

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 18, 2011

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll: Mr. Myers, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yapple; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fire Chief, John Eisel.

Mr. Myers asked everyone in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of January 4, 2012 without public reading. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of January 4, 2012 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:

Nick Gill from MORPC made a brief presentation on the 2012 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The formal document is updated every four years. The final draft of the Transportation Plan should be done by the end of February. Then based on the feedback they receive in regards to forecast of available funds, then will produce another document and adopt the final plan sometime in April.

Wes Fortune of 421 Hill Road North was present to submit a Public Records Request to Mr. Smith.

County Authorities:

Assistant Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. He reported the budget is looking better this year. We can't replace the 15 people we have lost but at least we plan on replacing people this year when they leave.

Their GIS Tech spoke to the surrounding counties. Right now their radio room has GIS information from all the surrounding counties. It will soon be in all the cruisers. They installed modified antennas in the cruisers and new cell phones to receive the GIS information. The deputies now have email in the cars.

Assistant Chief Deputy Perrigo will get a new contract to Mr. Yapple so that we can do a resolution at the next Trustee meeting.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel thanked Chief Deputy Perrigo as last week Chief Deputy Perrigo and one of the Captains from the Mount Vernon Fire Department were present. They are integrating a similar CAD system into the way that Fairfield County operates for their fire departments.

Chief Eisel reported he attended the Diley Ridge planning meeting last week and it was very informative.

Chief Eisel reported he spent a day with the Jefferson Township Fire Department and working with them on a certification class.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the Wellness Seminar that they are trying to re-schedule for next week at Station 592. Chief Eisel reported it is the Health Fair that we had postponed and it will be on January 25th from 8:00am to noon.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported last weeks (first snow event) went just fine.

Mr. Butcher had given the Trustees information on spill prevention control plan that is a requirement by the EPA that needs to be in place because of any spills that we may have. Mr. Butcher was requesting a resolution be done at the next Trustee meeting to approve the plan.

Mr. Butcher brought up the topic of reflectivity they had discussed several months ago. The deadlines of sign replacements in 2015 to 2018 are on hold,, however after review the 2012 deadline of having a sign management plan is in effect. Mr. Butcher requested the Trustees review the plan and provide comments.

Mr. Butcher reported he attended a Far East Freeway Study meeting. In 2004 Mr. Butcher was on a committee to study the interstate 70 freeway from Livingston Avenue out to the Fairfield Licking County line. They came up with a lot of good concepts and interchanges. They have taken some of these concepts and suggestions and the state has contracted a consulting firm to revisit the study. He feels we could move this forward into a new effort. Perhaps we can use some of these bits and pieces as there is some conversation of extending of the westbound on ramp from 256 to 70 where we have that merge and perhaps extending the two lanes all the way out to the bridge at Blacklick Creek. Mr. Butcher will keep the Trustees informed as they move forward.

Mr. Butcher has not heard anything from District 17 regarding our Issue 1 application. They will be meeting in the next few days.

Mr. Butcher reported that Mr. Bachman from the City of Pickerington has asked him to review a few 'request for qualifications' he has out, namely the SR 256 Safety Improvements and the Center Street, Meadows Avenue, Milnor Road intersection improvement.

Mr. Butcher reported Jeremiah Upp was appointed by the central committee to be the County Engineer until the end of the year. Jeff Baird has decided not to seek primary election and has withdrawn his name.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had called Mr. Upp. Mr. Butcher said he had not but he would.

Mr. Myers asked if the CDL drivers had received their notification for the State of Ohio. The deadline is January 30, 2014. There is a medical form that should have been received with the first letter.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple said he would like some suggested times for their annual planning session in February.

Mr. Yaple reported there were Building Permits – OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER - YTD we have 4 single-family units in the quarter for a total of 20 for the year at 6.3 mil in valuation. We have had 4 commercial permits and 34 for the year. We have had 15 other permits for the quarter.

January 30th there is a District Advisory Council. Mr. Myers will be the representative for the council.

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We will have some resolutions to do some approvals for applying for a NatureWorks Grant and hire Blake Rafeld to do that. There is about \$20,000.00 available in Fairfield County this year.

We also need a motion to accept the Resignation of Paul Stearns from the Port Authority Board.

We would like to have a variance to waive the fees on an application for a wheelchair ramp on private property on Capetown Ave. The ramp will protrude beyond the setback and we cannot variance him without going to the BZA hearing process. The ramp is a necessity for the house. We would like to waive the variance fees so that person does not have to go into that expense.

