

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 20, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Butcher called the roll: 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.

Mr. Myers asked students Jase Ansel and Isabella Schroeder from Toll Gate Elementary 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 6, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes Motion carries 3-0.

Guests: Ted Hackworth, 530 Courtland Ln., Pickerington, OH 43147 of the Pickerington Senior Center was present to talk about renewing the current levy of .2 mills for a 5-year levy to be put on the May, 2018 ballot. It was on the ballot in 2012. Mr. Myers said they would check with the Fiscal Officer. We have a primary election in May and a voting in November. Mr. Dunlap said as it is now it is May except for the one time in presidential and the other 3 years it is May and presidential they moved it back to March so we can be one of the first in the primaries. (Super Tuesday). Chief Little said the primary election is May 8, 2018. Mr. Dunlap said we will have to prepare a resolution and take care of things we need to do.

Mr. Myers asked if the Senior Center gives money to Fairfield Transit. Mr. Hackworth yes it is usually \$5,000.

Mr. Hackworth said they were in the process of wanting to expand the Senior Center. The building is 30 years old and it has one big haul (4,000 sq. feet) and if they have an activity going on in that building they have other meeting rooms that they cannot get to without going through that main building. An architect drew up an extension out the back so they can have extra restrooms and some meeting rooms that can have access to restrooms that have access to meeting rooms and doors so they wouldn't have to interfere with the main meeting. The Fire Department gave them a backup generator so they will have to modify the plans but they would like to put that generator in as a backup power. County EMA has already said they could be a backup shelter once they get that in. Mr. Hackworth has already applied for some funds from the Fairfield County Foundation and he thought it was \$4,000 for the project. He asked the City for \$5,000 and he said Mr. Dunlap and Mayor Gray were not keen on getting funds from the Foundation. This would help them with their fundraising and meeting rooms and many other things. Mr. Myers asked what the estimated cost from the Architect was. Mr. Hackworth said the estimate to put the generator in was \$28,000. Mr. Hackworth has not talked to him about the restrooms. Mr. Dunlap said he thought for the addition across the back for the other rooms was \$450 to \$500,000 for the building. Mr. Hackworth said it was up there. Mr. Hackworth

said they were also in the process of converting their lights to LED as they burn a lot less power.

Mr. Myers asked if we were aware of this addition before we did the parking lot. Mr. Hackworth said we would lose 4 or 5 parking spaces if they tear it up to do an addition. For purposes of better discussion Mr. Dunlap asked to do his Trustee report. Mr. Dunlap said yesterday the Pickerington Senior Foundation met and there was a request submitted by the Senior Center for money out of that Foundation to pay for the generator. The bi-laws of the foundation basically say that money (which is all donated) and once it gets spent it never comes back and it is to be there for emergencies and for use at such times when there are no other funds available for other sources to then see that the Senior Center or the Senior activities continue. The Foundation voted no for their request because of the Bi-law rules. So, now with the City in their budget they have \$5,000 unless somebody takes it out; it got \$4,000 from the Fairfield Foundation so that is 9 and 9 from 28 would leave \$19,000. They are looking for a way to finish up with the \$19,000. Mr. Dunlap wanted all to know why the request was turned down because it does not fit the Bi-Laws. Mr. Hackworth said he has to have his \$4,000 spent by February or return it. Mr. Myers said they would discuss this among the Trustees.

Public Comments:

Sharon Bucilla of 12646 Ault Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. She submitted a 3-page document that was addressed to the Violet Township Trustees and is hereto attached to these minutes and incorporated in below. She also owns the Hickory Lakes Party House at 12495 Ault Road in Pickerington.

“I have several questions/statements that I would like to submit at this public hearing and get answers to, and perhaps reasons why and who made these decisions, and who makes the final decisions. Does the general population have any opportunity for any input whatsoever? My concerns, inquiries and statements prior to this evidently were not passed on to the proper channels already had their minds made up and did not need any input from concerned and long time interested taxpayers.

Mr. Hayes has reported a Technical Assistance Grant by Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission has been awarded to Violet Township to assist in future planning projects; specifically the Southeast corner of Refugee Road, Pickerington Road, according to master plan. Her questions:

- 1) What is total acreage of this property?
- 2) Of this acreage how much would be dedicated to the community center
- 3) Who applied for this grant?
- 4) What is the dollar amount of the grant?
- 5) Who decided that a new community center could possibly anchor this development?
- 6) Were there other land options, locations, legitimately and without bias presented to these decision makers for consideration? Specifically was her offer to donate land for a Community Center ever considered?

My inquiries as to what is happening to the community center committee evidentially were not an inquiry that anyone honestly wanted to entertain or answer when minds are already made up. She said she is not against progress and she will support this with no qualms. Once she knows the full details and reasons, ect. (I have to question why we think a community center with all the amenities we expect to offer as states in the article that is mix-used residential community complete with recreational opportunities, medical and other offices. I

would question why more medical offices as more are being developed in town right now.

