

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 17, 2016

Regular Meeting

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

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

Mr. Dunlap asked students from Toll Gate Middle School – Sydney Edmiston and Eleanor Richardson 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 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 February 3, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little had some general updates.

He wanted to set a date for the Fire Department planning session and it was decided they will meet on March 1st at 3:00 pm at the Administrative Offices.

Chief Little had the monthly report for January. He noted that there was a decrease in runs compared to last January (-4.5%). Also there was a marked decrease in EMS receipts.

Chief Little reported they need to purchase 2 vehicles for Community Medic and Battalion; he and Doc met with Ron Taft at Maxton Chevrolet. They can purchase 2 Tahoes for the cost of \$37,900 each. It would allow for the same in the current fleet. It simplifies maintenance for Doc and allows us to have identical vehicles for Battalion and Prevention (used as backup to Battalion when out for maintenance). If agreeable there would be a resolution for the first meeting in March. There is a four to six month delivery time.

The first resolution Chief Little presented was **2016-0217-04 – Declare Excess Equipment/Authorize the Sale, Trade-In or Disposal. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-04. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

For the next resolution Chief Little reported they have found ‘homes’ for the excess SCBA’s. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-05 – Authorize the Sale of Excess Equipment/Authorize for Sale, Trade-In or Disposal. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The next resolution is to purchase high visibility coats for all the fulltime members. We will need thirty-eight (38) coats, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Mr. Dunlap asked if

these were just for winter. Chief Little said they could be used for both as there is a fleece liner in it and it meets all the necessary standards. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-06 – Purchase of HI-VIZ Coats. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr., Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The next resolution should be the last purchase of equipment for the new Engine-Rescue from Finley Fire at a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-07 – Purchase Equipment for the new Engine-Rescue. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked, if it takes 5 months to get (2) Tahoes will they be 16's or 17's? Chief Little said they would be 16's.

Greg Butcher, PE: Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he and Mr. Eisel met with residents of the Mingo Estates Civic Association a week ago and provided facts relating to the upcoming road levy. Also, they provided a status report of the current and future Issue One projects. Mr. Butcher reported they routinely attend their meetings whenever they are requested.

Mr. Butcher reported they are still compiling inventory of all the township streets. As stated in the last meeting, the inventory will include street name, length, width, when street was developed and last surface treatment. Mr. Butcher received information today from the County that will fill in some of the gaps of their files.

There is no update on the Springcreek subdivision extension since the last meeting.

Mr. Butcher had no update on the Busey Road Park sensory playground equipment.

The Fairfield County Engineers office has the two roads that we identified for weight limit reductions. He is waiting on them to get back to him and once they do they will post.

We have solicited and received (4) quotes for a new pick-up truck to replace the 2003 Ford F150. Mr. Butcher had a resolution to purchase for the Trustees consideration.

Mr. Butcher reported we have ordered 550 tons of salt in 201 (most of that within the past two weeks), at a cost of \$40,000.

Mr. Butcher added that the County Engineer's office has received a grant to update signs within the county. Part of the upgrade resulted in a solar LED stop sign at Basil Western and Pickerington Road.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-03 – Purchase 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked how long it would take to get the truck. Mr. Butcher said about 60 to 90 days. Mr. Myers also asked what he was going to do with the 2003 truck. Mr. Butcher said they see no compelling reason to get rid of it right now and they are experimenting with a pick-up truck with a plow on the front. This is a possibility. Mr. Butcher said it has 154,250 miles on it. Another option remains for it to be a truck that would pull a mowing trailer as well as a support vehicle for traffic control. He believes they can talk about it at the planning session. Mr. Myers only concern is if he is going to have a plow put on it he should probably take it to the transmission shop first. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Butcher also needed signatures for the 2015 Township Highway System Mileage Certification.

Mr. Myers asked if we have used 550 tons of salt or have we used more. Mr. Butcher said we have used about 800 tons. Mr. Butcher explained that every snow event exceeding an inch usually results in 100 tons of salt. We have had several of those smaller events. There is an expectation of our constituents and that results in a lot of

salt usage and there is an expectation that we provide pre-claimed roads. To his knowledge they have not called staff out unless the Sheriff has called us and once we receive that call there is an obligation to respond.

