

Violet Township Board of Trustees

November 2, 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 10-19-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 10-19-2011 are approved 3-0.**

**Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:**

Mr. Yapple explained that Ms. Lilly called late in the afternoon stating she could not attend tonight's meeting to request a waiver or reduction of variance application for 13411 Capetown.

Tammy Miller of 8960 Hill Road South was present. Ms. Miller asked that the Trustees vote no to donating to the Pickerington High School North Band Trip.

Matt Gurer, Band Director at Pickerington High School North who resides at 8295 Karyn Court, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 was present. Mr. Gurer wanted to 'clear the air' about not being at the Fairfield County Fair. Mr. Gurer explained the reason they did not attend the Fairfield County Fair was because there was a mix-up in communication about the busing.

Dale Justice 8725 Ashford Lane, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Justice asked if the Trustees decided to support the band or not. Mr. Justice explained that their contest had to be cancelled because of rain and therefore they lost out on their extra \$3500 and have come before the board as a last result. Mr. Justice said they are short about \$8000.00 to \$9000.00. Mr. Weltlich asked if they had gone to Pickerington City Council yet. Mr. Justice said they had not.

Kim Markwood of 13949 Toll Bridge Way, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Ms. Markwood said the majority of the trip is paid by the parents. Ms. Markwood explained they had kids that could not afford to pay and they are requesting the Trustees look at this again.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Smith to read an email he received from Chris Logsdon. Mr. Dunlap said if we read this one will we have to read them all. It was agreed by all three Trustees that all of the emails/letters we have received on this subject be put on the website with these minutes of 11-2-11 once they are approved.

Mr. Smith added that there are residents who are passionate 'for' and passionate 'against' this issue, so it is about 50-50.

Mr. Weltlich wanted to clarify that we did not contribute to the Pickerington Food Pantry this year and he added that Mr. Smith listed all the donations the Township made in 2011.

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**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department:**

Chief Eisel reported they have a Hazardous materials technician class going on this week.

Chief Eisel reported he attended a FEMA exercise planning meeting for the City and County on tabletop functional exercises for 2012.

Chief Eisel reported there was a tremendous amount of support with the (pink) t-shirts and there was a great partnership with other groups.

Chief Eisel reported on the Central Ohio Fire Chiefs and Grant Hospital heart section national committee was in town.

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported the split rail fence along Busey Road Park has been installed along front.

Mr. Dunlap said that on the same note the connector from the parking lot to the trail zone when they do this we need to think about a couple of posts or something to prohibit people from driving on that parking lot to the trails. He asked if Mr. Butcher said anything to the County about all the 'edge of pavement' issues we have on Busey Road because of their work on Basil Western Road. Mr. Butcher reported he did and he will get with them next week to address three or four other topics. Mr. Weltlich asked what the timeline was for this.

Shelly Company has started Phase 3 of the paving in Woodsfield. This year we have changed mix designs and went to a hot mix. It looks like it is neater and packed tighter and time will tell how it turns out. Shelly should complete their work by next Monday.

Mr. Butcher explained we have been delayed significantly but will stay on top of it to try and get the work done.

Mr. Butcher said the project allows for the construction of turn lanes from all four directions. It is difficult to make left turns going east and west currently.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Myers attended the viewing for Pickerington Refugee Road improvements. We were told that construction costs will be \$600,000 to \$700,000 and Mr. Butcher feels this is low. The County is going to apply for a OPWC Grant application which is a 75/25 split. All the right-of-way has been obtained except for the southeast corner. Mr. Myers asked them about the radii for accommodating semis (Krogers). He was told they would ensure they would make sure to accommodate turning movements at the intersection. Mr. Butcher asked the school district provide information on bus trips through the intersection. They are estimating 275 bus trips through the intersection a day.

As far as an offset from the center of the intersection each direction the improvement will be about 700 feet back. Mr. Butcher said the project allows for the construction of turn lanes from all four directions. It is difficult to make left turns going east and west currently. Mr. Butcher would like to draft a letter to

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confirm what he just stated and state what questions we have internally asked so that we can have on record and make sure nothing is forgotten.

