

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 19, 2011

Regular Meeting

Chairman Weltlich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Christopher Smith called the roll and 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. Weltlich asked the audience to join with him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of those that safeguard our freedoms around the world and our public safety officers here at home. A silent prayer was optional.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of 10-05-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 10-05-2011 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:

Eric Justice of 8725 Ashford Lane, Countrywood was present a 2007 PHSN Alumni – He wanted to know why the Trustees approved Pickerington Central and not Pickerington North and he doesn't think there is an equal split. Mr. Weltlich replied they posed the question as though there was bias and in reality it was turned down because the financial situation that we face and we are not by charter a philanthropic organization. Mr. Dunlap added that we did not turn down Pickerington North when they came to us a few years ago. We had asked for additional information and they did not supply this information therefore we felt they did not need the money. Mr. Myers noted that when the Trustees voted two weeks ago Mr. Myers did not vote with his colleagues. He felt that since we gave money to central we could afford a portion of money this time and his colleagues chose not to do that. Mr. Myers clarified that this would be the last time we give monies to the Food Pantry and the Violet Festival.

Mr. Myers thought he recalled Pickerington North came to us.

Julie Eing 12234 Harmon Road – She said it doesn't seem right.

Kim Markwood 13949 Toll Bridge Way – Ravines of Tollgate was present.

Bill Justice of 8725 Ashford Lane asked if the bottom line is we cannot expect support from the Trustees. Mr. Weltlich said we had voted at the last meeting of 2-1-11. Mr. Justice asked if there was any way to change that vote to get some type of support. Mr. Weltlich said there would have to be a motion and a second. Mr. Dunlap stated we would have to check with the Fiscal Office first to re-visit and our next meeting is November 2nd. We will have to wait till we see what the Fiscal Office comes back with.

Mary Patton 8866 Oakshire Drive thinks the Township needs to consider putting this back on the table. She wants to look at the financials. Mr. Weltlich said they are public information and she would need to get with the Fiscal Officer.

Mark Knight of 11742 Village Way was present.

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. He reported they received funding to open Camp Reams should open in a few weeks.

Chief Deputy Perrigo reported they will be going to trial for the riot in the jail.

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There has been some collaboration with other agencies. There are 6 new cruisers out on the roads. There are new program on their mdts in the cars. Crimereports.com is up to date.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the canine fundraising. Chief Deputy Perrigo said they will keep their canine.

Chief Deputy Perrigo recommends residents don't leave those expensive items in your vehicle and close your garage doors.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department:

Chief Eisel reported they held another Red Cross Blood Drive at Station 2 and it went very well.

Chief Eisel reported he attended a Town Hall meeting last night. Several hundred people attended to discuss the drug issue in Fairfield County and the Pickerington area.

The Fire Department has 12 more days of the pink shirts for the month of October in support of breast cancer awareness month.

Mr. Myers gave kudos to all the guys on the Open House this year at Station 592.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Chief Eisel heard anything back on Engine 591. Chief Eisel was expecting something yesterday so he expects it any day.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any feedback from MECC about insurance. Chief Eisel said there is an interest from our level but he is not sure about the other Trustees. He has the information and will get it to Mr. Weltlich.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported they received a letter from a resident on Nantucket Ave. Mr. Butcher sent the Trustees a copy of the request that he sent to the Sheriff's office. They have painted 25 mph on the road.

Mr. Butcher reported that paving in Woodsfield and on Hounsedale in Summerfield will be completed next week. Some of the streets are rough until they get the top coat put on them. Shelly will most likely come in next week.

If any questions on the Issue One grant applications please get with Greg.

Mr. Butcher compiled the information Mr. Weltlich asked for data on repair performance.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there were any issues with the Dog Park. They did get to do some re-seeding. Mr. Weltlich asked what they would do around fountains when a high wear area. Mr. Yapple said that they have not come up with any final conclusion. They have discussed.

Mr. Weltlich thinks there is a rubber mat that allows grass to grow up through high openings. It may or may not solve the issue. Mr. Butcher said they also talked about mulch as well as recycled rubber. Concrete would be expensive.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reminded everyone of the Drug and Electronics Day on October 29th from 9am to noon at the Service Center.

Mr. Yaple reported we have been involved in discussions with Fairfield County GIS for a number of years and Mr. Yaple was approached by Dave Burgei at the County about the 2012 photo shoot that they would like to do. There is a different realm to the new shots. They will be more like the street shots you get on Google. They will be in conjunction with the State of Ohio. The last few times we have participated the cost has been a lot less than when we participated in the initial program. Our cost will be a little less than \$8,000. We will keep you informed. We don't have to take any action at this time.

Mr. Yaple reported there is a viewing and hearing date to establish the necessary right-of-way for intersection realignment on Pickerington Road (CR20) and Refugee Road (CR7) in the area of Violet Township, Sections 2 and 26. The viewing is scheduled at the site at 9:00 a.m., November 1, 2011 and the hearing is on the third floor hearing room, old Courthouse at 11:00 a.m., November 1, 2011. The realignment is similar to what was proposed by the County Engineers Office a few years ago, which involves a realignment of the intersection with turn lanes. It is the same plan they proposed 7 or 8 years ago when they were going to put the traffic light in. Mr. Butcher said it is for a realignment that makes it closer (90 degrees) in turn lanes on both roads and right of way acquisition from the southeast corner. Mr. Butcher has asked for the plans but does not have them. It will meet the design criteria according to Mr. Butcher. Mr. Weltlich is still opposed to this unless it is truly 90 degrees.

