

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 16, 2015

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. as Chairman Weltlich was absent due to health.

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

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

**Guests:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Chief: Mike Little**

Chief Little reported they continue to be ahead of last year's run volumes; should be over 5000 again this year.

EMS revenues are still down -6%.

Chief Little reported he met with new Trustee Darrin Monhollen.

The Eagle-Gazette ran an article about new Station 591 and the bond issue earlier this month.

Chief Little met with Carl Reedy from McKesson; no good news as they are predicting EMS revenues to continue to drop.

Chief Little met with KZF to view room data sheets; Assistant Chief Paxton, Lt. Metzger and Doc are working to complete a list of Owner Furnished/Owner installed items such as the kitchen appliances, etc.

Chief Little reported they held a Battalion Chief training yesterday; new Battalion chiefs will officially begin their duties as of January 1.

Chief Little reported we got our new ISO rating. We got a 22Y, which is an upgrade from the 3 that we had. This was a nice surprise. Our next rating is 5 years from now.

Chief Little had (4) resolutions for consideration. They were all planned purchases.

Chief Little stated we need to purchase a Genesis Hydraulic pump and related accessories from Howell Rescue Systems at a cost of \$6,930.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-01 – Purchase Genesis Hydraulic Rescue Tool. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

We are recommending we purchase hose and related accessories from Finley Fire Equipment at a cost of \$14,026.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-02 – Purchase Fire Hose. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked if the new hose would come with a date stamp on the coupling. Chief Little said it will. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The next resolution is for a Vehicle Mobile Repeater. This is the same type of repeater we have in engine 591 and we purchased it to go in the new Medic 593 for a cost of \$14,026.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-03 – Purchase Vehicle Mobile Repeater. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if we go over to Direct Charlie it will still help. Chief Little said no, Direct Charlie is a walkie and is not going through a repeater. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

The last resolution is to authorize Lt. Chief Eisenacher and Lt. Goodwin to attend the Blue Card Trainer Class in February. The class is to make them Blue Card Trainers. This would give all three of our Battalion Chiefs having that same level of expertise so any one of the three of them can hold class or do any of the re-certification classes for our personnel. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-10. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if we could put on a blue card training for other departments. Mr. Myers asked where the class was. Chief Little said it was in Phoenix and it was a weeklong class. **Chief Little said potentially yes. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if they were getting the generator put in up north. Chief Little said they were working on it.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had marks radios on any of the Battalion Chiefs. Chief Little said we did through Licking County.

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

Mr. Butcher reported majority of activities association with the Mingo Estates Issue One Project have been suspended until spring. However, if prior to that, the weather remains mild, we may begin storm sewer installation.

All of the concrete for new sidewalk for the Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to Schools project has been poured. New solar powered rectangular rapid flash beacons are close to being complete. A final walkthrough with OD OT will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

The Senior Center parking lot replacement project has started. Activities performed to date include the removal of 8 pine trees, installation of 155 ft. of storm sewer, 2 catch basins, installation of perimeter silt fence and excavation/construction of embankment on the west side of the parking lot. Roof drains have been tied into the new storm sewer. Close coordination will need to occur with Senior Center personnel with scheduled events around the holidays.

After consultation with Pickerington personnel, 15 trees were donated to the township removed from the SR256 corridor by township personnel. The trees were then transplanted into the dog park which is located within the City. If we were to contract the same trees installed, the cost would have been in excess of \$8,000 (about \$550/tree).

Bernie Keller with Keller Tree Farms donated between 50 and 60 trees and bushes to Violet Township. The trees and bushes are being stored at the Busey Road Park while we inventory them and identify appropriate places to plant them. Mr. Butcher estimates the value of the donation to be on the order of \$10,000.

Mr. Butcher attended a meeting of the Mingo Estates Civic Association on December 9<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the Issue One Project, upcoming road levy and single trash hauler concept

Mr. Butcher attended a workshop at ODOT Central Office. The workshop dealt with funding opportunities. He also was asked to present information relating to the Ohio Research Initiative for Locals. The workshop was sponsored by the Ohio Local Assistance Program, (LTAP). It was well attended by about 200 people.

At the state level, the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) met on December 10. Based on comments made at MORPC, it is unclear how what, if any Central Ohio projects move forward. The Far East Freeway Project was on the priority list for Central Ohio.

Mr. Butcher provided the Trustees with a memo from the Quarterly ODOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Meeting he attended.

Mr. Butcher reported we are beginning to initiate Stonecreek Drive with project coordination. We need to get in front of businesses, utility companies to ensure they are out of the way.

