

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 6, 2013

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith was present and called the roll: Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple; Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fire Chief, John Eisel and Kelly Sarko, Zoning Inspector.

Mr. Dunlap asked everyone in attendance to join him the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence honoring those who protect us around the world.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Special meeting of December 31, 2012 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; and Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Special meeting of December 31, 2012 are approved 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 16, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of January 16, 2013 are approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Public Hearing of January 16, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Public Hearing of January 16, 2013 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Pickerington Community Chorus – Julie Rice. Secretary who resides at 921 Torridon Ct. in Pickerington was present. Ms. Rice asked if they could get moved to the front page section of the website instead of the “living” section. Also present was Lisa Robinson-Boyer, President and Choir Director. Ms. Boyer resides at 720 Montmorocy Drive, East. They were asking for support. Mr. Dunlap suggested they contact the Fairfield Foundation. The Trustees recommended different opportunities for the group to pursue. The Trustees also mentioned making contact with the Violet Festival committee.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel had a letter that required the Chairman's signature in regards to a notification they have put forth to the Fairfield Foundation who administers the Hunter Barber Memorial Fund for reimbursement for a Pediatric Advanced Lifesaving Class in 2012

Chief Eisel gave complimented the road crew for keeping the roads clear and safe.

Chief Eisel reported we were up 8 runs for the month of January, 2013, compared to January of 2012. We had 414 runs in January of 2013 as opposed to 406 in 2012.

Chief Eisel had one resolution to present and also had the final copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Chief Eisel will be able to provide a copy of the old agreement showing all the changes and deletions.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0206-05 – Firefighter Resignation to accept the resignation of part time firefighter Andrew Varga effective February 4, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich, with regrets. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0206-05 passes 3-0.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported there will be a preconstruction meeting for Safe Routes to Schools around Violet Elementary, Tuesday, February 12 at 10am at the Administrative office.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution for consideration to hire ADR & Associates for surveying and engineering design for the sidewalks around Harmon Middle School, part of SRTS grant.

Mr. Butcher reported they have been very busy over the last few weeks with snow removal. The quantity of salt in storage is sufficient. There are several hundred tons. Mr. Weltlich asked if we had any salt at the suppliers. Mr. Butcher said that contract had been fulfilled and we have an open contract with Cargill. Our salt barn at Center Street is pretty full. We transported 300 to 400 tons of salt from Pickerington to our facility. We have started re-stocking. We still have about 100 tons of salt there.

Mr. Butcher reported that every year Fairfield County Regional Planning administers a community block grant development (CDBG). There is an application deadline of March 2. Historically, we have submitted for upgrading curb ramps to ADA compliance standards. Mr. Butcher proposed that we submit an application. In the past 10 years we have been awarded two or three of those grants. The Trustees did not have any reason why he should not go ahead and apply again for the grant.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0207-02 – Authorize Hiring of ADR & Associates to Provide Surveying & Engineering Services for the Harmon Middle School Safe Routes to School Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0207-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers told Mr. Butcher to let the guys know what a good job they have done on the roads.

Mr. Dunlap said he had several people come up to him at the Chamber Annual Dinner complimenting them on the great job on our roads.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported our annual meeting with the County Engineer's office is February 19, 2013 at 8:00 am at their office.

It was decided to have the planning work session on February 28, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Mr. Yapple reported we are getting ready to move forward with documents and resolutions for the Wesleyan Church project on 204.

Mr. Yapple reported the State of the Region Luncheon for MORPC – Mid Ohio Regional Planning will be April 25th from 11am to 1pm at the Battelle Grand Ballroom at the Columbus Convention Center. Mr. Yapple needs to know who will be attending.

The RUMA Road Use Maintenance Agreement has been cleaned up and Mr. Yapple sent it back to Greg and now we have it back to where it looks good. After Greg is done with it we will send to Jeff Porter, Fairfield County Prosecutor to approve it. We did not change anything; just made it readable.

We have made most of the transfers with the shared services for our IT network. We have had some issues but we are working through them.

Mr. Yapple had given the Trustees (in their boxes) some cost benefit analysis from Granicus. Mr. Weltlich asked why do this. Mr. Yapple said it makes it simpler to gather information for agendas and minutes off of it and they keep all of the recordings. The big advantage is you build a template to fit the Township. You can manually enter any comments or it can drag some of it. There are three or four entities around us that are using this program. We could save about \$12,000 a year using this. Mr. Myers wanted to know what we would be getting for \$1,000 a month. Mr. Yapple said we would get the

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program plus the use of their cloud. The Trustees would like to have a presentation done and then they will talk about it.

