

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**March 5, 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 Yapple, 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 20, 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 February 20, 2008 for Case No. 05-ZC-2007 and Violet Meadows Section 4 Part 2 and Replat of Violet Meadows Section 4 Part 1 Public Hearings 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:

Rachel Elsea was present on behalf of Congressman Hobson's office to present a letter from President Bush congratulating Violet Township on the Bicentennial Celebration. Ms. Elsea read the letter.

Jim Van Kannel introduced his wife, Susie Van Kannel. This was the first Violet Township Board of Trustees she had attended.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-02 with regrets – To Accept with Regret Volunteer Firefighter Resignation of Justin Barber. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0305-02 is adopted. 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-01 – Turn out Gear Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0305-01 is adopted. 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich noted the Trustees had copies of the MECC agreement that has been 'thrashed' out for the last six weeks between the lawyers and the parties involved. The special lease sub-committee intend to have a meeting with the Mifflin Township Trustees to recommend their acceptance of the lease. The cost of the lease of the building will be offset by the passive monitoring cost. Mr. Weltlich asked if the Chief or anyone had any objections as he needs to know before his meeting on Saturday at 10:00 am. Chief Taylor stated the cost would be \$2500 per month between the six agencies. Chief did not have a projected

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move-in date. Chief Taylor mentioned how much they appreciated Mr. Weltlich's involvement and insight into this project.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Columbus administers the diversion program and asked how they get assigned to the hospitals. Chief Taylor stated there is a system where once four hospitals go on diversion then essentially all of them back up. There is a pre-designated plan. They really do like the diversion program as they have a better shot of getting into Mount Carmel East now.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher commended Mr. Weltlich for running for Commissioner and stepping up and running and putting a really good race together.

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. Butcher once again reported salt usage is up. So far this year we are at about 1700 tons.

Mr. Myers addressed a concern of a resident who came into the office complaining about some construction trucks she had seen on SR204 driving too fast and she brought up the fact that there are a lot of teenagers in that area driving. Mr. Myers suggested they were going to the school site. Mr. Myers asked Mr. Butcher to write a letter to the Sheriffs Department and State Highway Patrol telling them this has been brought to our attention and send her a copy of the letter as well. One of the residents present stated she did have a legitimate concern as he has seen this occur as well.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported he put a letter in the Trustees boxes in regards to the withdrawal of the annexation petition for property located at 6070 Lithopolis Road Canal Winchester into the Village of Lithopolis.

A notice of hearing for a renewal permit for Club 33 date is March 27, 2008 at 9am at the Fairfield County Commissioners office on the third floor. Mr. Loveland will be there as well as Mr. Morehart.

Copies of recorded deeds for property on Busey Road that is now the park property were put in the Trustee boxes. Also Mr. Yapple spoke to someone who is putting together a price for a Master Plan; possibly with walking paths.

Mr. Yapple explained that the adoption of the Capital Improvements plan serves a few purposes. When we do Issue 1 projects we must have this plan in place to have with that application. We will use it in October this year. It helps us plan and guide for expenditure of funds for the future years of the township and tries to plan forward and look 5 – 7 years out.

Mr. Yapple stated the Fairfield County Engineers office is looking at putting together a co-op purchasing for chip and seal this year. Mr. Butcher is reviewing. Mr. Van Kannel stated he received an email asking us to respond as soon as possible as to who would be attending this meeting. Mr. Butcher will find out what they are doing on paving first.

Mr. Myers and Mr. Yapple met with Mr. Pontius last week and viewed some buildings in the Akron area that are under construction by Summit Construction. Two resolutions are prepared to hire Summit Construction as the contractor and J.A. Guy as the plumber for the project. Mr. Yapple suggests looking at a budgetary number of approximately 2.6 million to complete the facility to open.

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The County Commissioners passed a resolution in February to accept the drawings and accept the petition to vacate and relocate Tollgate Road.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we would be subject to impact fees on our new maintenance facility. Mr. Yapple stated we would not and we already had this waived when we were going through the hearing process.

We still have three sirens coming from EMA to place within Pickerington/Violet Township. There will be two more sirens placed within the Township. One will be at O.U. Pickerington and one will be at the entrance to New England Acres just off of Nantucket Ave. There will also be one placed in the City of Pickerington in the area of the water tower on the east side of town. These should start happening around the first of April. There are seven more to place besides these and there are a few others that have to be built after that. This will make a total of 6 new sirens within the Township.

Mr. Yapple reminded those who had reservations for the Stormwater Erosion Control Expo on March 13.

Mr. Weltlich asked where we stood with the Planned Commercial District rewriting of the code. Mr. Yapple stated the Zoning Commission was looking at this. They should have something to go back to Regional Planning by the first of April.

