

Violet Township Board of Trustees

November 19, 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 was out ill; Chief Mike Little; Assistant Chief Jim Paxton; and Township Engineer, Greg Butcher were present.

Mr. Dunlap asked the students from Toll Gate Middle School; Blaze McKnight and Tate Kogge 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. Myers moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of November 2, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Mr. Steven Voight of 9587 Haaf Farm Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Voight stated he is a Trustee for the Haaf Farm Development and when he moved into the development a few years ago he was warned about the speed and traffic on Haaf Farm Drive. He discovered that the warnings were true and he said he fears for the safety of his children and others in his neighborhood do as well. He added it gets really bad in the evenings, on the weekends and during the morning rush to get to work.

Mr. Voight said that speeding is the primary topic at their HOA meetings. They have also set aside \$2,000.00 for police overtime. They feel this has made a difference. At their last HOA meeting they voted to recommend that the Township install speed bumps on Haaf Farm Drive. Residents have also recommend stop signs along Haaf Farm Drive at each intersection as another means to slow down traffic going down this road.

Mr. Voight feels the speeding is only going to get worse because a new development is going in that attaches to their neighborhood.

Mr. Voight thanked the Township for their service but feels there is no price they can put on a child's life. Last week a dog was killed in front of his house by a speeding car and a few months ago a car ran into a tree. He asked the Trustees to take some action and consider this problem before something more serious happens.

Mike Mager of 9560 Haaf Farm Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Mager said he wanted to hear what Mr. Voight had to say at this point in time and he echoed all that Mr. Voight had to say.

Terry Zeik of 9396 Haaf Farm Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Zeik wanted to point out that the roads are not flat in the development and about 75 to 100 yards into the plan when he pulls out of his driveway he cannot see other cars coming and many times when he has pulled out of his driveway there is someone right on his bumper. Children will not be able to see someone coming over that bump. In the last few years they have seen more young families moving in to Haaf Farm. His wife and he echo what Mr. Voight conveyed.

Cheyenne Myers of 9425 Haaf Farm rive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Myers said he has only been in the neighborhood 3 or 4 months and has a three year old son. He echoes everyone's concerns and suggested writing tickets for people who are speeding through the neighborhood.

Jan Cohen of 13640 Old Gate Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Cohen said that recently someone took out one of their street signs on corner of Haaf Farm Drive and

Waggonwood Drive. Mr. Cohen asked what we needed to do to push this forward and get some resolution. Mr. Dunlap made a comment that there are mandatory things we have to do when considering these through the Ohio Manual of Uniform Control Devices and the Ohio Revised Code and one of those is a traffic study and engineering study. Those are both underway at this time.

Mr. Butcher commented they have invited the HOA Board to meet with them prior to this meeting and that was not exercised. Mr. Butcher said it is a lot easier to have robust dialogue when they have a chance to review and prepare information.

Mr. Butcher told Mr. Voight he had given him a couple prosecuting attorney opinions; one is speed humps (one from Franklin and one from Delaware County) that discuss stop signs and basically both of those opinions sway board of trustees to utilize either of those two devices for speed control. From an engineering guidance and from a professional opinion we have to respect that. With respect to stop signs; as Mr. Dunlap said, have very specific guidance on when they can be used. They have very specific guidance on when they become legal and the information they have gathered (looking at case law, speaking to colleagues, legal opinions) says stop signs should not be used for speed control. Mr. Butcher also gave them a lot of research from ODOT where their library did a search on multi way stop sign. There is a lot of good information here. We also took some speed counts and the average speed count was just under mph. Mr. Butcher said one thing that stood out was the 85th percentile speed. This is a speed where drivers are comfortable driving and that was 35 mph. That is also a speed that state of departments of transportation use in establishing speed limits. Mr. Butcher stated this board has established the lowest speed limit that the Ohio Revised Code allows at 25. A speed study that gets endorsed and advocated sanctioned or reviewed by ODOT could suggest the higher speed which we certainly don't want.

Mr. Butcher mentioned he had some historical data for Haaf Farms over the last 7 or 8 years. In 2009 they did a similar study and found very similar data.

Mr. Dunlap added that we have to follow the law and unfortunately we do not have the flexibility that Home Rule cities do. He commented that we are also looking at some variations of striping and some other things for traffic calming. Also, Regional Planning has standards that eliminate the need for wide streets.

Mr. Monhollen stated that Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher took this situation very seriously and went out of their way to get information and wanted Mr. Voight to be assured that we are taking this very seriously.

Mr. Dunlap added that we have also contacted the Highway Patrol and when they can be up this way they are up there at Haaf Farm Drive to check it out.

Lieutenant Lape, Patrol Commander for the Sheriff's office was present. Lt. Lape commented that he was not aware that the HOA was spending money for a special duty coordinator. Going forward they should stop doing this. Today Lt. Lape had staff at Haaf Farm to do a speed study and they did it with a laser. It mirrored what the Township's speed study showed. He stated people that are speeding in the neighborhood are the people that live in the neighborhood.

County Authorities:

Lt. Lape shared that the body that was found on the south end of the Township is ongoing investigation.

The jail is on schedule and should be done about May of 2017.

Lt. Lape said he has already taken care of getting some extra time in at Haaf Farms.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Chief Mike Little:

Chief Little gave some general updates. He shared the October monthly report. The community medic visits were at 36; overall runs were down 1.5% and transports are up 1.5% but revenues are down 4%.

