

Violet Township Board of Trustees

March 2, 2016

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the role: 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 and Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer.

Mr. Dunlap asked students from Toll Gate Elementary – brother and sister Justin and Carolyn Craddock 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. Due to Mr. Dunlap's arm being in a sling he had Mr. Myers present 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 17, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Special Meeting of 3-1-2016. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

J.R. Blair of 9368 Circle Drive was present. Mr. Blair discussed the fact that his neighbor was storing tires in his back yard and that it was a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Mr. Blair called the Board of Health who sent him a complaint form to fill out regarding his concern about the Zika Virus and he would like the Trustees to use some of their influence to get this going. Mr. Dunlap explained since he sent it to the Board of Health it is now out of our hands and it is in their hands.

Tammy Drobina of 71 Oberly Avenue, Carroll, Ohio was present. Ms. Drobina was present as candidate for Fairfield County Commissioner. As a Village Mayor she has an idea of what the Township goes through. She is aware our local government funds have been cut. If she is fortunate enough to be elected she will do anything she can to help the Township.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little had two resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution is to purchase two (2) 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe's from Jack Maxton Chevrolet to replace the battalion chief vehicle and to utilize for the community paramedicine program. The retiring vehicles will be placed into a different function within the organization, or offered for sales as excess equipment in the future. These would be at a cost not to exceed 78,000.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0301-03 – Purchase Two 2016 Chevrolet Tahoes. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if this would make everything in sync. Chief Little said it would. **Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

For the next resolution Chief Little reported J.D. McDowell, Volunteer Firefighter, has met the requirements of Part-Time Level 1 Firefighter by gaining a Basic-EMT certification as well as his current Firefighter II certification. They are recommending he be appointed to the Part-Time Level 1 position, with an effective date of March 7, 2016. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0302-04 – Reclassify Volunteer Firefighter to Part-Time Level 1. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked if Chief Little called or emailed KZF. Chief Little said he emailed them.

Greg Butcher, PE: Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he is meeting with a representative of Columbus Asphalt this Friday to review the scheduled to complete the Mingo Estates Issue One Project.

Mr. Butcher met with a representative from ODOT District 5 Office last week to review documentation (inspection reports, pay summaries, material acceptance criteria). In summary, he was pleased with the township's documentation involving the local let process (ensuring compliance with state and federal processes). We should be closing out the project soon.

Mr. Butcher reported he is meeting with representatives from the County Engineers Office and OSOT District 5 next Thursday to discuss the Traffic Impact Study for the new section of Meadowmoore. Potential impact to the Ault Road/SR 204 intersection as a result of traffic generated by development will be discussed.

Mr. Butcher reported he and Mr. Eisel attended a meeting with Canal Winchester and Fairfield County personnel to discuss and brainstorm road improvements along the Busey Road, Diley Road, Hill Road and Basil Western Road corridors. It was merely a meeting to begin thinking about prioritizing road projects within that area of the township. There was specific discussion about the Kings Crossing/Hill Road/Basil Western Road area and he noted there is a proposed intersection project on the Draft MORPC 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan addressing this area-\$2.5 million roundabout.

Mr. Butcher reported inventory of all township streets is complete. We are now applying to the inventory to prior road maintenance efforts, future maintenance costs, etc. Mr. Butcher believes the compilation of this data for the first time will prove valuable for future analyses and evaluations.

Mr. Butcher had no update on the Spring Creek subdivision future development plans.

Following up on last meeting's resolution to purchase a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, the truck has been ordered. A final build week has not been provided.

Significant efforts are being spent to patch potholes.

There have been no salt purchases since the last meeting.

Mr. Myers asked if we have anything settled (in talking to ODOT) on the Harmon Road traffic light. Mr. Butcher said he has sent an email to Brian Bosch who responded very quickly to us after that initial concern was raised. Mr. Bosch will be in attendance next Thursday and Mr. Butcher will ask him then.

Mr. Myers said it appears to him that the county has adjusted the traffic light at Pickerington and Refugee Road. Mr. Butcher thinks the mood or move detectors are essentially shot and there is speculation that there has been some water damage or a sign post that has been cut through them. It is pulling a trip system of some sort. Mr. Butcher will keep Mr. Myers posted as he knows.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel hopes to set a date for the planning session at the next meeting for Road and Admin.