I have no problems with this development with the exception of the Community Center being the anchor. With all due respect to Holly Mattei and her findings regarding the millennia's and a 65 and over population as their wants and needs and the Townships desire to create that community they are looking for. All anyone has to do is look across the street on the southwest corner. You will find Pickerington North High with all its amenities (and there are many). Directly north of the high school is Lakeview Middle school with more amenities. We are now off of Refugee Road and Pickerington Road and going north turning on Ault Road running alongside the middle school is Hickory Lakes an 88 acre private recreation area that consists of two enclosed party facilities, 3 open shelters, 6 lakes, intertwined with many roads and approximately 40 acres of wooded forests that can be used for hiking trails, ect. Directly to the west and abutting Hickory Lakes is another 23 acre parcel that could become part of this venture that is located on Milnor Road and directly across from Winding Creek subdivision. And then, Anderson's Orchards of 40 + acres on either side of this 23 acre site and soccer fields above the north side of the orchards.

Keep walking or driving and lets go back to the entrance of Hickory Lakes on Ault (because there are no walking trails at this time).....Donley Homes are already starting to develop patio living next to the entrance of Hickory Lakes, walking north up to Route 204 and west on 204 to Milnor Road, you have passed many homes that are already built or are in the building stages, mostly by Donley Homes Turning left on Milnor from Route 204 you will again see homes on the west and the east side of the road and will see condos, more homes already built on the south side of the road and continuing east, you will see Sycamore Creek Church on the north side with many homes being developed at this time by Harmony/Pulte Developers, including Patio Homes. This land at the north side abuts the 23 acres, as well as the Hickory Lakes Property and on the east side of Sycamore Creek Church; their land abuts Pickerington North High School.

You have just traveled over a beautiful area that has everything you are mentioning that Pickerington/Violet Township needs. Most everything is already established, with the exception of the Community Center that would be a perfect fit for the Hickory Lakes property. Sure some changes would need to be made, some upgrades, but residents could start utilizing the fishing lakes, shelters, facilities, etc. Students can walk to school on the walking paths. Taxpayers will most likely have a smaller cost involved getting what they desire in a Community Center and much sooner.

Besides our Brides, the Township, Fire Department, Church & Corporate Events, Hickory Lakes has always played host to the schools with Fall Festivals, Hay Rides, Cross County & Lacrosse banquets, Senior Projects, Spanish classes in May celebrating the Holiday, Special Needs Students are able to fish and enjoy the outdoors, photography students hone their skills using our God made scenery that already consists of lakes with lily pads, herons, many species of birds and wildlife that abound our acres. So much more can be done. Teach a child to fish...give them a worthwhile activity, not Drugs. Perhaps the County won't have to extend the new jail that was just opened to house all the prisoners.

Because my efforts to have Hickory Lakes utilized as a Community Park and Center for not only Violet Township residents, but Pickerington as well have not been considered, I want it known publicly, that Hickory Lakes is willing to work with the entities involved and donate land toward this project. Unfortunately, we

do not have the resources some others do, but we do have what I believe is the perfect location for all of the above.

Back in 2003, a Grant was lost by the City to purchase the property with no extra cost to the taxpayers. This property as most people who attend our events say "This is the best kept secret around!" and this is coming from near and far, our brides, families, visitors from out of town, executives of corporations, and many more, "Don't let this property go to homes," everyone says. That is not my desire, but will be my necessity. I assume this information will be taken to the Community Center Committee and discussed honestly and fairly and results shared with the public as well as her."

Thank you. Sharon Bucilla, Hickory Lakes 614.402.1336 cell 9/20/17.

Mrs. Mattei answered Mrs. Bucilla's questions.

- 1) What is the total acreage of the project. Mrs. Mattei said they put in the application it was approximately a 600 acre area and they have not defined that specific area as of yet. They have a meeting set up with the MORPC staff to look at those values in the next few weeks.
- 2) As far as how much of the acreage would be dedicated to a Community Center; Mrs. Mattei said this was part of what this meeting is to look at the feasibility, to look at what is needed and to see what space is needed to support such a thing.
- 3) Who applied for this? Mrs. Mattei said Violet Township was the applicant on the grant.
- 4) What is the dollar amount of the grant? Mrs. Mattei said it is an 'In-Kind Service' Grant. We are receiving approximately 300 hours of technical service staff hours from MORPC. So, whatever their hourly rate is times those 300 hours is what it would be. There is no funding coming to Violet Township for this.
- 5) Who decided that a new Community Center could possibly anchor this development? Mrs. Mattei said it has been discussed with staff and different stakeholders in the Township and we decided it was something that we should study to see if it would be feasible to look at that area.
- 6) Were there other land options/locations legitimately and without bias, presented to these decision makers for consideration? Mrs. Mattie said we have had conversations about multiple sites throughout different meetings. Even before she came to the Township there were conversations.

Mrs. Bucilla said she just wanted to have Hickory Lakes reconsidered.

Mr. Butcher said he had heard that the area Mrs. Bucilla was talking about was in contract. Mrs. Bucilla said it was in contract for homes but she did not think that was going to happen because of the stipulations that are being put on the development and so forth. Mr. Butcher asked if that included the other Harmony Developments. Mrs. Bucilla said that was still in contract but still 'up in the air'

Mr. Dunlap stated they would make sure to look at this and consider this in their considerations.

