

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 19, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the roll: Trustees Harry W. Myers, Jr., Mr. Terry Dunlap, Jr. and Darrin Monhollen were present. Others present were: Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Chief, Jim Paxton; Director of Operations, John Eisel and Township Engineer, Greg Butcher. Also present was Kelly Sarko, Zoning Officer.

Mr. Myers led 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 moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Trustee Meeting of July 5, 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 of July 5, 2017 for the Fiscal Budget for 2018. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes Motion carries 3-0.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief:

Chief Mike Little:

Chief Little reported he will be attending the Ohio Fire Chiefs Conference July 13-17 at Easton.

Chief Little said work continues on Station 591 and things are moving along. Most of the masonry work.... Drywall is starting to go up. The concrete pre-cast was set to the patio area.

There was one accident; laceration above eye that required medical attention. One of the firefighters was washing the Rescue and when he stood up he put his head into one of the lights on the back of the truck

Chief 590 will be attending Fire-Rescue International Conference in Charlotte, NC. from July 25 to July 30.

Runs increased 16% over last year.

Transports increased 5% over last year.

EMS receipts increased 10% over last year.

Chief Little had a resolution for the resignation of Dr. Wendy Stevens who has served as the MEC EMS Pediatric Medical Director since 2008 with an effective date of June 30, 2017. **Mr. Myers made a motion, with regret to adopt Resolution 2017-0719-01 – Resignation of Pediatric Medical Director of MEC EMS. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if the west side walk would go underneath the patio on the west side. Chief Little said it would.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there was a replacement in the works for the Medical Director. Chief Little said Dr. Mike Stoner who works at Nationwide Children's Hospital and we are in the process of working through an agreement with him. Chief is waiting to get some information back from OTARMA regarding liability.

Mr. Monhollen thanked Chief Little for taking him on a tour of all three stations.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher's reported restoration behind the newly placed curb within the Mingo Estates and Countrywood subdivisions continues. Based on experience(s) with recent projects, Mr. Butcher is reviewing how restoration will occur moving forward. Having it part of the construction contract does not seem to be ideal as it has become routine (for several reasons) for the township to complete the restoration.

The 2017 paving program is complete except for the following:

- a. Restoration in the area of storm sewer work needs addressed.
- b. Striping has been completed on Allen Road. Harmon Road and Achievement Way are scheduled for next week.

The condition of the 60 inch diameter culvert under Mamie Drive warrants removal and replacement. Mr. Butcher attached photos. A resolution for design services provided by ADR & Associates was presented for your consideration. The proposal was attached to the resolution. Mr. Dunlap asked if we were looking at steel or two box culvert. Mr. Butcher said two box culvert, concrete circular with regular concrete pipe. Mr. Myers asked if ADR would make that call. Mr. Butcher said he has asked them to look at both scenarios.

A 12-inch culvert under Harmon Road that crosses just north of Northchester Drive is in need of replacement. The culvert was exposed during recent storm sewer work in the Eastchester subdivision that occurred prior to the resurfacing of streets. The culvert is approximately 6.5 to 7 ft. deep, requiring a large track hoe and trench box. Based on the details Mr. Butcher provided, Mr. Butcher recommends that we contract for this work. A resolution to hire Axis Civil Construction was provided for consideration.

Flash Flood Event of July 13, 2017

- a. Received approximately 40 calls and emails relating to event
- b. Approximately 5 inches of rain fell on July 17. Some locations within the township reportedly received more rain
- c. The following township roads were closed: Waterloo Road, Allen Road, Benadum Road and Busey Road. Several others were posted with High Water signs. I am aware of one abandoned vehicle (Allen Road) during the event. VTFD responded. Mr. Dunlap said he asked the Sheriff to take an official report on this so he can get with his insurance company. Mr. Myers said before we can do that we need to have a resolution done to make that decision. Mr. Butcher will prepare something.
- d. Several open drainage ditches have accumulated miscellaneous debris. We are reviewing these areas, especially near the invert of culverts. Some areas have significant debris.

