

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 19, 2012

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order and Christopher Smith, Fiscal Officer called the roll: Mr. Myers, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple; Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fire Chief, John Eisel.

Mr. Myers asked everyone in attendance to join him the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 5, 2012 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; and Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of December 5, 2012 are approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Public Hearing of 12-5-2012 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Public Hearing of December 5, 2012 are approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Special Meeting of 12-17-2012 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 17, 2012 are approved 3-0.

County Authorities:

Deputy Chief Jerry Perrigo was present and reported the budget is looking better for this year. Perrigo said there were a lot of changes in the County. Carri Brown will be the County Administrator. Perrigo talked about the article in the Dispatch on a new Police Facility with no additional tax money.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported The Toy Drive is going beyond his "wildest expectations". One of the Girl Scout troops in Pickerington held the first annual Toy Drive on Saturday. The Community Watch folks were a huge help with this event as well.

Last week Chief Eisel attended a workshop at the Fire Institute at the University of Maryland. There were a lot of great data and studies that are going on and continue to go on. He will have a summary and actions items that were produced from this. In all it was a very well rounded experience.

Chief Eisel said one of the disheartening statistic he learned was 62% of the fire deaths in residential settings either had no smoke detector present or no working smoke detector present.

We are working with the group in Plain Township today and tomorrow on the TRX training for the firefighter tracking devices. They will be at Wesley Ridge testing the devices as well as several other buildings throughout the community.

Mr. Weltlich referred back to the 62% of fire deaths that could have been prevented; wanted to know what percent did they know of people that removed the batteries because they were annoying. Chief Eisel said in the reporting system that is used lists device present or not present and if it is present whether it is operable or inoperable it doesn't take it out to the next step. There was a lot of discussion about the data being collected.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported that on December 5th they opened up bids here for the Violet Elementary Safe Routes to School sidewalk project was the largest number of bidders for any project he has been involved with. Of the eight bidders the spread was \$256,000 to \$357,000. The apparent low bidder was Trucco Construction Company for

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\$256,314. This was about \$40,000 under our grant amount. We opted to handle this project on the local level. We will handle all of the paperwork and inspections with staff.

Mr. Butcher was asked to participate in the Ohio Research Initiative for Locals (ORIL). Three County Engineers are on the board within the State of Ohio, and Mr. Butcher who represents the townships in the State of Ohio; this is a \$2 million commitment from ODOT. They are modeling this after Iowa and Minnesota who have been with the program. This is a good opportunity for us to be in on the ground floor. They have said there will be four meetings a year and they will identify projects, strategies, scopes of work and then will essentially bid it out using ODOT as the arm. It is truly a board supported venture.

Mr. Butcher gave a list of his accomplishments in 2012.

Mr. Butcher put together a paving summary spreadsheet from 2012 that identifies and summarizes actual quantities that we were billed and invoiced for as it relates to paving methodology. Key points: 8.75 miles resurfaced in 2012 of the 106 that we have, at a cost of \$425,660. \$500,000 was budgeted/allocated.

Last winter we used about 800 tons of salt (about one half of what we have used as an average over the last five years).

Waterloo Bridge over Wild Violet Run replacement completed in July, 2012 at a cost of just over \$300,000. Grant of \$105,000 from Ohio Public Works Commission assisted with project costs. The balance was split 50/50 with the County Engineers Office.

Safe Routes to Schools Grant for \$460,000 received from the Ohio Department of Transportation in May, 2012, for design and construction of sidewalks around Harmon Middle School. This work will be completed in 2014.

Approximately 1,500 bike helmets were provided to Pickerington Local School District 5th graders in October, 2012, paid for by Safe Routes to Schools grant.

Continued cooperation with the City of Pickerington on salt purchasing and storage, safety training and development of a multi-jurisdictional Debris Management Plan in the event of a declared disaster.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the status of the salt delivery agreement with American Salt. Mr. Butcher called and they said they were going to extend this to sometime in 2013; however, they have not finalized that decision yet.

Mr. Dunlap commended Mr. Butcher for a good job on the paving and keeping everything under budget.

