

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 1, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

Mrs. Tremblay called the roll: Trustees Harry W. Myers, Jr., Terry J. Dunlap, Sr.; and Darrin Monhollen were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Chief Mike Little; Assistant Chief, Jim Paxton; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko were present.

Mr. Myers asked Student Council members from Toll Gate Elementary; Isaiah Wood, Jaida Wood and Zoey Brookbank-Mizer 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 and a Violet Township lapel pin.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of January 18, 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 Public Hearing on January 18, 2017 for Case Number 03-ZC-2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes, Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Lt. Alex Lape from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office was present. He gave a general overview of 2016 and reported there were a total of 331 burglaries, 40 of them in Violet Township. This comprises 12% of the total. He should have an annual report by the next meeting. Mr. Myers asked if the statistics included the City of Pickerington. Lt. Lape said it did not.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned Licking County had a disaster today with their computers. They had to manually dispatch and take calls. He asked if our 911 system is tied in to anything else with the County where that could affect calls within the County. Lt. Lape said to his knowledge the 911 system is 'standalone' to this county and is not integrated in any other local agencies 911 systems. He said it is and it isn't. If the City of Pickerington cannot answer their 911 it will roll over to our dispatcher.

Mr. Dunlap asked how the new Public Safety building is coming along. Lt. Lape said one pod is complete as of February 6. On February 6 they will be able to start training and utilization of the facility. Anticipated completion date is May 29th. They will transition into the new facility sometime in June. Three months after that their old facility will be their new parking lot.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Chief Mike Little:

Chief Little had two resolutions.

The first was resolution we have five (5) new agencies joining the regional MECC EMS Protocol. The initial cost to bring each of those agencies on board will be \$5,000.00 payable to Responsoft. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0201-04 – EMS Protocol for New MECC EMS Agencies. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

The second resolution was Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter, Nathaniel Whitley. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt, with regret the resignation of Nathaniel Whitley as a Part-Time Level 1 Firefighter with the Violet Township Fire Department with an effective date of January 21, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2017-0201-02 carries 3-0.**

Chief Little gave an update on Station 591 and reported the block work is going up quickly and they are currently working on the south wall and also working on the training tower of the stairwell. Pat Dunlap, the project superintendant thinks the block work and most of the steel work will be done within the next two weeks.

There is a training exercise scheduled for the Fire Department This is a group out of Rickenbacker and their job is to help mitigate issues or problems with chemicals, biologicals, radiologicals, nuclear or environmental issues. It will take place on February 9th at Freedom Way off 204 from 8am to 2pm.

Lastly, there was discussion on the TIF impact from the City of Pickerington and the City of Reynoldsburg. The County Auditor's office put together a spreadsheet outlining all the TIFS that are currently enforced in the City of Pickerington and the Taylor Square TIF which is still going on. From 1998 through 2016 just for TIFs in the City of Pickerington, the total amount of TIF money is \$7,961,000,000. Of that, \$815,400.00 was Fire Department funds that they have not been able to collect. At the Taylor Square TIF, the total amount from 1999 to 2016 has been \$22,876,000.00 of TIF funds. Of that amount, \$2,486,000.00 that is Fire Department funds that we have been unable to collect. Between these two TIFS for about a 17 or 18 year period we have missed out on \$3.3 million dollars. Mr. Eisel added this does not include the 6 new TIFS evaluated by the County Auditor's Office. They are waiting to get the approval from the State Tax Commission.

Mr. Monhollen thanked Chief Little and Mr. Myers for going down and meeting with the Auditor. He asked if we had reached out to Jeff Fix, President of City Council. Mr. Monhollen recommended sharing this information with him as it would be a 'nice next step'.

Mr. Dunlap commented he saw something with the Fire Department on Channel 10 News and asked Chief Little to explain what was going on. Chief Little explained that Central Ohio has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the state and in the nation and it is an attempt to try to help decrease that rate by doing evaluations. When they go into homes with newborns and if they don't have proper cribbing or bedding for an infant then we have the ability to get a pac-n-play to them for free. This is a collaborative effort with Mount Carmel. Truro and Whitehall are both on-board.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported the City of Pickerington and Township scopes have been finalized. Bid documents are being finalized. We hope to advertise within about a week.

