

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**March 19, 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 March 5, 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 minutes of the March 7, 2008 Special Emergency 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. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the February 13, 2008 Bicentennial Trustee Program without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weltlich to approve the February 14, 2008 meeting with the Fairfield County Engineers office without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Dunlap asked the other two Trustees permission to deviate from the agenda for a moment.

Mr. Dunlap expressed his appreciation for Mr. Van Kannel's hard work over the past four years as Clerk and then as Fiscal Officer after the State changed the title. On behalf of the Trustees and residents they wanted to thank him for the services he has provided to this community.

Recognition of Guests:

Dick Madison, resident of 9357 Chester Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147 was present. He asked the Trustees to become involved in a multi jurisdictional approach to build multi use trails that will connect Pickerington and Violet Township's 35,000 residents with the trail system that currently exists built by Metro Parks in Columbus. He is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee at MORPC. They just approved the money to build a bridge over route 33 that will carry bicyclists from 3 creeks park to Blacklick bike path. This will come as close to us as Hines Road or Refugee Road. He would like us to get involved to build connectors that will get our residents through that trail. Once you are on that trail you can ride all the way from Pickerington to Reynoldsburg or to Ohio State. He read a letter that was sent to John O' Mara of the Metro Parks. He mentioned that Mr. Dunlap had attended the meeting they had and he pointed out that when they finish Diley Road in the next 18 months there will be a bicycle trail all the way down it. All they are really concerned about is to get that small connector from Diley Road to Schoolhouse Road in the next 18 months.

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Once they hear back from Mr. O'Mara they will plan a meeting with Fairfield County, Violet Township, and the City of Pickerington to discuss the Diley Road to Schoolhouse Road connector

Mr. Weltlich asked how much right of way or width he was talking about. Mr. Madison stated normally the trails are normally about 10 feet. There was concern from Mr. Anderson whether it touched the road or whether it was separated.

Mr. Dunlap asked that we activate and get together a citizens committee to get together and explore the pros and cons of a joint park district between us and the City of Pickerington and also to look at the potential for other alternatives to develop open space or green space to help protect our school district. The Pickerington Parks Committee is also interested in participating in this study.

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Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0319-02– Purchase of Vehicles. Chief Taylor stated there is a need to purchase 2 Chevrolet Tahoes off the State Bid. **Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0320-02 is adopted. 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked what they are going to do with the old vehicle. Chief Taylor stated there is discussion about using it as a MECC vehicle.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported that roadway pothole patchwork is being done. Mr. Butcher mentioned to the press if they wanted to print something where if a resident sees something; feel free to call us and if it is not ours to patch we will pass it on.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0319-04 – Advertise for Bids fore Asphalt Pavement Maintenance 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0319-04 is adopted. 3-0.

Mr. Butcher once again reported salt usage is up. We have ordered 2000 tons as of today. Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Butcher for keeping all the salt on-hand.

Mr. Myers also commended Mr. Butcher and his men for the great job they did on the snow plowing.

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Mr. Myers also commended Doc Metzger and Will Yaple for their contributions in working on the equipment as well.

Mr. Yaple reported Mr. Stemen passed on his thankfulness to the Road Crew for the great jobs on the roads.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported building permits for February, 2008. There were 5 single-family permits for February at \$1,283,480.00 in construction evaluation for a total of 5 for the year and total construction cost of \$1,283,480.00 for the year. We had 0- other permits for the month. We had 2 commercial permits for the month for a total of 4 commercial permits for the year. Through February of 2007, we had 6 single-family permits.

Mr. Yaple had passed out information regarding an annexation petition to the Village of Lithopolis on 6070 Lithopolis Winchester Road, which he has sent on to legal counsel. Legal Counsel, Wanda Carter has reviewed and Mr. Yaple has to check the distances around the property again. We have not received the services resolution yet from the Village of Lithopolis; nor has the county.

