

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 7, 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 11-16-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 11-16-2011 are approved 3-0.**

**Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:**

Seth Justice of 8725 Ashford Lane was present on behalf of the Pickerington High School North Marching Band. Mr. Justice thanked the Trustees for their support on helping them to be a part of the Veterans Day Parade in New York.

Paige Markwood of 13949 Toll Bridge Way was present on behalf of the Pickerington High School North Marching Band. Ms. Markwood praised and thanked the Trustees as well for their support. Ms. Markwood and Mr. Justice presented the Trustees with a poster that all the band members signed along with a thank you card.

Mr. Myers said the press had indicated the Township had given the band the rest of the money needed to make the trip to New York and he wanted to make it clear that the Trustees only gave them \$1000.

Theo Justice of 8725 Ashford Lane was also present. He reported that \$3,800 is still owed on the trip.

**County Authorities:**

n/a

Mr. Dunlap swore in Mr. Weltlich as Trustee for the next four years.

Mr. Weltlich swore in Mr. Smith as Fiscal Officer for the duties of Fiscal Officer for his continuance of office for the next four years.

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department:**

Due to the upcoming vacancy for one full time firefighter/paramedic it was recommended that Chad Smith be appointed to the position of Firefighter/paramedic. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-01 Hire Firefighter/Paramedic. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-01 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich swore in Chad Smith and pictures were taken.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-02 – Purchase New Engine. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion Mr. Dunlap asked if we get Engine 1 until this one comes. Chief Eisel said that the previous offer we had to take that truck to Wisconsin when we picked up the new one. This current offer is we deliver the truck to Findlay Fire Apparatus after delivery and acceptance of the new truck. Chief Eisel gave kudos to Doc Metzger for his hard work in this deal as well as John Findlay. Chief will write them each a letter of thanks after they are done with the deal. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-02 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported the next resolution was a procedural matter to appoint two members of the Violet Township Board of Trustees to serve on the Violet Township Volunteers Firefighters Dependent Fund Board. It is required every year to pass this resolution and name the members which will be Chief Eisel, Jason Smith, Dale Ingram, Trustee Gary Weltlich and Trustee Harry Myers. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-1207-03 – Volunteer Firefighters Dependent Fund. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-03 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported the last resolution had to do with our child safety certification classes. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-08 – Fire Department Training. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-08 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich inquired about the door alarm that Mr. Dunlap had talked about previously. Chief Eisel said he and Mr. Dunlap would be meeting on Thursday to discuss this.

#### **Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported they remain in preparation for winter weather. Mr. Butcher had also given the Trustees a document on snow and ice removal for review and comment. Mr. Butcher said he would like to get an 'information type piece' on the website that answers a lot of questions that residents might have. Mr. Dunlap suggested removing the last sentence on the last page.

Mr. Myers asked if all fulltime drivers had their CDL license. Mr. Butcher said they did and three of the part timers did as well.

Mr. Butcher is still working on getting Allen and Stemen Road striped.

Mr. Butcher reported he met with a non-profit group that is funded through Clean Ohio. Mr. Butcher reported that they first approached Mr. Yaple through our Green Pact with MORPC and what they do is look at diesel engines and look at the retrofitting or placement of those as it relates to cleaner fuel admission. They asked us several questions about our equipment and they will evaluate everything to see if we are a possible candidate for a grant. Mr. Yaple said they were looking at engine hours compared to miles on trucks.

Mr. Butcher reported the City of Pickerington has a reverse osmosis water treatment system that they just got up and running. As part of their old system they had a tank of salt and in the tank they filled it with water and used it to back flush and wash their tanks. That process is now obsolete. We are looking at obtaining brine from the City using that system.

Mr. Butcher reported the Safe Routes School Committee met again today and they are in a bit of a 'holding pattern' as they have two non-infrastructure grants and three infrastructure grants within the last three years. There is another application due in April. We are trying to cleanup and use money that is eligible for grant opportunity and looking for more implementation of sidewalks in

Woodsfield and Pickerington Elementary area. Mr. Butcher is taking the lead as 'Chairman' for this.

Mr. Butcher reported they are always looking at 'pavement maintenance' and there is a program called Micro Paver supported by the Army Core of Engineers. It allows you to assign a rating to a road and take that and look at this and as we move forward and our revenues are stagnant but he thinks it quantifies it better.

Mr. Myers asked about the program. Mr. Butcher explained it was a computer generated program where you go out to a street and assign parameters to the cracking, potholes and physical characteristics and assign a number and you can prioritize and then it transitions this into different technologies such as overlays, chip seals, etc. And it gives you a little more basis for treating a particular road and allows you to consider roads and a better way of planning ahead of the curve. Mr. Weltlich explained he had some experience with this program and you build attributes by taking pictures and you bounce it against the ODOT database and develop the database. The most important thing he saw is it changes attributes to characteristics.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher got a hold of Mrs. Barlow. Mr. Butcher said he met with Mrs. Barlow and it went fine. He told her we had no enforcement to connection of sump pumps or downspouts. Mr. Butcher said that where the water is coming from the house is well kept, well maintained and there is no clutter and he feels that it is on the persons list of things to do. This has been going on about 6 months.

### **Director of Operations**

Mr. Yaple reported we received notice that permits to sell alcohol will expire on February 1, 2012. As of this time Mr. Yaple has asked the Sheriff's office if they have any major complaints and they said no. His conversations with deputies is we have had issues with Club 33 in the past however they have not had any complaints in over 6 or 7 months according to the Sheriff's office. At this point we know of nothing to object to.