Mr. Myers commended Mr. Butcher on the new flag pole at the maintenance facility.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported we had applied for a grant for Busey Road Park trails and shelters. We received the award letter from ODNR for a grant.

Stormwater control program computer work is proceeding. It appears to be working good and hopefully in a month we can see what we have at that point.

We received the brackets for the road equipment and are still waiting on the computers to install in the trucks.

On the Moving Ohio Forward project we have a meeting with a property owner next week to go through the semantics for his parcel. The recouped funds will be held in Violet Township. We will codify it in the documents we build.

The prosecutor has agreed to our Senior Center agreement. We will try and renew this after the first of the year.

Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher have modified the road use maintenance agreement. Mr. Yapple questioned ODNR if they would acknowledge the road use agreement they have and notify us as to well permits being issued in the Township.

Mr. Yaple asked if the Trustees wanted to proceed to be a platinum member with the Pickerington Chamber in 2013 as we have done in the past. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to be a platinum member for 2013 with the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce for \$1200.00. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Motion A2012-1219 passes 3-0.

We are working on new fee schedule for the Building and Zoning departments. We hope to get this to the Trustees shortly after the first of the year. Our commercial fees are lower than most.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-01 – To Adopt Development Standards for the Violet Township Canal Winchester CEDA District. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Reappoint 2012-1219-01 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-02 – To Reappoint Albert Kluczynski to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-03 – To Reappoint Steve Palsgrove to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-04 – Adopt Agreement to Serve as Law Director. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-04 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-05– Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys for Particular matters in zoning and building matters and issues for the year 2013. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: It was decided to amend and add zoning and matters. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to amend Resolution 2012-1219-05 to Modify Section 1. to read: are hereby employed on an annual basis for calendar year 2013 as the Township’s legal counsel and insert the words: “in zoning matters and issues”. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-05 as amended passes 3-0. Motion B1219-2012 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-10 – Violet Township Elementary School SRTS Project, PISD 88338. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-10 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-11 – To Retain Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an “As Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-11 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-12 – Adopt Agreement for the “Adopt a Tree Program”. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Butcher said they will just continue as they have been doing. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-12 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-13 – To Appoint Jodi Wilson and Margaret (Peg) Tobin to Terms on the Violet Township Port Authority Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked what the terms were. Mr. Yaple said Jodi Wilson’s is a 3 year term and Peg’s is a 4 year term. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-13 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported this was a very busy time for their office. Mr. Smith and Mr. Yaple have been looking into their bond situation to see if there is a way to move them to save some money. They are asking questions to see what our opportunities are. As part of

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our continuing strategy we have a transfer of funds into our debt reduction fund. Once they get back on the status whether we can move those bonds in order to reduce those interest rates. Mr. Weltlich said now was the time to do it.

Mr. Smith had (4) resolutions for appropriations. We have a supplemental appropriation to pay off the Waterloo Bridge. The transfer of funds is to authorize payment to reimburse our fire chief for his unused leave time as agreed to by the Board. The big one is the appropriations for permanent appropriations Budget.

Mr. Weltlich asked what leverage do we have over RBC Capital Markets that Katie Kleinfelder represents. Mr. Smith said we have an opportunity if someone wants to purchase the remaining debt.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-06 – to Authorize Payment. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-06 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-07 – Adopt the 2013 Township Permanent Appropriations Budget and to Appropriate Permanent Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-07 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-08 – Transfer Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-08 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1219-09 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-1219-09 passes 3-0.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported he attended the Senior Foundation Board meeting today which is something separate from the Senior Center. They have a base amount in their account of about \$159,000 which cannot be touched and the only thing that can be spent is the interest. If the Senior Center runs into a difficulty and their levies can't support their needs then they can come to the Foundation for support.

Trustees out of Office Meetings

There may be more than one Trustee at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Thursday, December 20, 2012.

December 21 at noon is the Employee Appreciation Luncheon at our Service Center.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held January 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Pay Bills

Mr. Dunlap made the motion to pay the bills. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Executive Session:

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. per Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code – Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment - to include Attorney Ron Linville, Fire Chief John Eisel, Trustees: Harry W. Myers, Jr., Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Gary P. Weltlich and Fiscal Officer, Christopher H. Smith; Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:57 pm. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

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: _____