Mr., Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to please pass on the Road Crew thanking them for their diligence and hard work and being out when they are called. Mr. Butcher said they have been fortunate this year to have a staff of five who are all very dedicated.

Mr. Eisel reported he and Mr. Butcher have been working on getting an email address for pothole reporting. This will be on our website.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel 'echoed' Mr. Dunlap's sentiments that the guys have done a great job with the snow plowing.

Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher worked together with Keytel and set up a pothole email address. It will be on the website, social media and in the paper as well.

This year's Violet Festival will be held July 13th to the 15th at the Toll Gate school complex.

At some point we need to identify a date for Road and Admin planning session sometime after the Road Levy on March 15.

Work continues on the Joint Recreational and Leisure Activity Survey.

For several months we have been working on the review of the supplemental coverage options for those that do not have it. Teachers Protective no longer issues new insurance policies. The committee met with Mr. Harmon's office to review a number of proposals that he presented. The committee recommended several things.

- a) The committee feels the wellness program should be discontinued. This provides a cost savings to the Township of \$2,511.60 per year.
- b) Change the coverage for employees from the current Teachers plan to AFLAC Cancer and Accident plans. The increased cost to provide this is \$5,306.60 annually, Township wide.
- c) With the cost savings from the Wellness applied to the above, the increased cost is reduced to \$2,795 annually Township Wide.
- d) There would also be the opportunity for interested employees to add family members, at their cost. We will bring a resolution to the next meeting.

There will be a meeting here February 23 for a strategic direction session for 2016-2017 for the PCMA Food Pantry Board.

2016 Fairfield County EOP has just been released and updated. Copies of the new plan have been produced and placed in the binder.

The Community Roundtable Meeting is scheduled for February 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Center to provide facts, questions and answers to Issue 3. Mr. Dunlap mentioned putting it in the paper. Mr. Eisel said we have reached out to residents that are not members of a civic association.

Radio Station 90.9 has invited us to speak on their radio show on March 4 at 8:05 a.m. in regards to Issue 3.

The Safety Congress 2016 will be held at the convention center March 9-11.

The Chamber "State of the Community" meeting will be held March 17th beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

MORPC "State of the Region" luncheon will be held May 6th beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Hilton Columbus downtown.

The "State of the School District" is February 29th at Pickerington Central beginning at 6:30 p.m. with networking and the Celebration of Excellence Expo is at 7:15 p.m. when the presentation begins.

Mr. Eisel added he and Don Day have been working with a firm to appoint them as a backup plans examiner. We will have a resolution for consideration at the next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Eisel had (2) resolutions for consideration for amending the appropriations and Transfers out. This allows us to reserve funds and allows for future planning.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned (regarding the "State of the School:" to possibly ask them about doing a video promo of Violet Township as a school project. Mr. Dunlap had mentioned it last year and it never happened.

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-01 – Amendment to 2016 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0217-02 – Transfer of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Brian Sauer was out of town. Mr. Butcher was filling in for him and had no report.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Monhollen reported the Senior Center was not agreeable to move the meetings until after 3:00 p.m. so Mr. Monhollen could attend. Mr. Monhollen has said from the beginning that Mr. Eisel is a very capable designee to attend these meetings. Mr. Monhollen said he can attend any meetings during the summer months or any day he happens to be off. Mr. Hackworth is still working very diligently to find some additional transportation bus services for the Senior Center. He was looking for outside funding. Mr. Eisel added this was similar to what Canal Winchester Human Services has with their transportation. No support or insurance or tax levy money would be used to operate this. They would fund it through donations from throughout the community. They were very adamant that there would be no liability to the Township.

Mr. Monhollen reported he attended a Pickerington City Council meeting and he spent some time talking to Tony Barletta who is the Chair of the Pickerington Food Pantry.

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

Pickerington Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Thursday, February 18
Economic Development Insight Development Workshop February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pickerington Senior Center
The State of the Schools Address is February 29 at 6:30 p.m.
March 1 Planning Session for the Fire Department at 3:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative
Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Date: _____