Mr. Butcher has ordered and received 550 tons of our contracted 1,100 tons.

Mr. Butcher provided information to the Trustees on two proposed new cell towers – one within the Chevington Woods North subdivision and one within the New England Acres subdivision. Mr. Butcher has asked the applicant, ACD, to meet with us to address any questions or clarifications we may have regarding the two proposed locations.

Mr. Butcher reported the new skid steer has arrived. Staff received training on its operation this week.

Mr. Butcher and his staff attended the Ohio Township Association Conference last week.

A meeting was coordinated with staff from MORPC. The Fairfield County Engineer, ODOT Central Office and District 5 to discuss the conceptual I-70 to US 33 connector

project. There is also interest within Licking County for a similar concept connecting I-70 to US 62 near New Albany. MORPC has agreed to put together a Thoroughfare Plan scope to address this potential corridor. Time frame is summer for this to occur. In the meantime, both Fairfield County and Licking County Transportation Improvement Districts remain engaged in discussion about this project.

Fairfield County received a grant through Connect Ohio to review the County's broadband capabilities. Based on that assessment, gaps in coverage will be identified and future course of action will be evaluated. This includes working with providers and looking for future grant opportunities. A survey has been distributed and it is posted on our website. Mr. Butcher encouraged everyone to take the survey. Mr. Dunlap added that he has taken the survey.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to recess the regular Violet Township Trustee meeting and re-open the Public Hearing that we continued on Case Number 03-ZC-2016. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to the regularly scheduled trustee meeting at 8:24 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes, Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported the letter to all residents is slated to go out February 13th from Local Waste Services, with our logo on the envelope as well. There is a resolution to authorize the Director of Operations to process opt-out requests.

The barn at 7025 Waterloo Place has been taken down, and the remainder demo will be coordinated after asbestos abatement.

We have investigated the options for document scanning and after review; we are proposing the Panasonic KV-S5076H that is recommended by Modern Office Methods to integrate into our system. We have a resolution for you to consider this evening.

Violet Twp. was very well represented at the OTA conference with a total of 11 members attending.

Mr. Eisel reported that Melissa Tremblay completed the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy.

Upcoming Events –

- Week of February 6th – “Start with Hello” campaign
- February 9, 2017 – Pickerington Area Chamber Annual Dinner at Tall Timbers Banquet Center
- Ribbon cutting at FitCorps in the Kroger plaza on Refugee Rd. They are hosting a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting on 2/15/17 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Eisel reported he met with our rep from BWC and the required paperwork has been completed for the month of February.

Mr. Eisel presented Resolution 2017-0201-01 – Authorize the Director of Operations to Process Resident “Opt Out” Requests for Exemption for Single Trash Hauler. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0201-01 – Authorize the Director of Operations to Process Resident “Opt out” Requests for Exemption for Single Trash Hauler. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap wanted to get clarification that they can only opt out if they have another legal place to dispose of it other than another company and it is outside the Township. Mr. Eisel said this was correct. They must have and demonstrate the legal means to dispose of their trash either through a business or agricultural venture.

The next resolution was 2017-0201-03 to Purchase a Document Scanner from Modern Office Methods at a Cost Not to Exceed \$4,300.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0201-03. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap commented Mr. Eisel forgot to mention it was Ohio Township Day. Mr. Eisel said he was saving that for the Chairman.

Brian Sauer: Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer was absent. Mrs. Tremblay filled in for him.

Mrs. Tremblay reported at the Planning Session she was asked to look into grants to rebuild the cabin. She sent the Trustees all the information for the Natureworks. The timeline is May 6. The total available for Fairfield County was less than \$30,000.00.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Monhollen reported on the PCMA Board they added a new member to the board, Latashia Reedus. They are still in the need for one more additional board member.

Mr. Monhollen also attended the State of the School program this week. High point would be the capital improvements levy.

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

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Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills:

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. 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 take a 10 minute recess and then go into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) – To Discuss/Consider Personnel Issues to include the three Trustees, Chief Little, Chief Paxton, Greg Butcher and Mr. Eisel will be included. 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 come out of Executive Session at 9:29 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative
Assistant

Date: _____