Mr. Yaple had a quote from Blake Rafeld for the architect's services to draw us a plan for the Pifer Park. He will establish the locations of the proposed log cabins. He will attend meetings and so forth with the Village of Canal Winchester and will give us guidelines for walking paths. **Mr. Myers moved to hire Blake Rafeld to proceed with the Master Plan for the park ground on Busey Road not to exceed \$5000.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap felt he did a good job with the park on Harmon Road. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2008-0319 is passed.**

Mr. Yaple reported there is a Debris Management meeting that Mr. Butcher will be attending at the Liberty Center.

Mr. Yaple stated there is a letter to property owners to address 'Streamside Landowners' for the NPDS Phase 2 Compliance. We must walk the streams and identify discharges into those streams within the Township. Fairfield County Soil and Water will be doing this the last of this month and first part of next month before the leaves come on the trees so they can identify the locations. They will also identify the size of the pipe, high erosion areas, logjams, ect. We want to send to the property owner about a week before they go to the area. It will be from Walnut Creek to Eastchester. This procedure is mandated in the NPDS Phase 2 requirements from the Federal EPA. The City has to do this as well. This will only be done in the unincorporated area of the Township.

Mr. Yaple will be attending a 2 day seminar April 17 and 18 with OD&R on Compliance with NPDS Phase 2 Compliance.

Mr. Yaple reported the hearing on renewal of Permit for Club 33, Inc. is March 27th, 9:00 am at the Fairfield County Courthouse on the third floor in the hearing room.

Mr. Yaple reported MORPC has been working on the 'Ride Share' program. They have been getting a lot of calls with the price of fuel at \$3.50 and \$4.00. They are asking communities to get numbers they can call to try to connect with other people and try to get two people together instead of one in a car to get downtown. They can call 233-4133 and ask for Patty Olmstead.

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It is time to replace the Pickerington Chamber maps. They are completely out. It has been over two years since we last did it. The price is about \$1425.00. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to advertise with Pickerington Chamber Map for two years at a cost not to exceed \$1425.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B-2008-0318 is passed.**

Mr. Yapple had information regarding participation in the website.

MORPC is presenting an Open House on April 3rd at 6:30 pm for the Capital ways transportation plan which will layout transportation priorities for the next 20 years. Along with that Mid Ohio will be at our April 2nd meeting for a 20 minute presentation of this same plan to identify what this will include.

We did receive the brief on the Snyder Thornton case to the fifth District Court. Our Legal Counsel, Wanda Carter, will file before March 24th.

Mr. Yapple reported House bill 458 that the house is correcting an issue that the current auditor says we are not allowed to spend money out of the General Fund for Road and Bridge. There is a bill that will correct that.

Mr. Yapple explained that at the last meeting we created three capital improvement funds. Fire fund, general fund and road and bridge. We are now funding those three new funds from unappropriated funds we have from the Fire fund, general fund and road and bridge fund. These are for future fixed assets these departments will have. This is saving up to do those appropriations in the future. This will help us build funding for a possible new fire station and road and bridge repairs.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0319-01 – Transfer of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0319-01 is adopted.

Resolution 2008-0319-03 – Purchase Vehicle for Building Department off the State Bid was tabled until the April 2 meeting so they can deal with the issue of mandating flex fuel.

Norman Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road asked if we had an amount on the transfer funds. Mr. Yapple stated it was \$1 million in Fire; \$500,000.00 in the General Fund and \$200,000.00 carryover from Road and Bridge. He asked if the \$1 million from Fire was from surplus funds. Mr. Van Kannel explained this is money that is collected but it is not leftover money from 2007. These funds are invested.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel reported he had the latest paid payroll for signatures. He also had the bank reconciliation for February.

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Trustees Reports

Mr. Myers reported he and Mr. Yapple attended a tax incentive review meeting on Canal Pointe for Princeton. They are a global company. Once the personal property tax goes away they do not need to do this.

Mr. Weltlich commended our excellent Economic Development person we have on staff, Joy Davis. Mr. Weltlich stated he was very impressed with what she has done so far in her position and for 'being on top of her game.'

Mr. Dunlap reported he will be attending the Chamber meeting luncheon tomorrow and doing the State of the Township Address.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____