

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**February 20 2008
Regular Meeting**

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

Mr. Van Kannel called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Bill Yaple, Director of Operations and Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief.

Mr. Dunlap 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.

Mr. Dunlap asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2008 Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the December 19, 2007 JEDD Public Hearing without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Rich Pontius of RP Hughes Architects was present to discuss bid results for the new Service Center. Mr. Pontius submitted a letter of recommendation to the Trustees. He stated the bid turnout was one of the best turnouts for bids they have had in many years as far as quantity of contractors. Mr. Pontius went over the highlights of the bid in his letter of recommendation. There were several combinations of bids. Mr. Pontius recommends Summit Construction and J.A. Guy, Inc. as contractors for the work. The total contract award amount will be \$2,063,200,00.

Mr. Pontius said they call contractor references until they find any bad reports or administrative items. The few people they have called have had good reports however; they are still in the process of making calls. He would recommend if they award it to Summit Construction it be done contingent upon meeting with them to include Bill, Harry, Greg and Rich. He also suggested going to visit a few of their completed facilities. They do not really have a lot of publicly bid municipal work. He asks they appropriate \$100,000.00 (which was part of the agreement) to set aside monies for any unforeseen issues that may come up during construction.

Mr. Pontius suggested doing a tour first before setting up a meeting with Summit. Mr. Myers suggested going to the publicly built building. Mr. Pontius will set up this meeting. Mr. Myers explained that if they feel comfortable with this contractor after checking everything out, then we can award the contract.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the total of items 1 – 9 would total and needs to know what the exact language is going to be. Mr. Pontius could not answer that. Mr. Yaple will get the information of item 6 and item 8. Bill will coordinate with Mr. Pontius to get all this information together. Mr. Pontius stated they will send out a general congratulatory letter. We will award the contract at the next Trustee meeting.

Public Comment:

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road was present. Mr. Hopkins stated the Bicentennial was 'fabulous.'

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County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo passed out a report to the Trustees on some of the burglaries they have had and they are asking for help. He also asked about the status of Club 33. Mr. Yapple reported that Legal Counsel has spoken to one of the Dispatch Sergeants but we do not know when the hearing will be.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to recess the regular Trustees meeting at 8:02 p.m. and move to the scheduled public hearings. Mr. Myers seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Myers made the motion to close the Public Hearings and return to the regular scheduled Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Taylor did not have anything to report.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was anything new on the Aaron Christie litigation. Chief Taylor stated there was not.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported that Mr. Yapple has a resolution before the Trustees to authorize the Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for Issue 2 Project for the Busey Road S-Curve. He asked to move some wording as there were no sidewalks. This will be removed and put in the Trustees boxes for signatures.

Mr. Butcher reported some additional survey work needs to be done to identify some additional administrative issues. This came back from the County as a supplemental recommendation since we are taking the right of way. He will get with the sign engineer for comments that the Engineers office made.

Mr. Butcher reported that two winters ago we used 600 tons, last year we used 575, this year we are at 1200 and counting. He stated it was 'likely' that we will exceed our salt usage this winter over the last two winters combined. Mr. Weltlich stated he noticed a considerable improvement on the road conditions for the City of Pickerington over the last two years. Mr. Butcher agreed with this statement.

Mr. Myers asked about the time schedule for the advertising of the Busey Road project. Mr. Butcher stated he would like to run the advertisement between now and our next meeting. Mr. Yapple mentioned that if we can get the construction drawings done we could advertise next weekend for the first time and then the bids could be back before our last meeting in March, which would give them almost 3 weeks.

Mr. Weltlich asked about Mr. Butcher's meeting regarding the safe routes to school. Mr. Butcher stated they offered to review it prior to submittal next time. Mr. Butcher stated there was no substance in their comments.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported that Mr. Land had come in and he was told that the Trustees approved his project.

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Mr. Yaple reported we received our 2007 fourth quarter franchise fee from Insight which was about \$18,000.00.

Mr. Yaple reported we received notice from ODOT that construction began on Diley Road from Busey north to SR 256. Project completion date is July 31, 2009. Mr. Yaple stated that in this notice ODOT did not talk about closure for the bridge installation just south of SR 256.

We had 0 single family building permits for January. We had 3 other permits for the month. We had 2 commercial permits for the month for a total of 2 commercial permits for the year. Through January of 2007, we had 4 single-family permits.

Mr. Yaple will check on the status of the annexation petition for 6070 Lithopolis-Winchester Road. The Commissioners had not done anything as of Tuesday of this week.

