

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 15, 2012

Regular Meeting

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

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

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

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of February 1, 2012 without public reading. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of February 1, 2012 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Darren Mead of 7867 Jefferson Drive in Canal Winchester was present. Mr. Mead is the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Greg Marx' office. Mr. Mead explained that Mr. Marx is working on a deal where he could work out of the Pickerington Police Department at least once a month and since Mr. Mead lives in the Township it would be easier if he were the one to do this.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported on the inspection visit for the new engine. They did propose some changes to the new engine and some drawer configurations through this process. Chief Eisel will be bringing some cost configurations to the Trustees within the next few weeks. Chief Eisel was very impressed with the entire operation.

Chief Eisel was pleased with the way everything got handled with the fire at Pickerington North High School.

Chief Eisel attended the Red Cross breakfast fundraiser in Lancaster that was for Fairfield Hocking Red Cross Chapter. It was very well attended.

Tabletop exercise planning continues. The final meeting is Thursday. Chief Eisel will have more information after this occurs.

Chief Eisel presented a resolution dealing with sending three individuals to the annual State Fire School through Bowling Green State University to become certified to the rescue technical level. The Central Ohio Strike Team has provided a scholarship reimbursement for one of the students in the amount of \$2,500.00. Total amount of resolution is \$7500.00. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-0215-06 – Fire Department Training. Mr. Myers seconded the motion.** Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked how much would come out of the Fire Department budget. **Chief Eisel said \$5,000.00 would come out. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-06 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap reported the Trustees received information from John Kochis, EMA about the radios for a meeting on March 7th. Mr. Dunlap wanted to know if our equipment would be compatible with this or will we have to spend money.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the cause of the fire at Pickerington North and Chief Eisel did not have the full details yet.

Mr. Weltlich asked about a discussion about Chief Eisel contacting the MECC organization participants to see if there was any interest in insurance collaboration. Chief Eisel said he has had mixed reviews. Chief Eisel will get Mr. Weltlich the names and information he needs so he can write a letter to be from all the Trustees.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher had received a call from someone who is doing some cleanup work that involves some roll off containers that he wants to leave in the street for a few weeks. Mr. Butcher recommended that he needed to keep those in the driveway. The Trustees concurred with Mr. Butcher's decision.

Mr. Butcher will be looking at some tree removal in the next few weeks. One is located on Lockville Road (our portion) and one on one on Waterloo Eastern. There is also one on Busey. To bring the trees down is more than we can handle with our own resources.

Mr. Butcher reported they continue to patch holes. Salt usage is at about 300 tons to date. A year ago we were at 1,000 tons. We have 'picked up' our brine usage a bit which he feels has helped a bit. We have had some conditions that have been very receptive to the use of this application.

Mr. Butcher shared that they were able to get the resolution for their consideration to advertise for bids by the Violet Township Trustees as the lead agency on the OPWC application. The other resolutions relates to our 2012 Safe Routes to Schools application. This is a requirement for 100% reimbursement of federal funds for various projects.

Mr. Weltlich asked where we stood with the Waterloo Road Bridge with the County Engineer. Mr. Butcher has not heard anything from Mr. Baird since they left them 3 weeks ago. Mr. Butcher stated he thought we were very clear in what he thought was a reasonable request. Mr. Butcher is requesting a weekly update on Mondays. Mr. Dunlap will address this with Mr. Upp on Monday at his meeting.

Mr. Weltlich asked about Mr. Butcher contacting other neighboring jurisdictions to share their interest in speaking to ODOT as one block of governmental entities to look at any short term solutions to the ongoing safety concern for the Far East Project. Mr. Butcher reported it had been on Channel 10 as they interviewed Greg Bachman and they mentioned the concerns and what Violet Township, Reynoldsburg and the City of Pickerington had expressed. Mr. Yapple added that he thinks they responded to Mr. Bachman's concerns because a few months ago Mr. Bachman had sent letters to TRAC and ODOT about what he would like to see fixed out here. We verbally endorsed this.

The Trustees signed a form to nominate Mr. Butcher to the District Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-07 – Advertise for Bids for V10-29 Waterloo Road Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-07 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-08 – Safe Routes to Schools 2012-Infrastructure Application. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-08 passes 3-0.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the Trustees had a DESC waiver fee request in front of them. Fairfield County Parks are doing some improvement to the soccer fields off Benadum Road. They will also be re-doing the pavement.

