been placed in storage at township expense has promised to the Grange.

Rick Ricketts, Kevin Strait and Theresa Byers are working with the township on lease language for the Chamber of Commerce to stay in the building at 13 W. Columbus Street after the township purchase of the building and for the Chamber to be in the new fire station. Mr. Ricketts is doing the work at no cost to the township.

There was a joint training session last week with Truro Township and West Licking Fire Departments in the training tower at the Ohio Fire Academy. The staff worked on search and rescue, hose movement and incident command. The training was held on three consecutive days so that all three crews could participate. The response was positive and all felt the training went well.

This Friday, October 9th, the department will be hosting Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso from New Jersey who will present his “Step Up and Lead” presentation. The day-long seminar is geared toward officers and acting officers. The program will be held at the Bureau of Workers Compensation offices on Yarmouth Drive. There are 80 people registered to attend including 20 new officers from the Columbus Fire Department.

The community medic program is continuing to move forward. We met with Mt. Carmel last Friday to begin finalizing plans. Lt. Postage is working diligently to prepare for this

position. At this point it looks like he will be out in the community seeing patients during the first part of November.

October is Fire Prevention Month and this is Fire Prevention Week. The annual open house at the fire department will be held Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Station 592 from 1-3pm. The theme for this year is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." Chief Little invited the trustees to stop by at the open house.

Chief Little had three resolutions to present. The first was a resolution to reclassify Lt. J.D. Postage to serve as a Community Paramedic effective October 19, 2015. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1007-01 – Reclassify Lieutenant to 40-hour Position to Serve as Community Paramedic. Seconded by Mr. Myers.** Mr. Dunlap asked if they had worked out the vehicle that would be used. Chief Little said no, but they were working on it. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was to authorize payment to cut and cap the water and sanitary sewer lines at 36 Lockville Road as part of the demolition of the Grange Hall building. Backflow Services performed the work at a cost of \$5081.83 to be paid from the Capital Fund for the Station 591 project. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1007-02 – Authorize Cut and Cap Sanitary Sewer and Domestic Water Lines - 36 Lockville Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The last resolution was to authorize Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso for his expenses for speaker and travel/lodging fees while doing a leadership seminar for us. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1007-03 - Fire Service Leadership Seminar Expense Reimbursement. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked which Mount Carmel was taking the lead on this. Chief Little said it was the Mount Carmel Health System (Trinity Health). They are meeting at Mount Carmel East. It will start coming out of Mount Carmel East first and then because it is a pilot program it will stay there with Truro, Violet and Whitehall and then it will start migrating itself through the other parts of the system.

Mr. Weltlich also asked about the OSU Cancer effort. Chief Little said there is a hang-up with the research aspect. They are having difficulty having someone take on the research because it is a smaller group. We are still in contact with them. Chief Little assured Mr. Weltlich we would not let this stagnate.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported The Mingo Estates Issue One project continues. The waterline is complete. Sanitary sewer work is continuing. Progress meeting was held today. Facebook page was updated.

Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to Schools project field work will start next week.

Drive entrance widening at old shop was completed with the exception of some ditching and new asphalt.

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

Issue One Project for Miscellaneous Curb and Pavement Repairs (Countrywood and Mingo Estates) was submitted last Friday. Amount of project was relatively small at approximately \$247,000. There was an approximate \$60,000 local share (\$209,000 in-kind and \$40,000 cash) in addition to request for \$187,000 grant. There is a resolution that needs to be executed to allow Township Engineer to execute paperwork with OPWC should be successful in obtaining grant. Brian, John and Greg have all met to discuss and approve approach/strategy.

A check in the amount of \$6,826.49 was received from the State Attorney General's office relating to the settlement of lawsuit between State and Cargill/Morton Salt.

Consistent with prior years, traffic counts will continue to be obtained throughout the next month or so. We will begin some counts in Mingo Estates as there are some speeding issues.

Mr. Butcher will be getting out some information from MORPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Every 4 years MORPC updates their 25 year plan. It is important to have concepts, lines on the map to be eligible for funding. Mr. Butcher will do a quick presentation at the next meeting.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher has had any meetings with ODOT about the 33 interchange. Mr. Butcher said he had not. Mr. Myers asked where we were at on Pickerington Road and what the final concept on that was. Mr. Butcher said it was nothing more than a concept to his knowledge and it has no funding for anything beyond the concept nor has it been requested. There is speculation of an interchange at Pickerington and 33.