Mr. Myers said they would re-convene the regular meeting at 8pm as they did not have time for department reports.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting at 8pm and go to the Public Hearings and start with 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.

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.

County Authorities:
None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little gave the following updates:

- Strategic planning session was held September 13 with internal and external members. This session was to develop a SWOT Analysis and goals related to Community Outreach. Facilities/Vehicles, Human Resources and Service Delivery.
- Station 591 update
- Community Medic has made nearly 600 visits through August
- Run volume is up 17%
- Patient Transports are up 5%
- EMS Receipts are nearly even with last year.

Chief Little presented three (3) resolutions. The first was a resolution to purchase two AED's and a RAD-57 Pulse Oximeter/CO Monitor and all related accessories. We will be partially reimbursed from a State of Ohio EMS grant in the amount of \$3,025.00. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0920-03 – Purchase AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) & Pulse Oximeter Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.**

The second resolution was to upgrade the telephone system township-wide. The total cost for this upgrade is \$30,756.60 from Keytel Systems. The breakdown by department is listed in the resolution language. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0920-04 – Upgrade Township Phone System. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.**

The third resolution was to purchase a range for new Station 91 at a total cost of \$7,777.07. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0920-05. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported the last few meetings they have been talking about resurfacing Harness Place. Mr. Butcher has been in contact with The Shelly Company and paving is still in the process of being scheduled.

Mr. Butcher is still coordinating addition of new sidewalks in Haaf Farms. He has met with the County Engineer's office to discuss guardrail at this location. He has also met with one of three homeowners nearest the proposed new sidewalk. No firm schedule yet.

Advertisement period has closed for new full time employee. Eight applications were received.

Ohio Public Works Commission applications are due on October 6. There are 2 resolutions for consideration - miscellaneous Concrete Curb Project and Mamie Dr. Culvert Replacement. We will be submitting applications for both projects.

Subdivision Update – Work continues on the public improvements for Meadowmoore Reserve and Heron Crossing.

Township staff is very busy with several storm sewer replacements-various locations.

MORPC is working on the Thoroughfare Plan for the US 30 to I 70 connector, including a section from I 70 to New Albany.

Director of Operations: (Greg Butcher for John Eisel)

Mr. Butcher reported the following:

Employees have updated their information on FormFire enabling Burnham and Flower to solicit health insurance quotes for 2018.

The mortgage company is beginning to rehab the property at 6540 Riverton Circle. Our building department will follow the progress as they will have a restoration permit. No update.

Meeting was held on September 7 at 1pm at the Violet Township Administrative offices to allow the RCOG resolutions to be passed to formally transition the EMS services from Violet Township to the RCOG.

Mr. Eisel executed the agreement and it was forwarded on to South Central Power.

Fairfield 33 Alliance board meeting is September 21 at Company Wrench. Ms. Mattie will attend that meeting. Some of the things she said will be discussed are Working on some marketing efforts, travel, they are updating their website and they are also working on doing a video with the Township.

Mr. Eisel executed the agreement and it was forwarded to South Central Power.

There was another Port Authority meeting on September 5. Ms. Mattei reported they talked about 3 residential development corridors; Basil Western Road, Refugee Road and the potential corridor for 33 and 70. They also discussed a request for legal counsel services and they received four RFP's which they will review and bring forth at the next Port Authority meeting.

Assistant Chief Paxton is attending the September 20th meeting with the Prosecutors Office and Land Bank.

Mr. Butcher reported there was a request from Lancaster Public Transit that is now Fairfield Lancaster Public Transit System. This was for financial support for the calendar year 2018. He had a resolution for consideration.

Mr. Ted Hackworth said they do not mark the busses and they need to call two weeks in advance. He doesn't think we are getting our monies worth. He thinks they need to review what they are doing. He said they have eliminated a lot of routes. He has to call 2 weeks in advance. The loop busses you can call the night before Mr. Dunlap referred to the run report. In 2011 the number of runs was 6,386 and 2016 the number of trips was 4,778. Chief Little said their website says there are two routes in Pickerington north and south. It runs on an hourly loop, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you live ¾ of a mile off that loop you need to call 24hrs. in advance.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0920-01 – A Resolution Authorizing Greg Butcher, PE, Violet Township Engineer to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) & to Execute Contracts as Required. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0920-02 – A Resolution Authorizing Greg Butcher, PE, Violet Township Engineer to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) & to Execute Contracts as Required. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0920-06 – Financial Support to Lancaster Public Transit System. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution passes 3-0.

Brian Sauer: Fiscal Officer

Absent. No report

Trustee Reports: Mr. Dunlap gave his earlier in this report. Mr. Monhollen reported on the Pickerington Food Pantry. They have done a pretty extensive search for a new Director. The field has been narrowed to 16.

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

The Pickerington Chamber Luncheon is tomorrow at Zion Church at 11:30 am.

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 4, 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. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 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: _____