

Violet Township Board of Trustees

November 18, 2015

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. as Chairman Weltlich was ill.

Brian Sauer called the roll: Trustees Harry W. Myers, Jr. and Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., were present. Others present were: Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Chief James Paxton; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Director of Operations, John Eisel.

Mr. Dunlap asked students from Toll Gate Middle School – Sophia Black, Leah Chelikowsky and Sydney Good 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. 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 November 4, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.

Guests:

Chris Stein and Alison Kuhn from the Violet Festival were present to thank the Township for allowing them to host the festival in the township this year. Mr. Stein reported Toll Gate Middle School did a resolution of support to have the festival at the same location next year. Mr. Stein shared they met with the school board and Toll Gate Middle school and a resolution of support was done in favor of staying at the same location. They came back with successive years so they will have it every year unless they decide to do away with it. The proposed dates are July 13 through July 16. There will be no parade and no fireworks.

Mark Shoemaker and Brady Hartmann from KZF Design were present to give an update on the Fire Station 591. Mr. Shoemaker reported they have completed their schematic design and are in the process of moving forward in the design development and completing construction documents. They did a presentation and overview of the site.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Sheriff Perrigo reported the jail population is up to about 240. The new Judges are Fields and Landerfield. They have put 6 new cars in service this year and have settled the deputy and sergeants/lieutenants contract. Getting ready to put out a new supervisors manual. Working on a new records management program. Chief complimented on Mingo Estates and SR256 project. The new building is going to cost 3.9 million and should be done May of 2017. The existing building will be a parking lot once the new building is built.

Chief Deputy Perrigo said he thought the Violet Festival had been a success. He did express that they needed more buses and he thought the closure of the road was a good idea.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little had seven (7) resolutions for consideration.

Chief Little shared a few general updates with the board.

They had their first negotiation meeting today with the Local.

Chief Little gave an update on progress with the City of Pickerington. The Service Committee voted to approve vacating a portion of Park Alley, the portion we currently use for parking, to accommodate building of the new fire station. The City is working on putting together the appropriate language for deeding the Plaza to the Township. Hopefully this will take place the first or second meeting in December.

Chief Little leaves for New York from Thursday thru Saturday for the bond rating presentation.

The new Battalion list is finalized and will take effect January 1, 2016; training for those on the list is Monday, 11/23/2015.

For the monthly report: we are still ahead on total runs as compared to last year (almost 4%). EMS receipts continue to be lower than last year (down almost 6%).

Chief Little wanted to clarify a point from the last Trustee meeting of 11/4/2015 where Mr. Weltlich asked what the total cost of the building was. Chief Little said the total cost was in the neighborhood of \$5 million dollars. The building cost was \$3.9 million dollars. The other \$1.1 million dollars are those indirect costs that have to revolve around the contingencies, the bonds, the permits and those kinds of things that are not directly related to building materials. Moody and Nolan had estimated \$3.2 million a few years ago.

The first resolution was for the purchase of CPR Mannequins. As part of our partnership with MEC EMS, the Fire Department is proposing to purchase two (2) CPR Mannequins and related accessories, with MEC EMS funds, to be utilized for training simulation for MEC EMS agencies. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-01 – Purchase CPR Mannequins. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The second resolution was to authorize geotechnical studies that need to be done for station 591. They will be done by Spence Environmental Consulting, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-02 – Authorize Geotechnical Sub-Surface Investigation of Fire Station 591 Building Site. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The third resolution was to authorize grant writing for consultation services for our 2015 AFD Grant. This contract would be at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-03 – Authorize Grant Writing Consultation Services. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this would include the new Fire Station. Chief Little said it would. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The fourth resolution is to purchase a new SCBA which we have discussed at our planning session and it is time to begin replacing our aging self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and related accessories for our staff at a cost not to exceed \$239,430.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-04 – Purchase SCBA Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if we would trade our old equipment and Chief Little said we would and we were also 'piggy backing' with Plain Township on this bid which saved us some money. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

For the fifth resolution we are recommending that we purchase a Scott #805827 Mobile Air Cart and related accessories from Finley Fire Equipment at a cost of \$7,015.00. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-05 – Purchase Mobile Air Cart. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: **Mr. Myers asked what truck this will go on. Chief Little said there was still discussion on this. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The sixth resolution is to purchase Genesis Hydraulic rescue tools to replace our aging hydraulic tools and their partner accessories. This would be at a cost not to exceed

\$11,480.00. Discussion: Mr. Myers commented this would go in our old rescue when the new rescue gets here. Chief Little confirmed this was correct. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-06 – Purchase Hydraulic Rescue Tools. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The last resolution was to accept, with regret Part-Time Level 1 Firefighter Jarrid Dailey's resignation. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1118-07 – Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Greg Butcher: Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the sanitary sewer storm sewer waterline project for Mingo Estates continues. They are in the phase of re-grading, seeding and temporary pavement.

Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to Schools project is progressing. Most of the concrete walk has been poured. Mr. Butcher anticipates within the next few weeks this project will be done.

Staff has been taking advantage of the nice weather. Parks and cemeteries still being mowed as necessary.

The drive apron at the old shop has been replaced. We did not replace the entire apron.

Mr. Butcher attended a meeting of the Fairfield County RPC Stormwater subcommittee. Nothing new to report on our co-permit with Fairfield County.

The Senior Center project will probably start within the next week or two. Weather permitting there will be a minimal amount of work done in 2015.

Mr. Myers commented he did not get word today on the trees but will make a call tomorrow. These are additional trees for Busey Park.

Mr. Myers said he and Mr. Butcher had talked about sealing the shelters and he wants to be thinking about this as they are starting to discolor. Mr. Myers also mentioned that the Amish guy said the black marks could be taken off with bleach. It will take some work but we need to get this done.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher about getting the traffic lane lines extended from where the City stopped from the Rt. 256 paving. Mr. Butcher will keep on this as it is a safety issue.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported all of the required documents were filed with the Board of Elections on November 12th for the Road Maintenance Levy. Mr. Eisel provided a copy of the final format of the next Pickerington Magazine article. Mr. Butcher did a nice job with this. We already have a few speaking engagements lined up with different Civic Associations. Mr. Dunlap asked if there had been any calls pro or con since it hit the local paper. Dispatch and This Week will print corrections and Mike Hayes will do a series of articles with regards to the level and the online versions of the article were corrected that day. The correct figures for the road levy are \$52.50 per \$100,000.00 of evaluation for five years.

All the file formats were received for the new logo and we are working on implementation. Kellogg can do the embroidering. We have reached out to Aaron Rucker who does the fire truck striping and all the vehicles. He will come out soon, to look at all non-fire vehicles for new logo's. We will look at getting patches as well.

Mr. Eisel asked the Boards permission to send a letter requesting an extension of our November 30th deadline to return our renewal paperwork for Health Insurance. This will allow the committee additional time to investigate options. Mr. Eisel had the Trustees blessing to move forward with the letter and send it.

Mr. Rick Szabrak has been selected to replace Bob Clark who retired as Fairfield County Economic Development Director. Rick has been employed by Gannet Co. since 1996 and has been active in the Fairfield County community serving on various boards. Rick begins his new position effective January 4, 2016.

Something else to consider is Mr. Weltlich served on the board for the 33 Alliance representing Violet Township. There is a meeting on December 9th but the location has not been determined yet.

Mr. Eisel sent information on Columbus 2020. Their Economic Development session 411 is Friday, December 4th from 8am to 1pm at the Ohio Union.

Mr. Eisel, Mr. Sauer, Chief Little and Mrs. Tremblay will be out of town from November 19th to the 21st presenting to Moody's in NYC to upgrade our bond rating.

Reservations need to be turned in for the County Township Association Christmas Banquet at the Liberty Center on December 13th at 6:00 pm. Mr. Dunlap suggested contacting Mr. Monhollen to see if he and his wife would like to attend.

Fiscal Officer: Brian Sauer

Mr. Sauer reported he provided copies of the preliminary budgets of everything that the department heads have turned in up to this point. Some changes could occur between now and the time that we get to the final budget. We anticipate having this voted on at the December 16th meeting.

David Conley and Scott Ericson will be at the December 2nd Trustee meeting to go over the process for selling the bonds for the new Fire Station and to answer any questions.

Trustee Reports:

None

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

Chamber Luncheon is Thursday, November 19th.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, December 2, 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.; Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; Director of Operations, John Eisel; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief, Jim Paxton and the Township Engineer, Greg Butcher at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:34 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers. Motion carries 2-0. 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: _____