

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 19, 2016

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the roll: Trustees Terry J. Dunlap, Sr.; and Darrin Monhollen were present. Mr. Myers was on vacation. Others present were: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Chief Mike Little and Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer.

Mr. Dunlap asked the Cub Scout Pack #182 from Sycamore Creek Elementary; Nathan Weintraub, Jonathon French, Derek Jones and Henry Graham 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. Monhollen moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of October 5, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap yes. Motion carries 2-0.

Public Comment:

James R. Blair, Jr. of 9368 Circle Drive E, Pickerington inquired about Shalimar and Shepherd Drive and about the asphalt deteriorating and the trucks are cutting too short. Mr. Dunlap assured him we would get to that patch as soon as we can.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Chief Mike Little:

Chief Little reported Battalion Chief Goodwin was assigned to OHTF-1 (Ohio Task Force 1) and assisted in a number of rescues during the flooding with Hurricane Mathew in North Carolina. This is the second time he has been assigned OHTF-1 (Ohio Task Force 1) duties, the first being after Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey.

Chief Little met with Jennifer Stafford from McKesson to review our EMS transport fees. All reimbursements are down; our commercial insurance has dropped from a high of 44% five years ago to 24% in 2016. This was the area they saw the highest reimbursements. Renewal is in February 2017 and we are trying to negotiate a 1% fee decrease.

For September, we were about 80 runs less than last year; down 2%.

We made the same amount of patient transports as last year (1916).

EMS receipts are still down nearly 4%; all billing is up to date.

Station 591 is empty. Demolition will start on Monday morning October 24th. We have officially commenced the construction portion of the new building.

We met with AT&T as they will be the ones moving the line. They will work in coordination with what Robertson is doing and what they are managing. This work will not start until after our building is down. The building should take about 2 weeks to come down.

Mr. Dunlap asked if anyone would be taking staging pictures of the building going down. Chief Little assured him this would be taken care of.

Resolution 2016-1019-01 – is to transfer funds between appropriation accounts. Chief Little said this was a planned transfer. \$1,000,000.00 will be earmarked to be a part of the construction payment for the new building. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt**

Resolution 2016-1019-01 – Transfer of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.

For the second resolution the Fire Department is proposing to purchase two MDT laptops and related accessories for the Engine 591 and Medic 591 vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$7,400.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1019-02 – Purchase MDT Laptops and Related Accessories. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if there were MDT's in there now and if these were updates and wondered if we had anything going with trade-in or sale. Chief Little said there is really no trade-in value because it is a computer. We do keep them as a backup. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

For the third resolution part-time firefighter Ben Hart has turned in his resignation. We are grateful for the time and effort that Ben has extended to the department and the community, and wish him the best of luck. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1019-03 – Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Lastly the Fire Department is requesting an amendment to the 2016 appropriations from unappropriated funds. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1019-04 – Amendment of 2016 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked how the new facility was working out for the guys. Chief Little said so far so good. He thanked Mr. Butcher for allowing them to have the opportunity to place it where they did. Signs have been put up and there will be another one put up once they get the fence up and it will be behind the locked door on the inside.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher:

Mr. Butcher had some updates:

Most of the punch list items on Mingo Estates project have been completed. Mr. Butcher has asked Fairfield County Utilities and the City of Pickerington to review their various project components for acceptance. Most of their components have been accepted.

Mr. Butcher addressed Mr. Skinner and reported that Mr. Eisel went out two weeks ago to look at his property and Mr. Butcher and Mr. Eisel are not happy with where we are at with the re-seeding.. Mr. Butcher has committed to getting it right and whatever it takes to get it right is what they will do. Mr. Dunlap asked if we had a timeline. Mr. Butcher said he wants to get some topsoil down, re-seed and fertilize in the next week and a half. Mr. Dunlap stressed that we should not release anything until it is right.

Paving for the Stonecreek Drive Project is complete. Pavement striping should be completed within a week. Mr. Dunlap asked if we had communicated with the contractor to extend those lane gliders back instead of up close. Mr. Butcher said he had and also did the other end of Stonecreek Drive.

At the last Trustee meeting Mr. Butcher reported that South Central Power had installed the new utility poles for the Senior Center and since that time have installed all the lights on the poles. Trenching and light connection should happen later this week.

JG3 Consulting has started field inspection for the pavement assessment project. Mr. Dunlap asked if they were using any type of equipment to sound the road. Mr. Butcher said he did not think so.

There was a significant sanitary sewer issue in the Winding Creek subdivision that required the removal of sidewalk and pavement on Brook Forest Circle last Friday and Saturday. The sewer has been repaired and the road reopened. Pavement and sidewalk work date to be determined. Mr. Dunlap asked if they were doing this as a community service or will they reimburse us for man hours of time. Mr. Butcher said he did not have any problem contributing his time so far.