Mr. Myers asked about the email he received from Mr. Butcher about the light at Harmon and SR204. Mr. Butcher said a resident from the Glenshire Association had expressed concerns about the cut through traffic in the afternoon around Wellesley Drive. ODOT District 5 indicated they would look at this and look at the timing of lights along that corridor and alluded they would get to this after the first of the year. Mr. Butcher shared this with Trish Jones.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the dirt in Mingo Estates. Mr. Butcher said he did look at it and it looked like there was receding and when he got there he could see where a street sweeper had gone through a lot of the subdivision and areas that were not impacted by the construction and the area that Mr. Dunlap had identified looked like it had been cleaned up. There are some areas that we need to look at. Mr. Butcher will get with them.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had another Safe Routes to school project scheduled. Mr. Butcher reported the City of Pickerington has one scheduled for next year on Long Road. They are submitting one along West Columbus Street.

Mr. Dunlap said there was talk about doing some modifications to the entrance at Busey Park with stones, etc. and wondered if that was still on-going. Mr. Butcher said he was told this would be pushed back to the spring.

**Director of Operations: John Eisel**

Mr. Eisel reported he attended the December 9 meeting for the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance and was appointed to the Board of Directors for 2016.

Mr. Eisel, Mr. Butcher and Ms. Sarko attended the Columbus 2020 Economic Development 411 event. It was well attended (approximately 400 people).

The investor meeting was held for the bond sales and information was provided to interested parties. The sale of the bonds concluded Tuesday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

MECC Council of Governments meeting was held December 15. Mr. Eisel provided minutes from the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2016.

Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher attended the MORPC monthly meeting.

Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher are working on providing a draft to the Trustees of the fact sheet / speaking points in regards to the upcoming levy.

We received notification that our application to participate in the Industry Specific Safety Program (ISSP) & Drug Free Work Place (DFWP) for 2016 have been accepted and approved.

There were several resolutions for Board Member appointments for consideration.

All departments are working on annual inventories to submit to the County Engineer as required by law.

The Winter Conference dates are January 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Eisel has placed a schedule of events in the Trustees boxes.

The first resolution Mr. Eisel had for consideration was for Request for Abatement of Property to request the Fairfield County Auditor's office to institute legal actions as provided by law to abate or otherwise address the unsafe and non compliant conditions existing in and about the residence at 13110 Morrison Place. After months of work and communication they have still failed to correct anything. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-04 – Request for Abatement of Property. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked if this was our way of getting them to move in the right direction. Mr. Eisel said this was correct. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Resolution 2015-1216-05 is To Appoint Don Rector as an Alternate to the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-05. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Resolution 2015-1216-06 – To Reappoint Cathy Schirtzinger to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-06. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Resolution 2015-1215-07 is To Reappoint Rick Dellinger as Alternate on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-07. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Resolution 2015-1215-08 – To Reappoint Robert Bussom to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-08. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Resolution 2015-1216-09 – To Reappoint Daniel Rowell to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission as Alternate. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-09. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Mr. Dunlap told the press there are still alternate positions available on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission. Any interested parties should submit a letter to the board.

Mr. Eisel added that the December Chamber luncheon is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Pickerington Senior Center.

Also the Employee Appreciation Luncheon is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon at Station 592.

**Fiscal Officer: Brian Sauer**

Mr. Sauer reported our bonds did sell yesterday and it was successful. We were able to secure the 5 million dollars in bonds we needed to fund the construction of the fire station. A number of investors from our local community were a part of that as well. The next step is we will be closing the deal in the early part of January. Those funds will be dispersed to us. Mr. Sauer has some meetings set up with Rockmill so we can get the account set up that we need to put those funds in. We have already done the accounting we need to in terms of UAN so that we are able to account for those funds.

Regarding the bonds, based on the interest they were able to drop the yield (which would be basis points on the bond) which is a benefit to the Township; 1) in our bond rating and 2) in the fact that it also provides additional funds to the Township because these are premium bonds. This gives the Township roughly a little over \$300,000 that we will have to put towards the interest for those bonds.

Mr. Sauer said most of the buyers were investment banks.

We were one of two items that were available bond wise in Central Ohio. The other one was Pataskala. They had a lower bond rating than we did. It was just over 4 million dollars. Rockmill is investigating this.

Mr. Sauer, Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher will meet with Rockmill next week with regards to our upcoming road levy.

This past week we received our updated assessment for the Township. It was actually higher than we expected it to be.

Mr. Sauer had one resolution for consideration for our appropriations for 2016. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1216-11. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked if this was our budget for 2016. Mr. Sauer said it was. He also asked if all the department heads were good with it. Mr. Sauer said they were. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

#### **Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Dunlap reported they attended the County Trustees and Fiscal Officers Annual Christmas meeting at the Liberty Center. It was a good time.

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

Chamber Luncheon on 12/17 at 11:30 am at the Senior Center there will be two Trustees.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon 12/18 at noon at Station 592.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Tabled Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Mr. Dunlap called a Special meeting for 12/30 at 9:00 am at the Administrative Offices to pay bills and finish up business.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices. We will elect officers at that time.

#### **Pay Bills**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked about a bill for the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western P for \$13,000,000. Chief Little said this was a MECC expenditure. **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 at 8:31 p.m. 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 Trustee Elect, Darrin Monhollen. 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 10:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers. Motion carries 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: \_\_\_\_\_