

## **Violet Township Board of Trustees**

January 4, 2011

Regular Meeting

Fiscal Officer Chris Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Smith asked for nominations to elect Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Weltlich nominated Mr. Myers. Mr. Dunlap seconded the nomination. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, abstain. Mr. Myers is elected Chairman for 2012 with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Myers opened the floor for nomination for election of Vice Chairman. Mr. Weltlich nominated Mr. Dunlap. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. Mr. Dunlap is elected as Vice Chairman for 2012 with a vote of 2-0.

**Mr. Weltlich moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of December 21, 2011 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 December 21, 2011 are approved 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made the motion to set the regular meetings of the Violet Township Board of Trustees to be the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., except the first meeting in July, which will be held on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. because the July 4<sup>th</sup> is a holiday. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried.**

### **Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:**

There were no guests and no public comments.

### **County Authorities:**

There were no public authorities present.

### **Departmental Reports**

#### **Fire Department**

Chief Eisel reported they are working closing out 2011. He said they are interested in firefighter accountability and locating devices developed by TRX Systems. He said that he hoped to have more information to them for next meeting.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the 2011 Toy Drive. Mr. Eisel said the Toy Drive was amazing and said the support from business communities and special events was overwhelming. He said the number of toys received was incredible. Chief Eisel said that there were 22 businesses that had boxes and there were ten more boxes than last year and more that were requested.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the annual inventory that needs to be submitted by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Chief Eisel said that they will have it completed.

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Mr. Dunlap asked about the new engine that was purchased. Chief Eisel reported they will be traveling to Wisconsin February 7<sup>th</sup> and they will make the first of 3 visits to the factory to review the building of the new truck.

### **Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported the weather remains quiet. He noted the inventories have been submitted to Mr. Yapple for his review.

Mr. Dunlap commented that a tree fell down and was crossing Harmon Road north of Camelot on Sunday night; he complimented the Fire Department and Road Department in their quick response in moving the tree from the roadway.

Mr. Weltlich commented about the data Mr. Butcher provided regarding vehicle repairs. He said this was good data.

### **Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple said they need to set a date for the annual planning session in February. He asked the Trustees to provide dates. Mr. Myers suggested that the planning meeting occurs on one day or on several days so that each department – Fire, Roads, and Mr. Yapple can meet individually with the Trustees.

Mr. Weltlich suggested they have more, brief workshop meetings during the year to monitor where the Township is with its budget so there is no surprise at the end of the year. Mr. Myers suggested bi-monthly or quarterly meetings. He asked Mr. Yapple and Mr. Smith to put together some dates. Mr. Weltlich said he is very concerned what the external environment will do to the Township. Mr. Yapple suggested late February.

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution No. 2012-0104-01 – Renewing Membership Dues with MORPC.**

Mr. Yapple reported the cost is the same cost per capita, a total of \$5,902.00 based on 19,040 residents. **Mr. Weltlich made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0104-01. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Discussion:** Mr. Myers commented about the Transportation map prepared by MORPC and presented at Regional Planning Commission the previous evening. He asked what parts of Fairfield County are included in that plan. Mr. Yapple replied that in addition to Violet, Canal Winchester and a portion of Bloom Township. He gave the example of Diley Road being a major corridor and receiving federal funding for its improvement. He said the plan is not finalized and will be voted on by the full Commission in February. Mr. Myers asked if S.R. 256 is included, Mr. Yapple said that it is not it is a different fund. Mr. Yapple said the only thing in Fairfield County that is included in that plan is the Winchester Road interchange. Mr. Weltlich said that it was his understanding that if the project is not endorsed by MORPC that a community would not receive funding for the project. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

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**Resolution No. 2012-0104-03 – Authorize IT Agreement with Keytel Systems.** Mr. Yapple reported we will be moving to the “Cloud” and eliminate servers and this is an annual agreement for their services. **Mr. Weltlich made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-0104-03. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple reported that Resolution No. 2012-0104-02 was not necessary as a motion to establish the meetings has already been passed.

**Resolution No. 2012-0104-04- Advance Tax Collections for 2012.** Mr. Yapple reported the Township has requested advances from the current tax collections and in order to do so a resolution must be adopted. **Mr. Dunlap made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-0104-04. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Resolution No. 2012-0104-05–To Authorize Participation in ODOT Purchasing Program.** Mr. Yapple reported the Township has participated in this program for the past eight to ten years. **Mr. Myers made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-0104-05. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yapple if he had read the OTA Magazine article about the formation of the Ohio Public Employees Benefit Council. Mr. Weltlich said it is a coalition of Township organizations to combine employee health insurance and benefits. He said that it is sponsored by the OTA. He asked Mr. Yapple to look at the program.

### **Fiscal Office**

Mr. Smith reported he is busy working on closing 2011 books. He said they are getting ready to open the books at the next Trustee meeting.

### **New Business**

Mr. Yapple asked if the Trustees wanted to participate in the annual Pickerington Chamber Dinner on February 4<sup>th</sup>. He said there was discussion about giving a donation of material or equipment that perhaps they give a donation of money for the silent auction fundraiser. **Mr. Weltlich made the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce for the silent auction on February 4, 2012. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A-2012-0104 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple said he had provided the Trustees information regarding the shared services collaboration meeting at Madison Township. He commented that he and Mr. Weltlich had attended these meetings in the past and that the meetings will be resuming on January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**Mr. Dunlap made the motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 to discuss personnel issues after a fifteen minute break. Mr. Myers added that there may be action taken after the Executive Session. Motion died for lack of a second.**

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Kent Keisch, 529 Brighton Street, attorney was present to address the Board. He said that the allegations against this individual have not been substantiated and no independent investigation has been done. He said he has submitted a proposal to Township's legal counsel for a small extension of time so that they can resolve the issue to the benefit of all parties involved.

Mr. Weltlich made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Myers added that action may be taken after Executive Session. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Mr. Smith said after a very short break they will enter into executive session.

**Mr. Weltlich made the motion to return from Executive Session and resume the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Regular meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.**

**Mr. Dunlap made the motion to accept the resignation submitted for Chad Smith, effective immediately. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B-2012-0104 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 9:21 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

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