Mr. Weltlich asked how the funds would be set up for Summit Construction and J.A. Guy, Inc. Mr. Van Kannel stated there would be two separate purchase orders. Minor change orders will be conferred with the Trustees before they are done. Larger change orders will come before the Trustees before they are approved.

Mr. Butcher explained that in the resolution they established he used the Ohio Public Works Commission language for the change orders.

Mr. Weltlich explained what he is trying to get at is if we do not have process in place to track everything accurately at the end of the project the contractor might say 'Here are five change orders that were not processed'. Mr. Yapple stated this would not happen. Mr. Butcher commented that this gives someone the authority, when they get a change order to say go and not have to wait until the first or third Wednesday to get it approved.

Mr. Weltlich was concerned with tracking the number of change orders and the amounts and his second concern was you have to approve these because the work is already done. Mr. Yapple stated the work should not be done before the work order says it is. Mr. Weltlich asked that this be checked to make sure this language is somewhere in the contract.

Mr. Van Kannel commented his threshold was \$3000.00 for a purchase order.

Mr. Yapple stated every month they should get a 'spend and progress' report from Mr. Pontius. Mr. Weltlich asked if on the 'job update' would we put percentage complete and percentage spent. Mr. Yapple stated this would be the way it will come to us.

Mr. Weltlich also asked if we had a 'blessed' ORC Stop Work Order form that we can use. Mr. Yapple stated this would be through the Architect. Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yapple to request this form from Mr. Pontius.

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Mr. Van Kannel stated he and Mr. Yaple had a meeting about getting a new draw schedule.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-03 – 2008 MORPC Membership Fees. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-04 – Adopt Proposed 5-year Capital Improvements Plan. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-05 – Establishing a Capital Projects Fund as per the ORC 5705.13 (C) - General Fund. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-06 – Establishing a Capital Projects Fund as per the ORC 5705.13 (C) - Fire. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-07 - Establishing a Capital Projects Fund as per the ORC 5705.13 (C) – Road & Bridge. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-07 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-08 – Resolution identifying the Apparent Lowest & Best Bidder; Authorizing Notice to Proceed with the Lowest & Best Bidder for the New Violet Township Service Center; & Authorizing Township Employees to Perform Attendant Duties. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-08 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0305-09 – Resolution Identifying the Apparent Lowest & Best Bidder; Authorizing Notice to Proceed with the Lowest & Best Bidder for the Plumbing of the New Violet Township Service Center. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2008-0305-09 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Yaple reminded the Trustees that we established three resolutions for capital funds projects; however, we moved no money into those projects. In two weeks we will come back to the Trustees with amounts of money in resolutions to move into those funds.

Mr. Yaple also suggested that we have a bond retirement fund and the suggestion is that we place maybe no more than two years of bond payments into that bond retirement fund to be used in year ten of the bonds to buy bonds of a higher cost at a lower rate. Mr. Weltlich asked that this be talked about in their planning session.

The Canal Winchester Chamber is coming up a week from Friday evening.

April 16 is the State of the Region for MORPC. Gordon Gee will be the speaker. Mr. Weltlich stated he would be attending this meeting.

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Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel reported he had the latest paid payroll for signatures.

Mr. Van Kannel reminded everyone of the Trustees/Fiscal Officers meeting on Saturday, 3/8 at 6:00 p.m. at Pleasant Township.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Myers reported at Regional Planning they went through the CDBG Grants for 2009 as they are being processed now.

Mr. Myers reported they had a Board of Health District Advisory Council meeting and approved the budget for 2009. The amount all together is \$781,000 out of which Violet shares \$115,000. Last year in 2008 we had \$108,000 so we had an increase of \$6,000.00. It is the sixth percent year on the reappraisal and it is all based on our valuation. They have put in a grant to the Federal Government for \$500,000 for the new clinic. There is still much discussion regarding wastewater.

Mr. Weltlich reported he went to a City Council meeting and Mr. Dunlap and Peggy Portier presented a Bicentennial Throw to the Mayor and the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Dunlap reported he received an invitation from the Chamber to present the "State of the Township" address on March 20th. He asked for input from the other two Trustees as he prepares this.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

The Trustees/Fiscal Officers meeting is March 8th at 6pm at Pleasant Township Fire Department. More than one Trustee will be present.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Myers moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked if the bill for Loveland and Brosius was for one month or two. Mr. Yapple stated it was for litigation for one month. They had itemization of the bill. Mr. Myers asked if the bill for Mr. Schrader was for one month or two. Mr. Yapple stated it was for January, 2008. Mr. Myers asked to see itemization on this bill. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 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:_____