

Violet Township Board of Trustees

March 6, 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 20, 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 20, 2013 are approved 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the minutes of the Records Commission meeting of 2-26-2013. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, abstained; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Records Commission meeting of 2-26-2013 are approved 2-1.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to approve, without public reading the minutes of the Planning Session of 2-28-2013. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers; yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. The minutes of the Planning Session of 2-28-2013 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

County Authorities:

Bob Clark, Economic Development Director for Fairfield County was present. Mr. Clark resides at 370 Old Meadows Court, Canal Winchester. Mr. Clark explained he was in attendance to listen and learn and see how his office might be of assistance to the Township.

Mr. Dunlap reported that we have a good relationship with Canal Winchester, Canal Pointe, Violet Pointe and the CEDA is working well. Mr. Weltlich added that we have a JEDD with the City of Pickerington and Canal Winchester which Fairfield County opposed. Mr. Clark asked about our utilities and Mr. Dunlap said water sewer districts have already been established and Fairfield County has certain areas outside the corporation limits and inside the corporation is Pickerington. There is a small area where Pickerington provides water to Canal Winchester in that current CEDA area and Canal takes the sewage from there and part of Pickerington.

Mr. Dunlap added that we would like to see more creative efforts in everyone working together on the 33 Corridor to make things work. Mr. Dunlap talked about an article in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette when Mr. Clark first came on. The article talked about Fairfield County and Lancaster but not too much was said about Canal Winchester, Violet Township and the City of Pickerington and we are part of that 33 alliance. Mr. Clark agreed and said he had always tried to include every entity in the County. Mr. Weltlich added that the 33 growth corridor started back with Mr. Yaple, Jeff Miller, Dave Shaver and Mr. Weltlich and as soon as the county became involved we became 'stepchildren' in the process. Mr. Weltlich believes if we are going to play fair then let's be equal with the way we treat each other and Mr. Clark agreed. Mr. Dunlap said one of the biggest things they can do is not let access to Fairfield 33 be taken away from us. We want to preserve as many potential accesses as we can.

Mr. Clark asked if we would support the removal of the two traffic lights with the placement of the two interchanges at Carroll and at Pickerington Road. Mr. Dunlap said interchanges sure but not right in and right out. Mr. Weltlich asked if he was talking about Diley Road. Mr. Clark said yes and the Trustees support this. Mr. Myers said his biggest concern has always been safety for our residents south of SR33.

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Mr. Clark said he does want full interchange but he wants to work with us and support what we want.

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported he had (4) resolutions to present. The first one they are recommending the establishment of part time Level 2 firefighter, and the reclassification of all current part time firefighters who are not otherwise classified as entry level part time level 1 firefighters. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0306-01 – Establish the Position of Part Time Firefighter Level 2 and Reclassify Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0306-01 passes 3-0.**

The second resolution was to establish the compensation for part time firefighters level 2. The new compensation they are recommending for part time level 2 firefighters is an hourly rate of \$13.00 per hour with an effective date of March 11., 2013. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0306-02 – To Establish the Compensation Rate for Part Time Firefighter Level 2. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2013-0306-02 passes 3-0.**

The third resolution would redefine and reauthorize targeted holiday compensation for part time level 2 firefighters as previously defined in Resolution 2008-0806-05. Those targeted holidays would be New Year's Day, New Year's Eve, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The rate of pay would be set at 1.5 times the current part time level 2 hourly rates, with an effective date of March 11, 2013. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0306-03 – Re-Authorization of Holiday Pay for Part Time Level 2 Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was for actual time worked and not just because they were part time level 2. Chief Eisel said this was correct. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0306-03 passes 3-0.**

Lastly, Chief Eisel recommended proceeding to Phase 2 repair of the aging and leaking sprinkler main lines at Station 592. South Central Power would do the work at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0306-04 – Phase 2 Sprinkler Main Repairs at Fire Station 592. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked if they were using the same people for the Senior Center. Chief Eisel said they were. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0306-04 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked about our new Medic. Chief Eisel said it is on track and will be displayed at the FTI Show in Indianapolis in April.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Violet Safe Routes to Schools project is ongoing. Fire hydrants have been relocated. The majority of storm sewer has been installed and sidewalk areas have been graded.

Snow removal from last night's storm went well.

The Carroll interchange has been placed back into ODOT US 33 plans. MORPC funding was approved.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution for a stormwater feasibility study for consideration. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0306-07 – Authorize URS Consultants to Perform a Storm Water Utility Feasibility Study. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2013-0306-07 passes 3-0.**

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0306-05 – Authorize Township Engineer to Advertise for Bids for 2013 Asphalt Pavement Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2013-0306-05 passes 3-0.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported the Pickerington Tigers has sent us a request asking us to advertise in their program for this year. Last year we did \$400 with them and \$300 with Pickerington North. **Mr. Myers made a motion to do the same as we did last year. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2013-0306 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple reported there will be a CERT Class at Ohio University on April 9, 11, 16 and 18 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and April 20 from 9 am to 3:00 pm. The class is free and attendance at all five sessions is required for certification. We will also put this on the website.