We need reservations for the Pickerington Chamber Banquet coming February 4th.

A reminder that Tuesday January 31st from 6:30pm to 8:30pm is the Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Plan at Wagnalls Lithopolis. There is information on their website to look at the plan.

The OTA Convention is coming up on February 8th through the 11th.

Mr. Yapple reported that he had provided the Trustees information about the Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Plan. He said that staff had been involved in this project for over a year. Basically they have adopted the involved communities input. We have used our Land Use Plan and put that information into the larger Balanced Growth Plan for Walnut Creek which runs into the Scioto River watershed. He said the public hearing to roll out the plan and information will be held at Wagnalls Memorial Library on January 31st, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we needed to nominate someone from our organization to be on the District 17 committee. Mr. Yapple said we could do something at the February 1st meeting as they have a meeting on February 16th. Mr. Yapple will look into this.

Mr. Yapple had a letter for support of the Ohio Township Association for Sugarcreek Township for permission to include Violet Township for an Amicus Brief that is being filed with the Supreme Court on the city of Centerville for type 2 annexations. They are proposing to not put a tax district in there and taking all the township taxes - not taking them out of the township but they are going to take the township taxes and there is a suit in the Supreme Court about this. They ask all the Townships to be a part of the Amicus Brief by sending a letter of consent.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2012-0118-02 – Authorize Financial Assistance under the NatureWorks Program – This authorizes Mr. Yapple to file the application and sign the application. Mr. Weltlich made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0118-02. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution No. 2012-0118-03 – To Hire Blake Rafeld and Associates for Assistance with Grant Paperwork at a cost not to exceed \$2500.00. Mr. Myers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0118-03. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

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Mr. Yapple asked the Trustees to consider a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Stearns from the Port Authority Board. **Mr. Weltlich made the motion to accept with regrets and appreciation expressed for his services. Discussion:** Mr. Yapple explained Mr. Stearns was very sorry to have to file this but he was nominated to do something and he is not in town very often so he felt he could not put the time in he needed. We will be looking for someone to replace him. There will be multiple candidates to interview. **Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2012-0118 passes 3-0.**

The next motion is to waive the variance application fees for a wheelchair ramp for property on Capetown Avenue. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to waive variance application fees for a wheelchair ramp for property on Capetown Avenue. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2012-0118 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Smith said it has been our past practice to have a motion around this time for liaison duties. Mr. Myers made a motion to retain the same liaison duties as we have in the past. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion C2012-0118 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Office

Mr. Smith reported today that Violet Township in partnership with the City of Pickerington and Canal Winchester attended Ethics training at Pickerington North High School and it was very informative. The 2011 books are not quite closed. We will not have bills to present this week but will have bills imminently and when 2011 is closed and all the invoices are processed Mr. Smith will call the Trustees for approval.

We have a supplemental appropriation resolution and there is a supplemental appropriation for gasoline tax that we hardly ever do. This is to clean up where the County sent us too much money at the end of 2011. They sent us an invoice so now we have to pass this resolution in order to get them their money back. Mr. Dunlap asked if this would create an issue in doing this. Mr. Smith said no that they were aware. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0118-01 – Supplemental Appropriations. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0118-01 passes 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap reported he spoke to the County Treasurers office regarding tax bills that usually are mailed out between Christmas and New Years. They have had problem with their computers and the tax bills will be stuffed this week and should go out sometime next week. Normally taxes are due by February 16th but Because of this delay they will extend another week.

Mr. Weltlich reported he attended the Opiate Education Task Force with Fairfield County in Lancaster and was distraught with the way it is being led.

Mr. Myers reported he presented the proclamation to the Pickerington Central High School Football team. They were very appreciative.

Trustees out of Office Meetings:

Mr. Myers will attend the District Advisory Council meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the third floor hearing room of the Fairfield County Courthouse.

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On January 25th from 8 am to noon is Health Screening for employees, their spouse and children are invited to attend.

On January 31, 2012 is the Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Plan from 6:30 to 8:30 p m at Wagnalls in Lithopolis.

New Business:

Mr. Weltlich reported that Lancaster Public Transportation Authority has had their funding cut and we gave them an additional \$1000. The Pickerington Senior Center has authorized an additional \$2,000. Mr. Weltlich would like to propose that we reconsider adding another \$1,000 and if the Trustees agree then Mr. Weltlich will ask the City of Pickerington for \$1,000.00. If these two things happen they will be secure with their funding through the end of this year. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to give an additional \$1000.00 to the Lancaster Public Transportation Authority for the year 2012. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion D2012-0118 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____