

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 20, 2013

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith was present and 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. Dunlap asked everyone in attendance to join him the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence honoring those who protect us around the world.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 06, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; and Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of February 06, 2013 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present and reported they had their awards meeting and Deputy Carson was appointed Deputy of the year.

They will be participating in an exercise with EMA on dam overflows and all kinds of disaster material.

The jail population is holding steady at about 270.

The dispatcher's contract was settled. They received a 2% raise and so did the deputies and supervisors.

Chief said there was a group of kids in Huntington Hills that put on a mock robbery and may have induced some panic.

Mr. Dunlap commended the deputy that handled traffic closure on the west end of the road on Sunday at the Busey Road location at the time of the fire in Canal Winchester.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported they completed their medic refresher course last Friday. Brian Smith orchestrated this project and did a 'stand-up' job.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs Convention is this week and Chief Eisel will be attending.

Chief Eisel had a resolution to send three individuals to the annual State Fire School through Bowling Green State University to become certified to the Rescue Technical Level. The total cost of the class is \$7,500.00. We will receive a Region 4 Tech Rescue grant which will generate a reimbursement to the department in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0220-01 – Fire Department Rescue Training. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0220-01 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel also reported on the fire on Busey Road and was pleased that everything seemed to go well.

Mr. Weltlich asked what was 'magic' about Bowling Green. Chief Eisel said nothing other than they have taken on a lot of fire service programs. Bowling Green has run a state fire school for about 30 years or more and has since branched out on a regional basis.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he attended a class on 'roundabouts' sponsored by the National Highway Institute and put on by ODOT. It was an aggressive 8 hour class.

Mr. Butcher had a kickoff meeting for Ohio Research Initiative for Locals. It was a good meeting with good opportunity to get in to research opportunities with universities. The refreshing thing is it is not hindered by bureaucracy at this point. The charter is to get a board of 5 members (which they have) and the board is cross sectional across the State of Ohio. The board connects with the Ohio Township Association, the County Engineers Association, Ohio Municipal League and American Public Works Association. They take concepts, set it up as a proposal and send out to universities and have the research done. Mr. Weltlich asked if this was specifically directed towards roads. Mr. Butcher said it has to deal with roads.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution for Safe Routes to Schools for consideration. The tentative scope is to include sidewalks on the south side of Refugee Road from Mingo Estates to Education Drive and the north side of Refugee Road from Harmon Road east to a point still being determined. This is 100% reimbursable. Mr. Butcher made the comment that grants are becoming more and more competitive. Mr. Weltlich asked if being a pioneer makes it easier for us to get grants or makes it more difficult. Mr. Butcher said we were very well respected within the State of Ohio and ODOT.

At the Planning Session, in addition to the normal items, there will be discussion on stormwater (about an hour).

Mr. Butcher reported Mingo Estates Issue One Application was not funded. The Application scored 128 points. 131 total points was the cutoff. Median income reduced the score. Mr. Myers asked if our local share was heavy enough. Mr. Butcher said it was good and it scored us high points.

Mr. Butcher reported The Violet Safe Routes to Schools project is to begin within the next two weeks. Fire hydrant relocations and storm sewer work can be been done now. The preconstruction conference was last week. Mr. Butcher notified about 80 residents along both sides of the street that we have sidewalks to install. Mr. Butcher only received two comments; one being a general question and the other a nice compliment.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0220-04 – Safe Routes to Schools 2013 Infrastructure Application. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0220-04 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned he had a casual conversation with some folks who lived on Circle Drive in Mingo Estates. They thanked him for the curbs and the wonderful job and asked about the projects. Mr. Dunlap told them we had applied but had not heard anything yet.

Mr. Dunlap referred back to the 'Public Comment' section – Tricia Gerencser of 13073 Oakmere Drive was present along with Daniel Riordan and Ryan Garner of Pickerington North High School. Ms. Gerencser was there for the Food Pantry for Animals along with two high school students. Ms. Gerencser explained they were there because they have established themselves and gotten to a certain point and they are stuck and they need help. They realize they need a place to store their food and a place to distribute from and they need to know how to accomplish this. Old administration gave them land, new administration took the land away and hearsay said they were not allowed to have the dog shed on high school property because there was a discrepancy as to what they were told and what they see. Mr. Dunlap asked about the 'scenario' of the old administration and new administration and who it was referring to. Ms. Gerencser said the principal at the time found square footage on Pickerington North's property and offered it to them. They then built a shed and the new principal that came in said they were not allowed to have this. Mr. Dunlap asked if she had been to the school board. Ms. Gerencser said she had not. Mr. Dunlap suggested she speak to the board. Mr. Weltlich was trying to figure out what the most significant 'barrier' was to moving forward. Ms. Gerencser said moving forward means to be able to commit in the newspaper and in