Mr. Yapple received an email from our legal counsel on the bed tax. In their argument in the Commissioners response to our filing, they attached a resolution to amend the prior regulations to nothing more than what we already know.

The State of the County address is March 26th at 11:30 am at the Liberty Center. Six will be attending this event.

Mr. Yapple passed out information on basic zoning training that Regional Planning will be putting on. This has been passed out to the BZA and Zoning Commission Board members.

Ms. Sarko placed a resume in the Trustee boxes for an applicant for the BZA and Zoning Commission. Mr. Weltlich would like Mr. Yapple to check out the applicants education and job history.

None of the Trustees will be attending the State of the Region Luncheon for MORPC on April 25th.

Mr. Yapple reported tomorrow there is a conference call with Mr. Lafayette and Fairfield County Common Pleas Court in regards to the case filed Mr. Lafayette still has a motion out there to dismiss because it is in the fifth district. Mr. Yapple said Mr. Lafayette did not require any of the Trustees to be in on this conference call.

Mr. Yapple was extended an invitation to attend a meeting the Commissioners will be having with Sharon Bucilla and Helen Mayle Tuesday, March 12 at 1:00 pm to discuss Hickory Lakes. Mr. Yapple, Ms. Davis and possibly Mr. Myers will attend.

Mr. Yapple has sent a string of emails between Ms. Sarko, Mr. Laramee and he regarding the issue the Trustees have asked about to make sure we can keep the money here. When we go into this it is a recorded mortgage lean where we collect and the auditor does not collect. He authorizes the money from Moving Ohio Forward. Mr. Myers wanted to know what the mechanism is to see that Violet Township gets their funds. Any fees we incur we would get back. So in ten years from now when it is sold who is our interested party at the closing? Mr. Yapple said it would have to be an officer in this organization. Mr. Yapple said it has to be a recorded lien at the courthouse. Mr. Yapple wanted to know if the Trustees felt that he has satisfied their request. The Trustees had some reservations but agreed Mr. Yapple had done what was asked.

The McDonalds property at Kings Crossing and Diley Road was filed by the property owner, Robert Posey. It was not filed right so they are redoing it. They did not include the adjoining property and they did not do some notifications. This is all part of the CEDA agreement with Canal Winchester. There is some agreement in their document that they can develop there and have full access today. When the next property behind them develops they have to get them a road to the east and they will only have right in at that location. Mr. Butcher would like to see the paperwork for the development plan of the site.

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Mr. Yapple asked if the Senior Center had gone after a \$25,000 credit limit. Mr. Smith said he did not hear that from anyone but this was what Fairfield Federal told him. Mr. Smith said he was not in support of that. Mr. Weltlich said that was never discussed by any of the board members. Mr. Smith suggested communicating with the Senior Center that a \$2500.00 credit limit makes good sense and all the Trustees agreed.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported we had a few Pickerington North High School students attend the last Trustee meeting. Mr. Smith contacted the President of the school board and she was intrigued by the idea and agreed to meeting with them and make sure they get an audience to get the shed or to get the reason why there is not going to be a shed.

Mr. Smith reported we received notification that our taxes advances are ready so we will start getting some money in. We will put that money in the bank. Mr. Smith said that when he negotiated our switch to the checking account - we get a higher percentage in our checking account than anything we can out into the market short of 9 months. Mr. Smith said he would get something to the Trustees by next meeting as to where all our monies are. Mr. Weltlich wanted to know how much carryover we had. Mr. Smith said we are going to have about 4 and a half to five months once we get all of our taxes in. Mr. Smith said the hits we have taken on our investment side since 2008-2009 are substantial.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Myers reported that on Monday evening they had their annual District Advisory Council with the Board of Health meeting. Their commitment for 2014 was around \$123,000.00. He will get that exact number. It is \$790.00 less for 2014 than it was in 2013. The Board of Health has lost some people. Their biggest concern right now is that someone is considering taking away county boards of health and making district boards of health. Mr. Myers believes they will be moving to a different building sometime in June of this year.

Mr. Yapple talked about an article in the Columbus Dispatch regarding septic systems in the state of Ohio outside of sewer systems. They are claiming there is a 47% failure rate and that will most likely affect Fairfield County.

Mr. Weltlich attended a strategic planning meeting for the Food Pantry. Mr. Weltlich gave kudos to Chief Eisel and Jodi Wilson for "opening the President's eyes." Mr. Weltlich believes there will be more increased flexibility on the Food Pantry board.

Mr. Dunlap announced they needed to set a date for the 2nd planning session. It was decided to have the session on Friday, March 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Trustees out of Office Meetings

The Chamber State of the Community luncheon will be on March 21st at 11:30 am. Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich will be in attendance.

Mr. Myers announced he had word of the County Trustees event on March 16th at Liberty Township at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held March 20, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Pay Bills

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

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Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 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: _____