There is no new information on Club 33.

The realignment of Tollgate Road is before the County Engineers office. Mr. Butcher has the drawings.

Mr. Yaple and Mr. Myers will be attending the closing for the Pifer property tomorrow.

Central Ohio Storm water and Erosion Control Expo is coming up on March 13.

We have no answer from the Attorney Generals office on the General Fund monies for road and bridge.

There is no hearing date yet for the Snyder Thornton property annexation.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Yaple had received any more correspondence from the Senior Center about funding. Mr. Yaple stated he had not but he hopes to meet with them and one or two Trustees within the next few weeks to discuss.

Mr. Myers stated he would be attending the State of the County Luncheon on Tuesday, February 26th at 11:30 with Chief Taylor and Assistant Chief Eisel. Also attending will be Mr. Weltlich, Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Yaple, Mr. Van Kannel and Ms. Davis.

Mr. Yaple had given the Trustees suggestions on projects for the next 5 years or so. One was the Busey Road alignment, curb ramp updates for this year, Stonecreek Drive widening and drainage improvements in 2009 or 2010, Waterloo Bridge replacement, Busey Road widening from Hill to Diley in drainage improvements, Tollgate Road widening and improvements 1.2 million. The total of those improvements approximate cost of 3.2 million from 2008 to 2012. Along with annual maintenance and pavement improvements and repairs of 1.7 million. The new building we are budgeting about 2.9 million with equipment inside the building. Equipment replacement and upgrades for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to include new trucks, tractors or whatever comes to 3.34 million. We are looking at 6.2 million dollars of possible improvements through 2009. If the Trustees approve this we would like to present resolutions that we establish at least one or maybe two (Capital Project Funds) per the ORC 5705.13 that allows us to set money each year into that fund to help fund those projects in the future of lean years. We might establish some funds into the bond

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retirement fund over the next 30 to 60 days. We have years that we could buy back more than one year at a time. By doing this we can put in some 'safety nets' for the future. Mr. Weltlich commented this is also a 'hedge' against inflation.

Mr. Dunlap stated he would support the Director of Operations to come to the next Trustee meeting with the appropriate resolutions to support the Capital Improvements Projects as well as any resolutions set up for capital improvements projects that the Fire Chief might add to that.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0220-02 – Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for Issue 2 Project for Busey Road S-Curve. Mr. Yapple will remove the issue about 'remove sidewalk' and change it to read 'Busey Road and Drainage Work to straighten out the S-turns'. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0220-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0220-03 – Establishment of Road Worker 1, 2 & 3 & Job Descriptions within the Violet Township Road Department. We amended the requirement for CDL and in #1 we said preferred for tank endorsement, in #2 we said mandatory and in #3 we said mandatory which is a Class N tanker endorsement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0220-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0220-04 – Purchase Equipment from Ace Truck and Body, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0220-04 is adopted 3-0.

Motions to Be Considered:
None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel reported he had the latest paid payroll for signatures as well as the bank reconciliation for January of 2008.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0220-05 – Advance Payment out of Current Tax Collection. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0220-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0220-06 – Amend the 2008 Township Appropriations Budget and Permanent Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0220-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Van Kannel stated the first Trustee and Fiscal Officers meeting to be held at Pleasant Township on March 8th. He would like to get the reservations in.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported he went to City Council and they were going to pass the pool purchase operating fund by emergency and there was rebellion by the council. They went through their reading process.

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Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial kick off program was good. There were over 600 in attendance. Mr. Dunlap read a few letters from people who attended the program.

As soon as the school gets the DVD's together we will have them to sell for \$10 a piece.

Mr. Myers suggested sending thank you letters to Dr. Mantia and all the school personnel that were involved in helping with this event.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

State of the County meeting at Liberty Center on February 26, 2008.

On Thursday, February 21 there will be two or more Trustees at the Pickerington Chamber Luncheon.

There may be two or more Trustees present at the 'Meet the Candidate' night in Lancaster at OU branch.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Yapple presented the Trustees with the information on the Pickerington Magazine. There will be 4 pages that will have the Township information. The cost will be \$630 per ad times 4. **They need a March deadline time. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to purchase a ½ page ad from Pickerington Magazine each issue for the rest of the year. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2008-0220 passed 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employee issues at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Myers moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes.

Mr. Weltlich moved to authorize Mr. Van Kannel and Mr. Yapple to interview Rochelle Mennigen to serve as part time assistant to the Fiscal Officer with the understanding that this is a temporary position. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2008-0220 passed 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____