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print that they will distribute food on a certain day at a certain time at a certain location. Mr. Weltlich said they have the location in our parking lot as promised previously. Mr. Weltlich wanted to know what the barrier is to executing this. Ms. Gerencser said they have the food stored in an offsite location in a very tiny locker. Half is in her garage and half is at the high school. Tomorrow they plan to inventory everything. Mr. Weltlich asked if they had sufficient money to rent storage. Ms. Gerencser said they did not at this time. Mr. Myers asked if they were going to build a building. Ms. Gerencser said originally that was their 'wish list'. Mr. Weltlich is wondering how they can build a shed if they can't afford \$75 a month for storage. Mr. Butcher asked how much space they were anticipating they needed. Mr. Weltlich asked if someone were to give them \$75 a month to rent the shed would that suit their needs. Ms. Gerencser said only if they would allow them to distribute from there. Mr. Myers added he thought they were going to distribute from the Township office. Ms. Gerencser said the tailgating of food could leave them open to a lot of mistakes. Mr. Dunlap said it was very important to establish right up front, the boundaries they will get people from all over coming in to get free food. Mr. Weltlich believes they have not identified all the steps prioritized them and addressed them. Mr. Dunlap asked if they had boundaries set up yet. Mr. Weltlich asked if they should identify the market and then the resources to serve that market. Ms. Gerencser said they identified the market as the kind of person they would feed. The eligibility was going to be the family where they had to make a decision to feed themselves or feed their pet. Mr. Weltlich feels they need to concentrate their efforts somewhere with a smaller focal point. Mr. Weltlich also recommended the schools for 'powerful' fundraising support. Mr. Weltlich said they need to make it easy for people who will come there for service to know what that criteria is. Mr. Smith added that they should put the information as far as the boundaries on their flyer to make it easier. Mr. Weltlich also recommended drawing a financial income line for people that qualify. Mr. Weltlich suggested they call Molly at the Pickerington Food Pantry and arrange a meeting with her as she would probably be able to give them numbers of households they service in their geographic district. Mr. Smith offered to meet with their committee sometime in the next few weeks to brainstorm. In the meantime the Trustees suggested they set up a meeting with Molly.

Mr. Weltlich wanted to drive a point home that the Pickerington Food Pantry started in a very small basement of the Carnegie Library. They were so small that it limited how many people could be served. They started their practices at a low level which was a low risk. As soon as they went into the new facility the demand tripled.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reminded everyone of the planning session coming up on February 28th at 9:00 am.

Mr. Yapple passed out information on the hits for Pickerington TV Program Guide. They tracked 216 hits from 1-21-13 to 2-10-13 for the introduction of the Township Channel. Joy is scheduled to meet with Ron Smith on February 25th.

The Board of Elections sent us notice that there will not be a May election in the precincts assigned to our facility. However, there is a special election on August 6th but we won't know what it is until after the primary. Mr. Butcher seemed to have a letter stating something different from the Board of Elections.

We are still working on paperwork for Moving Ohio Forward. Mr. Laramee still has part of the paperwork and we still have more to get to him. Mr. Yapple also reported they have another Moving Ohio Forward project for Amanda Northern Road.

Mr. Yapple reminded the elected officials of the State of the Region Luncheon on April 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Battelle Grand Ballroom at the Columbus Convention Center.

Mr. Yapple reported he received an email from Peggy Portier regarding the Historical Society wanting to do a Community History Month. They would like the Trustees to do a proclamation proclaiming April as "Community History Month" for the Township. They are planning to do a book launch and fundraisers in April in conjunction with the opening of the museum for 2013 season.

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Mr. Yaple reported that the Ashley Creek Homeowners Association will be doing some trimming and cutting of trees in their woods. They want take down a lot of the dead Ash trees. More details need to be worked out. They have been asked not to drive the trucks over the curbs. They will load trucks on the street. Mr. Myers said he was told there is also a lot of dead Ash in Chevington Woods area also as this was all part of the same woods at one time.

Mr. Weltlich commented he would like to have a serious discussion on two topics at the planning session; Economic Development and what is our strategy and Port Authority and our strategy.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0220-02 – Adopt Agreement with ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) for Busey Road Park. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0220-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0220-03 – Adopt Agreement with Fairfield County Sheriff. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich noticed an error in the attachment that read 2012. It should read ‘2013’ and Mr. Yaple will see they correct this error. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0220-03 passes 3-0.

Mr. Yaple reported we received a notice from the State of Ohio that there are some unclaimed funds for Violet Township. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0220-05 – Collection of Unclaimed Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0220-05 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0220-06 – A Resolution Setting Hearing and Providing Notice Concerning a Structurally Defective, Insecure & Unsafe Structure(s) & Declaring the Property Owned by S.R. 33 LLC, Located at 7265 Amanda Northern Rd. in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0220-06 passes 3-0.

We have a notice of a name change on the liquor license for Old Town Tavern. The Liquor Department is asking if we want a hearing. The only thing that has changed is the operator. The Trustees did not want a hearing.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith offered his assistance if anyone needed anything for the planning session. Mr. Weltlich had a request of seeing a monthly status of investments and the checking accounts. Mr. Smith said they could talk about this at the planning session and discuss what kinds of things the Trustees would like to see.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported that the Senior Center Board of Directors has initiated an investigation of the traveling arrangement arranged by the Senior Center Director, Nancy Lee. As the investigation goes forward they have required her to get express, formal consent of all future travel plans.

Trustees out of Office Meetings

Friday, February 22nd at 9:30 am ODOT has requested a meeting to discuss the US 33 Corridor at RPC in the Commissioners Hearing Room. There will be more than one Trustee there.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held March 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Pay Bills

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

Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, 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: _____