We have the agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the grant we applied for a \$20,893.00 grant for the Busey Road Park Project. The presentation we sent them was for paving pathways and a couple canopies.

Possible savings we are looking at for BWC for the year 2013 is in the neighborhood of \$20,000 but could be closer to \$30,000 depending on if we use the transitional workplace.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0206-01 – Resolution to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio – Zoning Amendment Number 01-ZC-2012. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0206-01 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0206-03 – Adopt Agreement for GPS/GIS Services between Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District and Violet Township Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0206-03 passes 3-0.

The next resolution 2013-0206-04 – Information presented by Ms. Sarko - A Resolution Setting Hearing and Providing Notice Concerning a Structurally Defective, Insecure and Unsafe Structure and Declaring the Property owned by Creekside Community Church and the Greater Ohio District of the Wesleyan Church Located at 9720 Blacklick Eastern Road, in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. Ms. Sarko explained that we have submitted this property along with several others to Fairfield County for the Moving Ohio Forward Program. Fairfield County was awarded over \$500,000 to remove abandoned, vacant and blighted homes. This home has been vacant since mid-2000. It has not been occupied since it was sold to the church. This is the first step in removing this house. Mike Asebrook and the Board of Health have both condemned the structure in accordance with section 50586 of the Ohio Revised Code. We have obtained two bids which are \$20,000 apart for the demolition of the structure. We will have to go through proper bidding process in conjunction with Fairfield County's requirements to award that bid. One bid was \$18,500 and the other bid was \$38,000. We are working with Worthmans to seal the wells and one of the bids included abandoning the septic system. There is a lot of paperwork that we have to go through to follow the proper process. Per Mr. Dunlap, we pay the contractor and get reimbursed from the state funds. Mr. Yapple said this was correct. Ms. Sarko added that in addition to this being the first step it also allows us to get a title search done so there are no liens on the property. Once we get the consent on the bids and everything then the board could act sooner than March 20th for the date of the Public Hearing. Mr. Weltlich wanted to know what the purpose of the public hearing would be. Ms. Sarko said it was to allow any property owners or any lien holders the opportunity to say they don't want this building torn down. This is a requirement of the 505 act. We have received several letters from property owners that are interested in doing the same thing. Mr. Weltlich asked if the public has the right to protest tearing down the property. Mr. Yapple said not the public but it is a chance to give the owner and the lender time (30 day notice).

Additionally, Ms. Sarko added that she spoke to the Historical Society and she was told that with historical structures certain entities have their own preservation office but for the purpose of the moving Ohio Forward they are not requiring a historic preservation review for the township.

Mr. Yapple said the gentleman at the Wesleyan Church that we have been speaking with controls all the property and manages all the properties for this in the state. We have required an affidavit or copies of their meeting minutes which shows whoever signs the document has the authority to sign it.

Mr. Yapple said he was hoping to do about (8) properties in the Township.

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Mr. Dunlap wanted to make sure that once we get going on this we will make sure there is enough in that \$500,000 that the county has coming to cover ours before we initiate any destruction. Mr. Yapple agreed. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0206-04 – A Resolution Setting Hearing and Providing Notice Concerning a Structurally Defective, Insecure and Unsafe Structure and Declaring the Property owned by Creekside Community Church and the Greater Ohio District of the Wesleyan Church Located at 9720 Blacklick Eastern Road, in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0206-04 passes 3-0.**

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported it used to be we just had to balance our primary checking account but things have changed and we are now required to balance every investment, every fund, every account, revenue recovery, and primary and secondary pensions. They have one last thing to balance and then the 2012 books will be closed. They plan to pay bills tomorrow.

Mr. Smith reported he and Mr. Yapple have talked to the Columbus Dispatch and they did an interview about our estate tax. They are trying to get it out to the public that all Townships are taking a hit.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we paid any bills at all. Mr. Smith said we paid our health insurance with a manual warrant and for our electric bills for the fire department and Senior Center were put on our credit card.

Mr. Smith will call the Trustees tomorrow to let them know what is going on.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the next big bill was. Mr. Smith said PERS was taken out ACH (automatic clearing house). Mr. Weltlich wanted to know why we could not do this with all of our major bills. Mr. Smith said we could look into this if the Trustees were interested.

Trustee Reports

none

Trustees out of Office Meetings

Meeting with the County Engineers office on February 19th at 8am
Pickerington Chamber Meeting on February 21st which is the next day after our next Trustee meeting so we are giving 24 hour notice.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held February 20, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Pay Bills

There were no bills to be paid.

Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative
Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____