Mr. Butcher has requested the plans but has not received it. Mr. Yaple said they will probably have the information that day. They will probably require a right of way. Mr. Dunlap asked Greg to contact the Engineers office to request to look at it and let the Trustees know what his thoughts are on this. Mr. Weltlich thinks it is a 'band aid'

Mr. Yaple reported we received a note from the Secretary of State regarding what is on the statewide issues that are on the ballot this November.

On November 4th we will be doing a health screening for employees and spouses here at the Township. If anyone is interested in attending they can contact Rochelle.

We had 16 new single family home permits for the year. We have had 27 commercial permits this year. Some of this is from the schools with remodeling. We had 35 other-permits for the quarter for a total of 76 for the year.

Mr. Yaple has applied for a permit to replace the roof for the building on 4 E. Columbus Street. Mr. Yaple should have something back in about 10 days. This should be happening after the first of November.

Mr. Yaple reported he and Mr. Butcher discussed his spill prevention containment plan and Mr. Butcher said he was working on it.

They continue to look for grant opportunities for Busey Road Park.

Mr. Yaple hopes to have the Meeting Rules and Regulations Policy for consideration at the next Trustee meeting.

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Keller Williams is asking for presence at their open house on October 23rd from 1-5pm. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer have been invited.

The EPA is going to issue some grants for smart growth implementation systems. We are going to submit a letter with cooperation with the City of Pickerington and Canal Winchester to do some future planning. It is not like the Issue 2 funds. It is not a major expense to us. The deadline is the end of October.

Mr. Yapple reported every year we audit the City of Pickerington and the Village of Canal Winchester for license tag issues of tags that are registered in the wrong community. We received the report back yesterday. Last year Dalene Pride found 291 tags that were not registered in the Township that should have been registered to us. Along with that, Ms. Pride's contract is fulfilled at this point. If we want Ms. Pride to audit the 2011 and 2012 tags (2 year contract) she will continue to do that at the same cost as she has been doing it (\$3.15 for each found license tag not in our jurisdiction). This comes to roughly \$2500 for 291 vehicles that she found. Our expense is \$900 for this year. Mr. Smith said it was \$916.00. Mr. Yapple said it has always paid for itself. Mr. Yapple asked that the Trustees consider renewing Dalene Prides agreement for two years for the 2011-2012 audit year at the same cost we have had. There is a request she has to pay to the state that is new and it is a \$72 per taxing district that we would pay over and above the \$3.15.

We had talked about putting de-icing cables on the roofline on part of this building. Mr. Yapple received three proposal. The price he had given the Trustees was about \$8000 and then he received one for \$7480 and third one was \$4200. Mr. Yapple said the product this gentleman is using Mr. Yapple used when he was in the construction business and it worked. Weibel Electric has been in business for 35 years.

Mr. Myers made a motion to authorize Mr. Yapple to sign an agreement with Daline Pride and Associates for a motor vehicle taxing district audit. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap recommended keeping up with this service. Mr. Dunlap also said if you do not live in the City limits make sure they put Violet Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A1019-2011 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to authorize Weibel Electric Company to install the de-icing cables on the east and north ends of the Violet Township building as discussed and as not to exceed \$4200. Motion B1019-2011 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Office

Mr. Smith reminded the Trustees of the upcoming planning session is just around the corner and they need any information prior to this to let him know.

Mr. Smith reported he has two new vendors. One is fairly self explanatory as it is the tractor company for the loader Mr. Butcher spoke of. On page 2 – Truck-Pro Columbus is a new vendor we use for brakes.

Someone in the audience asked exactly where to go to get the financial records for the Township. Mr. Smith explained that the gentleman could just send him an email with his request and he asked him to be as specific as he can.

Mark Knight of 1172 Village Way, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Asked what a Parado Analysis was. Mr. Weltlich explained the 80/20 rule and that Mr. Smith

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will try to “massage” it not to change the numbers to break them into broader categories. Mr. Smith explained the reason they are doing the detailed analysis is because with our revenues being greatly reduced we want to know inside and out what our revenues have been, where they are headed and where our expenses are so that we can do our best to steward your money,

Trustee Reports:

None

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

There may be more than one Trustee at the Violet Township Service Center for the Drug Electronics Day from 9am to noon on October 29th.

There may be more than one Trustee at the Viewing on 11-2-2011 to establish the necessary right of way for intersection realignment on Pickerington Road and Refugee Road.

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

None

Mr. Dunlap asked about the conversation with the City of Pickerington regarding cooperative maintenance and if there had been any contact regarding this subject. Mr. Yapple reported that a meeting was set today with the City Manager for next week. Mr. Butcher will be in on this meeting; so we are beginning to talk about shared maintenance.

Pay Bills:

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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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: _____