As discussed previously, Issue One grant application for miscellaneous curb and pavement repairs was submitted to OPWC District 17 on Friday, October 7.

Pavement striping was completed on newly paved and chip sealed sections of Allen Road between US 33 and SR256 and Allen Road between US 33 and Carroll Northern Road. Putting the edge lines on helped a lot per Mr. Dunlap.

At the request of the property owner, the Root log cabin has been moved from the Hague (formerly McGill) property. Mr. Dunlap said we need to start looking for some kind of grant to put the cabins back up. He suggested contacting Mr. Fey from the County Parks.

Mr. Butcher has been asked to co-present at the Ohio Technical Engineering Conference in Columbus next week. Topic will be the Ohio Research Initiative for Locals perspective at the township level.

Mr. Butcher will attend a seminar on the Science of Distracted Driving on Thursday, October 20 at the Ohio Highway Patrol Academy. Speaker is a professor from the University of Kansas. This aligns well with his participation on the State of Ohio Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Dunlap hopes that the Steering Committee would make recommendations to our legislature to make distracted driving a primary offense.

Mr. Monhollen asked if there is engineering guidance on signage where there are 2 lanes approaching a traffic signal. Specifically, he referred to the access from the shopping center opposite Birchwood Street at SR 256 where is no signage. Mr. Monhollen further asked whose responsibility it was to install the directional turn signage. Mr. Butcher stated it depends on which lane provides for which turning movement. A lot of it is the configuration of the intersection or the movement. As to the point of signage, the light is within the road right of way and the signal is in control of that local agency. The access is from private property and there needs to be signage. Mr. Butcher will approach the Pickerington City Engineer, Scott Tourville, and ask him to review.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we were going to get some berming in yet this year. Mr. Butcher said we would.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported he and Mr. Butcher and their spouses attended the Pickerington Education Foundation Fundraiser at Hickory Lakes. It was a very nice event.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Eisel were invited to the Hague residents this week for a presentation with a Forrester that was very informative. Mr. Eisel said they talked about forever wild easements that get placed on the property and is for the protection and perpetuation of old growth forests (the all natural prevention of logging) maintaining only for the health of the forest).

The single trash hauler trash preparations are in progress. We have a meeting scheduled next week with our team and Local waste services. We hope to have a contract prepared in the first meeting in November. We have received many calls from those that have already paid a year in advance to Waste Management and Mr. Eisel read them the language that was in our bid document that *Waste Management did acknowledge that any and all payments for services paid for but not received after the date of implementation would be refunded.*

As a reminder the annual Drug Free Workplace training is scheduled for November 7, 9 and 11 at Station 592. Supervisor training is November 7th from 10:45 to 12:45pm.

Spires Paving came back and completed more crack sealing. They should have already striped the lot. We will re-evaluate the lot in the spring. Mr. Dunlap said he could not tell where they had done any crack sealing. Mr. Eisel said the next time we will use a different vendor.

Mr. Eisel took a tour at Fireproof last week. We will schedule a meeting with our account rep in regards to additional services that they offer. They can do all of our scanning for us and provide us with the data that we can import into the program or they may be able to import the information into our program. They do all the records retention and scanning for Ohio Health, Trinity Healthcare (Mount Carmel) and the State of Ohio.

We have our electronics recycling and shredding event Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am to 2pm at our Maintenance Facility.

Trick or Treat will be Monday, October 31st from 6 to 8pm

The new bus routes from Lancaster Public Transit began October 17 at 6am.

Mr. Eisel met and Lt. Lape will meet with Municipal Court regarding the revised Noise Resolution to finalize. There have been 4 convictions under the *CURRENT* noise ordinance. Mr. Dunlap asked if they were all at the same facility. Mr., Eisel said it was and it would be the one on Basil Western Road.

The 2017 Healthcare Renewal committee met to discuss several renewal options. This is our last year of the 3 year consortium commitment, and the committee agrees that we will pursue other options for our 2018 renewal. We hope to have a resolution at the next meeting.

For the Employee Annual Appreciation Luncheon we would like to propose Friday, December 16th at noon at Station 2. The Trustees agreed on this date.

MORPC will be here on November 1, 2016 at 1:30 pm to conduct their annual member visit if any of the Trustees are interested in attending.

Buckeye Carpet Care, Inc. will be cleaning the Administrative Office carpets on Saturday, October 29. They will be cleaning again in April of 2017.

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported we will be getting into the final budget for next year.

Trustee Reports

None

Meetings (where there may be more than one Trustee present: Chamber Luncheon on Thursday, October 20th. Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Eisel will attend.

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, November 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. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked what Heritage was for \$2200.00. Chief Little said it was for EMS supplies. **Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session (after a 5 minute break) ORC Section 121.22(G)(2) to discuss/consider the purchase of property for public purpose at 8:33 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 2-0.

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:59 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative
Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Date: _____