The revised preliminary plan for the Spring Creek subdivision is under review with the County Regional Planning Commission (RPC). This plan includes 110 lots. Mr. Butcher attached a marked up copy of the plan indicating the boundaries of the City of Pickerington and Violet Township. He has concerns to share with the Trustees. He recommend these concerns be addressed either through the Regional Planning Commission (limited political authority), using the redesigned CORE group or through direct meeting(s) with the City of Pickerington, Violet Township, property owner(s) and developer(s). Some of the concerns are:

- a. Four lots (333, 334, 336 and 337) are located within both the City and Township. RPC will be recommending the lot boundaries either be all within the township or all within the city.
- b. Portions of five streets are within both jurisdictions causing potential issues relating, but not limited, to:
 1. Development standards
 2. Construction inspection
 3. Pavement maintenance
 4. Snow removal
 5. Law enforcement response
 6. Mosquito spraying
 7. Sign maintenance
 8. Different tax districts
 9. The City's of Pickerington's formal position that Township streets cannot connect to City streets without annexation. Mr. Butcher encouraged the board to look at this and come up with a solution.

Refugee Road will be closed for three days beginning July 31 for road work relating to turn lane(s) for the Heron Crossing subdivision.

ODOT released their bid results for salt prices on July 10. The Fairfield County price is \$46.70/ton. Prior 5 years as follows:

- a. 2016-2017 \$47.23
- b. 2015-2016 \$88.25
- c. 2014-2015 \$72.97
- d. 2013-2014 \$62.80 (average of 2 suppliers)
- e. 2012-2013 \$54.82

Mr. Butcher reported we will be installing 250 feet of new storm sewer on Harness Place prior to resurfacing. The purpose is to collect storm water in a different location. The water is being discharged from a hyper sump pump.

The Glenshire HOA remains concerned about turnaround traffic on Needham Place as a result of vehicles going southbound into the subdivision from the Taylor Road exit, turning around on the Needham Place cul de sac and then proceeding northbound back to the traffic signal at SR 204. The HOA has asked for consideration of the following as it relates to this issue.

- a. Placement of speed bumps, presumably on Wellesley Drive and/or Needham Place.
- b. Placement of a gate, presumably on Needham Place
- c. Closure of the Haaf Farm west access from Taylor Road northbound.

Mr. Butcher would not recommend any of the three mechanisms for various reasons. Mr. Butcher informed the HOA he would present the above information to the Board of Trustees to obtain their input. Mr. Dunlap said what that traffic is doing is going back up Taylor Road to get into Haaf Farms so they don't have to go out SR 204 and sit to make a left turn to go into the main entrance of Haaf Farms. Mr. Dunlap recommended getting with ODOT and see if they will allow a left turn off the Taylor Road off ramp in to Haaf Farms. Mr. Dunlap also recommended putting rumble strips on the off ramp to slow them down. He did not recommend any of the three items.

Mr. Myers asked if we had eliminated some of the cut through traffic there. Mr., Butcher said movement was better. Mr. Myers did not see anything that was acceptable regarding the three items. He asked if there were any legal signs they could put up. Mr. Butcher said unless a sign is enforceable he hesitates to recommend the placement because inevitably what happens is the resident(s) sees the sign, makes contact with law enforcement; law enforcement arrives and informs the resident that the sign is not enforceable and that really diminishes the credibility. Mr. Myers asked what the sign

would say. Mr. Butcher said 'no u turn', 'residential use only'; or 'no through trucks'. The problem he has is with enforcement within an unincorporated area.

Mr. Myers asked about restoration behind the newly placed curb within Mingo Estates and Countrywood and wondered if he was thinking of outsourcing this out to a landscaper or something. Mr. Butcher said outsourcing or doing it ourselves.