Mr. Yaple reminded everyone that the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Investor Event is on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the Fairfield County District Library in Lancaster. Mr. Weltlich announced he plans to attend. Mr. Dunlap asked if the Pickerington Chamber has scheduled something on the same time and same day. Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Yaple could check with Ms. Mayle and if it is conflicting maybe they could change it.

The County TID board is having a meeting at 9am on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Yaple will attend.

Mr. Yaple had given the Trustees a copy of a proposed vacation of Diley Road from the County Commissioners. He had a current photo off the GIS system showing the approximate 247 feet that is being talked about. Mr. Yaple talked with the County Engineer today and he is recommending not allowing the vacation because it will land lock a piece of property that would not have public access. Mr. Yaple suggests we draft a letter on those same lines and oppose the proposed vacation. He is not aware of a viewing/hearing date as of today. He did talk to one of the county prosecutors today and Mr. Dolen said he had not seen anything and probably would not see it. We do need to respond as this is part of the process. He thinks they may proceed with the hearing. Mr. Yaple was very surprised because of some of things they have done in the past. The Commissioners asked for other right-of-way in 1995 on vacation of right-of-way south of the creek so that Diley Road could be put back at some time if it was ever needed and Mr. Yaple pointed this out to the current Engineer and hopes that he will pass this information on.

Mr. Butcher asked if we have any review options other than what we already have being a home rule township. Mr. Yaple would have to review the maintenance plan.

Mr. Yapple pointed out that the blue is a 600 year flood plain. This is one of the narrowest points to cross Walnut Creek floodplain in the township because of the highness on both sides. Back in 1998 and 1999 when the County Engineer had a project to build a bridge at Amanda Northern EPA of the state stopped the project because it wasn't all elevated out of the flood plain. He said it went from a \$200,000 to a half a million dollar job and the County could not afford this so it abandoned that road and bridge project. Mr. Dunlap said at that point in time on Amanda Northern EPA wanted a bridge and we said why they can't dig pipes under the road to let the water fall through and have a shorter bridge. In his design he crossed the bridge and the road would be impassable at times as Waterloo and Diley would be but they wanted it elevated completely out of the 600 year flood plain at that time and he refused to do it. He feels this is one of the better places to cross because it serves the County better.

Mr. Butcher said he would think that until such time there is an option to cross the creek in another location nearby we need to object to the vacation. Mr. Yapple will prepare a letter to send out from the Trustees.

We will be registering everyone for the annual OTA convention in February.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-04 – To Reappoint Rick Dellinger to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich said in looking at the two people that are being reappointed he noticed there is a lot of absenteeism and wondered if there were any guidelines that we have developed. Mr. Yapple stated we do not. Trish Preston is an alternate and Rick Dellinger works for AEP and was out of town on business on those days he missed. There are no guidelines. Mr. Weltlich said it would it be a good idea to have something in place. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Mr. Myers, Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-04 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-05 – To Reappoint Trish Preston to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-06 – Advertise for Bids for Alterations of Administration Building (not to exceed \$100,000). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-06 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-09 – Retain Sara Rose, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-09 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-10 – Resolution Employing Township's Attorneys for Particular Matters for the Year 2012. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked how the rates were changing this year for all the legal personnel. Mr. Yapple said they were all holding their fees to the same as they were last year. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-10 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-11 – Resolution Retaining Wanda L. Carter and the Firm of Newhouse, Propheter, Letcher, & Moots, LLC as Legal Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-11 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-12 – Retain Alfred E. Schrader, Attorney at Law. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-12 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-13 – Adopt Agreement to Serve as Law Director. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked how the additional hourly rate works. Mr. Yapple stated we have never paid them an hourly rate. Mr. Myers also asked if we have ever been for any additional rates. There have been times when we have been over the 20 hours a month. The additional \$15,000 is for Home Rule. Mr. Yapple stated we had not. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-1207-13 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple received notice that WOW is in town and they have sent letters to residents about increased rates in 2013 and 2014.

Mr. Weltlich commented on the report that Kelly did and said if you ignore the staff we are still in the red. We need to review our current rates. He would like staff to look into ways we can recover out of pocket loss.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we ever received an official request of funding from the Fairfield County Sheriff's office. Mr. Yapple will research this for the next meeting.

There was a request from Lancaster Public Transit that they have lost funds and are requesting additional funds for 2012. Mr. Yapple recommended \$1000 and feels they are in need of the monies. People are using it and seniors and students are using this and are very happy with it. **Mr. Myers made a motion to donate an additional \$1000 to Lancaster Public Transit. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2011-1207 passes 3-0.**

#### **Fiscal Office**

Mr. Smith reported he hopes to have our appropriation budget for 2012 to be approved. Historically we have had a meeting the last week of December but this year it falls late. He will let the Trustees know within the next 10 days.

Mr. Smith had a supplemental appropriations resolution to help get us through the end of the year. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-1207-07 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-1207 is adopted 3-0.**

#### **Trustee Reports:**

None

#### **Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

#### **Motions to Be Considered:**

None

#### **Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

Mr. Weltlich reported all three Trustees will attend the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at noon at the Maintenance Facility.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **Tabled Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

None

#### **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 adjourn the regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58p.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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_