Mr. Butcher reported that Pickerington was notified and it was on the Channel 10 news that State Route 256 (referred to as a safety grant project) was approved by ODOT. This is a 5 million project of which 90% will be paid for by the state. We have given our public support but no financial at this time. We may be asked at some level to over the next year to consider this. It received a very favorable response rating from the Ohio Department of Transportation. They should be commended for this to get a 90% award of for \$5million.

Mr. Myers said when the time comes there will be some lengthy inconveniences for some people that use that road.

### **Director of Operations**

Mr. Yaple gave the Trustees information that on November 18 from 9 am to 3:00 pm there will be an Economic Business and Financing Summit at Ohio University Pickerington. There will be several people from the State in attendance in conjunction with the City of Pickerington. This is the third year in a row they have done this event.

The annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon is planned for December 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Violet Township Service Center.

Mr. Weltlich had asked Mr. Yaple to look into some surfacing for the Dog Park. There is a product called Fabar and it is a wood composition with fiber, but can be used for these and it will take the issues of dog feces and urine and not be hazardous. Mr. Yaple did not have a cost but he will get some number together. They also recommend using an artificial turf, a rubberized grid or decomposed granite. Mr. Yaple could not find anything in a mat form. The problem he sees with the Fabar is they recommend it be 8 inches deep so you have to dig a hole for it and put drains in it. We will continue searching.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the results from the electronics/shred day that was held. Mr. Yaple reported we had about 120 vehicles through in a 3 hour period. They collected almost 1,000 pounds of shredded paper. The electronics truck was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. The last time he could not close the door. This was National Drug collection day. His guess is we got 15 or 20 pounds of pills in two different boxes. We had a trashcan full of paper that came from packages (over the counter). There were 12 or 13 people there working the event. There were people that had the Pickerington Magazine with them to remind them about this event. It was over 60% that had the magazine and said that is where they received their information. Mr. Yaple explained this is a lot cheaper to put out then a newsletter.

Mr. Dunlap reminded residents to make sure their mailboxes are sturdy and the posts are sturdy to be ready for the winter and snow removal.

Mr. Weltlich wanted to confirm that the Health Screening had been cancelled. It was his understanding that we are required to do something and if we don't, it affects our annual fees. Mr. Yaple said we cannot reschedule before the end of the year as they are full. It would be way after the flu season (sometime next spring). The committee will meet next week and this is one of this issues we will discuss.

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**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1102-01 – Establish Prima Facie Speed Limit – Meadowmoore Section 3 Phases 1 and 2. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers wanted to when the road would be finished. The state put a street sign up and they should not have. There has been discussion to eliminate that access and make that loop across the ditch. It is a private piece of construction access. It is not a dedicated street. Mr. Yapple questioned if they put the sign up naming the street – did they put a stop sign up on SR204. Mr. Yapple will contact ODOT about Thorn Lane and SR204 and Meadowmoore. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1102-01 passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Yapple presented Resolution 2011-1102-02 – Secure Legal Assistance to be Reimbursed by Port Authority. Mr. Weltlich understood that we will secure the legal counsel, we will pay legal counsel and then we will invoice the Port Authority when they have funds. Mr. Yapple said this was correct and explained that our legal counsel will be writing agreements for the Port Authority. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1102-02 – Secure Legal Assistance to be Reimbursed by Port Authority. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers; yes Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-1102-02 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to give the Pickerington North Band \$1000 towards their trip to New York City for the Veterans Day Parade. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Motion A2011-1102 is passed 2-1.**

**Fiscal Office**

Mr. Smith reminded the Trustees of the election next Tuesday and then of the upcoming planning session on November 15th at 9:00 am and anyone needs any information prior to this to let him know.

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Myers attended a meeting at Pickerington City Council and had nothing to report. Mr. Myers also reported he attended the hearing and viewing 11-2-2011 to establish the necessary right-of-way for intersection realignment on Pickerington Road and Refugee Road.

Mr. Weltlich reported we will have a Budget Planning Session on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Township offices.

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

**Old Business:**

None

**Tabled Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

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**Pay Bills:**

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

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion 8:35 p.m. to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session after a 15 minute recess to discuss personal issues per the ORC. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. The Trustees came out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer      Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

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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