Mr. Myers asked about the storm water district and when we had Kerry Hogan in here how did it resolve at that time. Mr. Butcher said the ORC allows a storm water district. The definition of storm water was challenged by several local governments in Cuyahoga County and surrounding counties relating to the northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District out of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District served in the storm water utility and based on the watersheds and where the water runs off to took ownership of that, however, it resulted in a 'tax' on utilities of several suburbs in Cleveland. It went to the Ohio Supreme Court and it all related to the definition of water and water was defined as storm water and inclusive of storm water. Therefore, the court ruled that the Northeast Ohio Sewer District could indeed form a storm water utility to the various suburbs. It has been challenged in court and it was determined that you could indeed use a storm water utility to address storm water issues. Mr. Myers confirmed that the result of the court case is to the Township's advantage if we decide to do it. Mr. Butcher said it would be permissible.

Mr. Dunlap did not think we had a Water Sewer District. Mr. Butcher said we have never disbanded this. Mr. Eisel said the Prosecutor's office has to go off-site to find the records. We have where the motion was filed to disband a Water and Sewer Board but we cannot find where it was ever filed and signed by the judge. Mr. Butcher said they had discussion at the time and his recollection was that it could be a potential value to retain this in the future. Mr. Dunlap said the Trustees never recommended it.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and open the scheduled Public Hearing scheduled for 8:00 p.m. for Case Number 04-ZC-2016 application for re-zoning Estates of Lake Forest Planned Residential PD. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes, Motion carries 3-0.

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported we continue to work with legal counsel and complete all of the required paperwork / agreements for Burnham & Flower and Jefferson Health Plan to maintain our current coverage's. There is a resolution for consideration that would permit Mr. Eisel to complete and sign the necessary documents.

We were notified that the litigation has begun. The Starke County Prosecutor's office did get a motion approved by their courts of a temporary Restraining Order that essentially says that OPEC has to maintain the Jefferson Health Plan as their Administrator for Starke County.

6540 Riverton Circle – Foreclosure process continues and we are still waiting on Judge Berens to rule on the motions that were filed. In the afternoon Mr. Eisel received an email that it appears that the Judge did rule on the motions.

We received a rebate for 66% of our 2015 premium paid to BWC in the amount of \$56,344.86.

The application for the Technical Assistance has been completed and will be submitted by the end of the week for MORPC.

Holly Mattei has worked to revitalize our Port Authority and there was a resolution for consideration to make those appointments to this board. The 5 appointees have all been contacted and are most willing and happy to serve in this capacity.

The Tax Incentive Council is meeting July 20 at 2:30. Holly Mattei and Mr. Eisel will attend.

Josh Horacek is looking at the possibility of spending an afternoon per week or bi weekly here at our offices to be available for any services we may need.

Mr. Eisel will be out of town from July 26 to the 28th attending the IAFC Conference in Charlotte, NC.

Kelly Sarko has been working on the Mamie nuisance property. We do have a quote from a clean-up contractor and they are requesting we provide a special duty officer for the duration of the clean-up. They are hoping to limit the work to one day.

At the August 2nd meeting there will be a public hearing on Heron Crossing for a request to modify the rear setback and trail locations.

Resolution 2017-0719-02 – To Appoint Members to the Port Authority. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0719-02 – To Appoint Members to the Port Authority. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion: Ms. Mattei said she has spoken with all the members and she is very comfortable with all of them. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2017-0719-03 – Authorize Director Operations to Enter into Agreement for Insurance Coverage. Mr. Eisel added that this will authorize him to sign the agreements for the transition to Burnam and Flowers. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0719-03 – Authorize Director Operations to Enter into Agreement for Insurance Coverage. 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 adopt Resolution 2017-0719-04 – Authorize Hiring of ADR & Associates, LTD. To provide Engineering Design and Planning Services to Provide Survey & Construction Plans for Mamie Drive Culvert Replacement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0719-05 – To Award Contract for 2017 Violet Township Pavement Maintenance Program to the Shelly Company. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

Brian Sauer: Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported he had no report.

Mr. Eisel commented that for the past few days the Fiscal Office has worked very diligently to try and get this banking situation required to get our HRA re-established. Finally late this afternoon we have gotten on the right path.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Monhollen reported he will be meeting Mr. David Hague, Principal Eric Cook from Ridgeview and two employees from Nature Conservancy.

Meetings (where there may be more than one 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 on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices. We also have a public hearing.

Pay Bills:

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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: _____