The MORPC luncheon will be April 26th.

Mr. Yapple spoke to Dianne at Hocking Township about hosting the Fiscal Officers and Trustees county meeting for the first quarter. The date has been set for March 31st at 6:00 pm.

District 5 is having a meeting at the Ag Center at 1p.m. on March 6th to formally present their plans to the community of their intentions for State Route 33 in Fairfield County.

Mr. Yapple reported we received a letter from the City of Pickerington requesting quotes (no obligation by Violet Township or the Village of Baltimore) but they want to see what it would do to their trash pickup fees. This is something we can discuss at a later time.

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Mr. Dunlap asked if there was any talk about the 'green movement' where we might be forced to look at recycling. Mr. Yaple has not heard of anything.

On proposed cooperation movements we are working with Fairfield County Engineers office, Fairfield County Utilities, Village of Lithopolis, Fairfield Regional Planning, Greenfield Water Sewer District in discussion of costs and usage of a sewer vac jet truck possibly with a loan or money that the state has put aside for cooperative grant money.

Mr. Yaple reported the Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Plan group will be coming back in a few months to ask for support. The plan 'mirrors' our Township Land Use Plan. This is a part of a study of all the watersheds in Ohio.

Mr. Yaple sent an email to the Trustees about House Bill 386 that talked about the Casino funds and that part of the bill would have required the County Commissioners to take 50% of the funds and distribute it to local entities within the county. This was ripped out of the bill yesterday afternoon and we don't know if it will get back in.

Mr. Yaple reported there was an annexation petition on Diley Road for the Bayshore property of a 2.5 or 3 acre parcel to get them water. It got finalized yesterday and Mr. Yaple hopes to get the paperwork soon.

Grandview Heights is taking the lead on this and they have asked Townships and villages around the city of Columbus to help support this study. IF we don't like the numbers we don't have to stay. Mr. Yaple is waiting on more information. There is talk about healthcare for dental, eye and they are going to apply for a grant for a study

Mr. Yaple will need reservations for the State of the County luncheon on March 27th at the Liberty Centers.

We received information back from the Prosecuting Attorney regarding the Lancaster Transit issue. There is a resolution for consideration.

Mr. Yaple gave the Trustees a report from Chief Perrigo regarding issues in the Township on Sheriff's activities.

Mr. Yaple reported the insurance committee met and looked at three different brokers within the last three months. They talked to clients of all the brokers. All were satisfied with their brokers and have seen higher increases in health insurance than we have seen over the last two years. The group feels we need to stay with our current broker and look at some different things and we will decide who the carrier will be at a later date. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to proceed with our current insurance broker. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2012-0215 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yaple to look into Public Employee Benefits – OTA Public Benefits Association.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-01 – To Receive Proposed Amendment (Case No. 02-ZC-2011) to the Violet Township Zoning Resolution and to Establish Public Hearing Date. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Yaple explained this is a single family property that they are rezoning from R-2 to C-2 if they want to do a commercial operation and currently it is zoned on single-family residence. Basically we are cleaning up the code in Resolution 02 to make Resolution 01 happen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-01 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-02 – To Receive Proposed Amendments (Case No. 01-ZC-2011) to the Violet Township Zoning Resolution and to Establish Public Hearing Date. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Smith asked if this was one hearing or two. Mr. Yaple clarified it would be one hearing and two cases to be held on March 7, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. at the Administrative Offices. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-02 passes 3-0.

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Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-03 – Authorize Support of Lancaster Public Transit. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-04 – Yearly Certification of Township Road Mileage for 2011. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-04 passes 3-0. Mr. Dunlap added that the township has 104.456 miles of township roads.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0215-05 – Adopt Agreement with Fairfield County Sheriff. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0215-05 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Office

Mr. Smith said if anyone needed anything for the planning sessions to let him know.

Trustee Reports:

None

Trustees out of Office Meetings:

The Trustees will be meeting with the County Engineers office on Friday, February 24 at 7:30 a.m.

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Myers announced there will be three Trustees attending a Planning Session at the Administrative offices on February 21 at 12:30 p.m.; February 23 at 8:30 a.m. and February 28 at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Myers also added there will be three Trustees at the Fairfield County Engineers office on February 24 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Dunlap added he will attend the Pickerington Chamber Luncheon on Thursday, February 16.

Pay Bills:

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

Adjourn:

Mr. Dunlap made a motion adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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: _____