

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 4, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Butcher called the role: Trustees Harry W. Myers, Jr., Mr. Terry Dunlap, Sr. and Darrin Monhollen were present. Others present were: Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Chief, Jim Paxton; Zoning Secretary, Kelly Sarko and Legal Council, Jennifer Huber and Economic Development Director, Holly Mattei.

Mr. Myers asked students from Girl Scout Troop 181 – Katelyn Smith, Grace Thompson, Janelle Williams, Stella Russell and Aryanna Smith 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 then gave them certificates and Violet Township pins.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the regular Trustee Meeting of September 20, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Special Trustee Meeting of September 28, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comments:

Sonja Poff of 9632 Basil Western Rd., Canal Winchester was present. Mrs. Poff inquired where things were with the Noise Ordinance as they are going to court on Monday for a noise ordinance citation given to the Ugly Mug. Mr. Dunlap said as far as he knew they received a citation under the old ordinance. He did not know if the Sheriff's Department used a decibel meter.. Mr. Dunlap told her Mr. Eisel would be back next week and he can work with Lieutenant Lape and get this done.

Mr. Butcher reported that since Mr. Eisel has been off on medical leave there has been conversation with the Sheriff's office and the Prosecutor's office relating to the Noise Ordinance. This is a continuation of efforts that the Trustees, Mr. Eisel and the Sheriff's Office had started. Mr. Butcher asked when the citation was issued. Ms. Poff said August 12th. Mr. Butcher said this was new information and that for several months the Township has been working on the revision of the Noise Ordinance and part of the conversations centered around a measureable decibel level which requires a meter and training for the deputies. That effort was initiated and it stopped because there was an Ohio Supreme Court ruling regarding a Noise Ordinance that allows deputies to cite the owner for a noise violation as a disorderly conduct misdemeanor. That is the direction that the Sheriff's Office is taking at this point and time until a new Noise Ordinance is adopted. Therefore, a citation for a noise violation can go one or two directions; either a citation under the old Noise Resolution or it is a disorderly conduct misdemeanor ticket. Both citations are through the City Prosecutors office. Mr. Butcher recommended she call Lt. Lape and tell him it is their understanding that the Sheriff's Office has moved in a different direction in the enforcement of noise complaints and she was curious on how this –particular

complaint was being handled through the court system. Mrs. Poff asked if there would always be a noise ordinance in the Township.

Mr. Dunlap said as he understood what Mr. Butcher said was that they chose to go with disorderly conduct until the details of our Noise Ordinance revision can be worked out. Mr. Butcher said that the direction that Mr. Eisel was moving, was a new Noise Ordinance with new guidelines; more data centered, less subjective, however regardless if it is a Noise Ordinance or Disorderly Conduct citation, we are not the enforcers. Mr. Butcher stated that it is not out of the question that if the Sheriff's Office has success with enforcing noise complaints through the disorderly conduct section that may cause us to re-think the concept of the Noise Ordinance.

County Authorities:

None

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little gave the following updates:

- Leadership training for Officers and Acting Officers was held Oct. 3-4
- Preparation for the October 13 PHSC/PHSN football game has begun with the schools
- Station 591 Update – continues to move forward.
- Chief Paxton had written a grant to the Bureau of Workers Compensation for the firefighter exposure and environmental elements grant. This is an opportunity to get a \$15,000 from the Bureau of Workers Comp with a \$3,000.00 match on our part. We should receive the money in about 8 weeks and then we can go forth.

Chief Little presented two (2) resolutions.

The first was a resolution to purchase the SCBA compressor and cascade fill system for new Fire Station 591 at a cost of \$35,811.20. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-1004-05 – Purchase ACBA Compressor and Cascade Fill System for New Fire Station 591. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Chief Little reported that in order to assess the need for the accessibility and availability of recovery centers for opioid addiction, the Ohio State University is gathering data from healthcare providers to develop a geospatial map to identify "opioid recovery deserts" in and around the central Ohio area. The agreement satisfies the department's obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-1004-06 – Approve Agreement with the Ohio State University for Opioid Abuse Study. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The Fire Department had a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week as well as Open House on Sunday, October 15, 2017, from 1-3 p.m. at Station 592.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported Harness Place paving was completed on October 2. All paving work for 2017 is now complete.

Mr. Butcher is still coordinating addition of new sidewalk in Haaf Farms. He has met with the County Engineers office to discuss existing guardrail at this location. He also met with one of three homeowners nearest the proposed new sidewalk. He has an estimate for the work; however more coordination needs to occur.

Mr. Butcher has set up (4) Interviews for full time road worker position. Two are tomorrow and two are next week. The (4) candidates are all extremely qualified.

Ohio Public Works Commission applications are due on October 6. We will be submitting applications for 2 projects – Miscellaneous Concrete Curb Project and Mamie Drive Culvert Replacement.

The Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District meeting was held on September 27 at the County Engineers Office. Mr. Butcher and Holly Mattei attended. Mrs. Mattei remains the Chair of that committee. The TID continues to be more active in discussing important projects for Fairfield County including the US 33 and Basil Western corridors as well as the US 33 to I 70 connector. Projects outside of Violet Township are also discussed by the TID.

A walkthrough to review the Heron Crossing detention ponds in Section One was held on September 22. The County is requiring the developer to perform some additional grading and landscaping within the upper section of the existing pond. This will also include the development of a portion of this area as a wetland. Mr. Myers asked what work was occurring on Route 204 and Violet Meadows. Mr. Butcher said it was a sanitary sewer extension to a few properties to the east of that subdivision. This is something that has been ongoing and coordinated through County Utilities to provide sanitary sewer to that location.

Departmental Reports:

Director of Operations: (Greg Butcher for John Eisel)

Mr. Butcher reported the following:

The Director of Operations is still recovering.

Mr. Butcher did not have an update for Health Insurance. Chief Little had talked to Shawn Sprouse who said they would not be able to get anything together until late September or early October.

Mr. Butcher did not have an update relating to the progress of cleaning out the house or any new activities pertinent to the structure at 6540 Riverton Circle. He did state there were previously two vehicles in the driveway and one has been removed.

Mrs. Mattei updated the board on the Fairfield 33 Alliance meeting held September 21 at Company Wrench.

There was a Port Authority meeting held at our offices on October 3rd. Mrs. Mattei reported they are working on a strategic plan looking at three major corridors and through a mission statement they continue to look at their goals and identify their strategies so they can present to the Trustees to make sure it is in line with what the Trustees want. They also passed a resolution to hire legal counsel. They are hiring Roetzel and Andres out of the Akron area.

Mr. Butcher added he attended this meeting and assured everyone that this board is very enthused and with Holly's direction he foresees some good things to come.

The kick off meeting for the MORPC Technical Assistance Grant was held September 27 at the Township Administrative office. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce MORPC and township/staff who will be working together on the project, to review the geographical area of the study, and to identify additional

information and data MORPC needs to begin the project. Next steps will involve the various stakeholders who have expressed an interest in being involved with the project.

The MORPC Annual Member Visit was conducted on September 27. This annual meeting included Executive Director William Murdock. Discussion centered around how MORPC can best serve Violet Township. Mr. Butcher and Mrs. Mattei were present for the meeting. We will continue to utilize MORPC resources and monitor their thoroughfare plan effort on the I-70 to US 33 connector.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the Regular Trustee meeting at 8:00pm and go to the Public Hearings and start with the continued Case Number 04-ZC-2017 application filed by Donley Homes. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to the regular Trustee meeting. 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 adopt Resolution Number 04-ZC-2017 - 2017-1004-02 Resolution approving the modifications to the Enclave at Meadowmoore Planned Residential District – Development Text and Plan Modification, Case Number 04-ZC-2017. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-1004-03 – A Resolution Approving the Modifications to Meadowmoore Reserve Planned Residential District – Development Text Modification, Case Number 03-ZC-2017. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-1004-04 To receive proposed amendment (Case No. 02-ZC-2017) to the Violet Township Zoning Resolution and to Establish Public Hearing Date for re-zoning of property 7 ± acres located at 7515 Basil Western Road Pickerington from the R-1 single family Residential District to the C-2 Limited Commercial District. The recommendation is to have the first public hearing on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 8:00 PM at the Violet Township Administrative Office located at 12970 Rustic Drive, Pickerington. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Brian Sauer: Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer handed out a copy of the extension agreement with regards to the bi-annual audit that the Township has with Julian Grube. Mr. Dunlap had asked about details in terms of cost and that information is included within this agreement.

Mr. Sauer had a resolution to move some funds around within the Senior Center and just transferring from one line item to another. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-1004-01 – Amendment to 2017 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Monhollen reported last Friday he met with Mayor Gray, Liberty Shindell, and Mrs. Mattei regarding possible benefits of the Community Authority. Mayor Gray did not know a whole lot about it so we provided him with some educational materials. He seemed to be favorable to work together in the event we could draft some sort of documentation that would be a 'win win'. The two directors felt they needed a few weeks to get things together.

New interviews are being held for a Director of the Food Pantry.

Meetings (where there may be more than one Trustee present):

The Day of Athena Workshop and Awards Luncheon – October 6 at Hickory Lakes from 8 am to 1:30 pm.

Fire Department Open House – Sunday, October 15 from 1-3 pm at Station 592.

Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills:

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session after a 10 minute recess per the ORC Section 121.22 (G)(1)to discuss/consider personnel issues.

Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes, Motion carries 3-0.

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: _____