The Joint Recreation and Leisure Activity Survey work continues and the survey is being finalized for distribution.

The Insurance Committee has met and Mr. Eisel has prepared a resolution for consideration to change the supplemental coverage for eligible employees as discussed at last meeting. The committee agreed on several points, and made the following recommendations:

- a. The current "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.

A strategic planning meeting for the PCMA Food Pantry Board was held at the Township on February 23rd. Mr. Eisel and Mr. Monhollen attended.

Mr. Eisel has been appointed to serve representing local elected officials for Fairfield County EMA Local Emergency Planning Committee. Mr. Eisel gave the Trustees a copy of the 2016 Fairfield County Elected Official Emergency Guide which was recently released.

Mr. Eisel reported the community roundtable held on February 24th for Issue 3 went well; 250 signs will be placed by week's end; weekly fact email; social media posts; Mr. Eisel will be on 90.9 radio interview on March 4th; Mike Hayes did an article for next week's paper; Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher will attend Tri County Board of Realtors March 9; 1 mailer will be sent the week prior to the election; 100 additional signs will be placed March 13.

All of our renewal information has been submitted to OTARMA. We will schedule a meeting with them to review prior to our renewal date.

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

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

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

Mr. Eisel had two resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution deals with having a backup plan reviewer for residential and commercial plans. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0302-01 – Backup Plans Examiner. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The second resolution for consideration is to authorize the change to our supplemental insurance coverage's. This would permit us to cover people under the new plan through AFLAC that would cover accidents and cancer policies for those eligible. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0302-02 – Authorize Insurance Benefits. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion:** Mr. Myers asked if we were doing away with the one we have and going to AFLAC. Mr. Eisel said this was correct. Those people that are not eligible will stay on Teachers. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Eisel suggested the board do a motion to forego or discontinue the Wellness Program effective 1-1-2016. **Mr. Myers made a motion to do away with the Wellness**

Program through Ohio Public Entity Consortium effective 1-1-2016. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion 2016-0302-A carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer updated the Trustees with regard to our bi-annual audit. He has forwarded our appropriations report for 2014 and 2015 to the folks we have used previously as well as revenue reports and fund balances. Once this gets forwarded to the state they will set up an audit and Mr. Sauer will let the Trustees know when this happens.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Myers attended a Regional Planning meeting last night. They were presented with the Regional Planning annual report and it had some good information in it.

Mr. Myers added he had a Board of Health meeting on Monday and he will address the issue that was brought before them tonight.

Mr. Monhollen added that Mr. Eisel did a very good job facilitating the Food Pantry Board meeting. His fiancée, Lori was there to transcribe for them which was very helpful.

Mr. Monhollen met with Mr. Hackworth and they discussed bus transportation and concerns that he had. He had already had a meeting with Mayor Gray and Mayor Gray had staff looking into things.

Mr. Monhollen attended the "State of the Schools: and Mr. Myers and Mr. Butcher attended as well. Ryan Jenkins did an excellent formal presentation that inspired a lot of confidence in district finances.

Mr. Monhollen attended a Pickerington City Council meeting last evening. Ryan Weisnewski (a former councilman) was in attendance and he is working on a public service opportunity. He will be making a presentation in the future to this group.

A point of concern after the planning meeting for Mr. Monhollen was that a few councilmen had taken issue with suspending the rules and bypassing the three readings in regards to a resolution they had. He spoke to the gentleman regarding expending that process so that it would not hold us up. They said they didn't feel this would be a problem for us.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular Trustees meeting and open the scheduled public hearing at 8:00 pm for Case no. 04-ZC-2015 – Amendments to the Violet Township Zoning Resolution for Divergence in Planned Residential Districts. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. and go back into the Regular Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

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

None

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, March 16, 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. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked about a bill for Log "something" for \$13,000. Chief Little said this was for the coats done in a resolution passed at the last meeting. **Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a five minute recess then go into Executive Session at 8:24 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.; Trustee Darrin Monhollen; Fire Chief Mike Little and Assistant Fire Chief, Jim Paxton. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:44 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 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: _____