Mr. Butcher brought up the Far East freeway study that has been going on for 11 years; MORPC will be submitting TRAC (Transportation Review Advisory Committee) applications that capture all major projects for the State of Ohio. One project is for construction funding for the 70/270 Interchange project and the second one is for design dollars from 70/270 to State Route 256 for funding.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the public hearing scheduled for 8:00 p.m. for the Preliminary Plan for Heron Crossing. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:21 p.m. and return to the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Myers came back into the meeting.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1007-05 – A Resolution Authorizing Greg Butcher, PE., Violet Township Engineer to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) & to Execute Contracts as Required. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2015-1007-05 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had worked out the transfer of the pickup truck from the Fire Department to the Road Department. Mr. Butcher said we had not yet.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel had (2) proclamations to be presented for Breast Cancer Awareness month for Ohio Health Pickerington Campus and Diley Ridge Medical Center.

Mr. Eisel reported they are planning for the Wise Economy Workshop and our cooperative adventure with the City of Pickerington. Interviews and workshop schedules will be published soon as well as the Joint Parks Survey which we had agreed to participate in a joint venture with the County Historical Parks, Violet Township, the City of Pickerington and the Pickerington Public Library. A survey draft is being developed at this time. We have requested MORPC attend the November 18 Trustee meeting to present an overview of the Insight 2015 Project.

Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher attended the annual "Township Dinner" on September 29th and staff met with Executive Director William Murdock and Membership Coordinator Eileen Leuby to discuss services, opportunities and sharing of information.

The Senior Center budget items have been submitted and reviewed and Mrs. Tremblay and Mr. Eisel will be presenting to the Senior Center Board at tomorrow's meeting.

The budgets are a continued work in progress.

All BWC paperwork and required reporting have been completed and submitted for the 2015 and 2016 Drug Free Work Place (DFWP) program.

There is an "Operation Street Smart" Drug Awareness Program at Violet Baptist Church on Saturday, October 31st from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.

We have a meeting scheduled with the County Prosecutor on Monday, October 12th regarding a potential Road Maintenance Levy.

The single trash hauler Request for Bid Document and Appendices have been sent to the Prosecutor for review.

Sunday, October 11th is the annual Fire Department Open House from 1 to 3pm.

We have a resolution for consideration opposing Issue 3 as another form of "impairment." (opposing the legalization of marijuana). **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1007-04 – to Oppose State Issue 3. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich.** Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked how many local shops that will allow. Mr. Eisel said over 1100. Mr. Dunlap said this was more shops than McDonalds and Starbucks combined in the State of Ohio. Mr. Weltlich said the way this issue is being presented is very difficult to get to the truth and get all the facts. Mr. Dunlap added this resolution would override any local government zoning laws regarding where they could be located and that this would allow them to next to, or across the street, from a school. Trish Gerenscer asked about this issue and she was referred to the web site that opposes Issue 3 for better facts. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, strongly yes; Mr. Weltlich, absolutely, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel reported our new mission statement has been placed on letterhead and the website is being updated. Provide Exceptional Service will be the new mission statement.

Per Mr. Myers' request, Mr. Eisel reached out to Ohio Health, the PCMA Food Pantry and Canal Winchester in regards to logo design.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the copier status for the Senior Center. Mr. Eisel said all the paperwork is complete.

Mr. Weltlich stressed the importance of us being involved with MORPC. Mr. Eisel assured him we were.

Fiscal Officer: Brian Sauer

Mr. Sauer reported everything has been sent out with regards to budget to each of the department heads. We are looking to get those back by the end of October.

On Monday of this week we spent about 4.5 hours in our first meeting with Rock Mill prepping us for our ratings presentation for Moody's in New York November 19 through the 21st. Our actual meeting with Moody's will be November 20th. Chief Little, Mrs. Tremblay, Mr. Eisel and Mr. Sauer will be attending that meeting on behalf of the Township along with Rockmill. They have identified the items needed for that hearing. They will be meeting again in about a week and a half.

With regards to the Issue One grant and it will be about \$40,000 out of pocket after in-kind contributions.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Sauer to go back and see when we went in front of the Moody people to get our rating for the maintenance center and see how long it took from that point until we got to sell the bonds.

Mr. Sauer said Mr. Myers' request of selling funds locally has been discussed.

Mr. Weltlich recommended the bond rating team cross train each other on all of the preparation items..

Trustee Reports:

None

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

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

October 15 is the Pickerington Chamber 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 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Mr. Sauer added he received a letter from Ohio Insurance Services regarding wellness credits and wanted to make sure it was communicated to the department heads to make sure their employees get in their wellness credits in before December 31st.

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.

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.; Trustee Gary P. Weltlich; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; Director of Operations, John Eisel and Fire Chief, Mike Little at 9:06 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. 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 Executive Session at 10:07 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

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: _____