Chief Little gave an update on Station 591. The work continues on footers and walls. AT&T line work is done; 90-120 days before they know if any money may be refunded. We will start to see block walls going up. Relocation of electric/cable lines will begin soon with boring for conduits. The Change Order for pilings is the total cost for installation and removal according to site manager.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there was more footer to come than what is currently there at the sidewalk. Chief Little said yes there was.

Chief Little had four resolutions for consideration.

The first was to Amend 2016 Appropriations. We are requesting an amendment to the 2016 appropriations. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1116-01 – Amend 2016 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The next resolution was to Purchase Fit Testing Equipment and Accessories. After careful research, the department is recommending the purchase of a Quantifit FIT Tester with related software and accessories from Premier Safety & Service, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$7,870.00 after trade-in of our older equipment. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1116-04 – Purchase FIT Testing Equipment and Accessories. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The next resolution was a change order due to some soil issues on the construction site at the Station 591 Project. They need to amend the current contract with Robertson Construction to account for certain additions to the contract as listed in the resolution. The total cost for the change order is \$67,950.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1116-06 – Change Order for Station 591 Project. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr., Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2016-1116-06 carries 3-0.**

The last resolution was for the purchase of fire hose and accessories. It is recommended that we purchase hose and related accessories from Finley Fire Equipment at a cost of \$3,780.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1116-07 – Purchase Fire Hose and Accessories. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2016-1116-07 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked if we had any new Tahoe's on the road. Chief Little said we were getting there, but the answer was no.

Mr. Myers asked what he had for replacement for next year. Chief Little said 592 would be up for replacement.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported Fairfield County Utilities will be restoring any outstanding areas within the Mingo Estates Issue One project in the spring.

Mr. Butcher reported a conduit at the Pickerington Senior Center is to be installed next week for the exterior lights.

Mr. Butcher reported he will be meeting with JG3 Consulting on Monday to discuss results of the pavement assessment project.

Paving is scheduled for tomorrow on Brook Forest Circle on behalf of Fairfield County Utilities. The township will see reimbursement from the County for this work.

MORPC is coordinating a discussion of cellular infrastructure in the public right-of-way on Monday, November 21. We have asked to attend. An attorney who specializes in this will be at the meeting. This is a significant and evolving development within the state of Ohio. Efforts to change legislation may be forthcoming. Mr. Dunlap didn't understand why Ohio's laws are different regarding this issue.

Mr. Myers said the hole on Toll Gate Road is coming back (at the bridge). Mr. Butcher said it was a county issue.

Director of Operations: John Eisel (was absent)

Mr. Butcher filled in for Mr. Eisel and reported Mr. Eisel attended the Economic Outlook breakfast sponsored by the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone attended the Sessions for Drug Free Workplace training. Mr. Eisel will compile everything once he returns.

We are in the process of putting together our 2017 budgets.

This past week Mr. Eisel and Mr. Butcher attended the annual Regional Planning Commission; storm water advisory sub-committee meeting. As part of that sub-committee meeting there is a resolution that relates to our storm water NPDES Phase II work.

Chad Lucht of Fairfield County Soil and Water was present. Mr. Lucht explained the Township had a couple resolutions and the first was in 2003 where Violet Township and Fairfield County became co-permittees in getting the NPDES which is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Discharge System. We have 6 minimum control measures. In 2014 the County and the Township went through an audit and as part of that audit we had to update our storm water Management Plan and that was this resolution as to what we are going to do over the next five years of the 6 minimum control measures of which are public education, public participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff, post construction water quality and good housekeeping.

The other one is the updates to the drainage, sediment and erosion control permit we have through the township. This permit started as a result of 2003 and as a result of the audit we had to make some modifications to that permit to bring us into compliance with what the actual code was. It was referencing the Ohio EPA general construction permit. Mr. Dunlap thanked Mr. Lucht for all the hard work he does every day for the Township.

Mr. Butcher reported Lt. Lape and Mr. Eisel met with Municipal Court to review the Noise Ordinance.

The Community Tree Lighting will be held December 2nd at 7:00 PM at the gazebo in the Olde Pickerington Village. The Food Pantry will be lighting their Festival of Lights at the Food Pantry at 6:00 PM the same night.

This week we received (2) re-zoning applications. Both properties are located on the east side of Milnor Road. One is the former, Flash Soccer and the other is the property north of the City of Pickerington's Lake Forest Development which is near the Sycamore Creek Church.

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1116-02 – Adopt the Revised Fairfield County & Violet Township Storm Water Management Plan for Years 2014-2019. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2016-1116-02 carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap read the first reading for **Resolution No. 2016-HR1116-03 – Resolution to Update Drainage, Erosion and Sediment Control (DESC) Regulations.** This will be read at the next meeting and then we will vote at that time.

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported the budgets are ongoing.

Mr. Sauer had a resolution specific to Road and Bridge Fund and unappropriated Funds to Machinery, Equipment and Furniture. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-1116-05 – Amendment to 2016 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2016-1116-05 carries 3-0.**

Trustee Reports

Meetings (where there may be more than one Trustee present): PCMA Food Pantry's Festival of Lights and Community Tree Lighting on December 2nd in the Olde Pickerington Village.

Tabled Business: None

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

Mr. Butcher made a request to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

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. Monhollen made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. (after a 10 minute recess) ORC Section 121.22(G)(2) to discuss personnel issues and once they come out of Executive Session they will conduct no further business and they will adjourn. Seconded by Mr.

Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:31 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll 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 carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 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: _____