

# Violet Township Board of Trustees

March 7, 2012

Regular Meeting

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

Ms. Menningen, Assistant Fiscal Officer called the roll: Mr. Myers, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fire Chief, John Eisel.

Mr. Myers asked everyone in attendance to join him in a moment of silence along with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mr. Weltlich moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of February 15, 2012 without public reading. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of February 1, 2012 are approved 3-0.**

## **Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:**

None

## **County Authorities:**

Chad Lucht of Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District located at 831 College Avenue, Suite B, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 was present. Mr. Lucht explained that through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is how they get their funding. This year the Governor has asked that the different agencies put together different ways to become more efficient with services. OD&R has created a TOOLBOX Grant for local Soil and Water districts to come up with proposals to submit to OD&R. Mr. Lucht explained that they will be teaming up to create a Tri-County Invasive Plant Control team to include Vinton, Hocking and Fairfield Soil and Water. They are putting together a grant to create this program amongst the tri-county area. He asked the Trustees for a Letter of Support for the concept of creating the invasive team. This is a three year grant project and they are basically looking to buy equipment and personal protective gear with this grant.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to sign a letter of support for Tri-County Invasive Support Control Team along with Hocking, Vinton County and Fairfield Soil and Water. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2012-0307 passes 3-0.**

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Fire Department**

Chief Eisel had two resolutions prepared for the Trustees to consider. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0307-02 Conduct Lieutenant Assessment Center. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was limited to certain tenure. Chief Eisel said yes it was. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2012-0307-02 passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0307-03 – Authorize Replacement of Hot Water Tank at Station 592. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0307-03 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked what the status was on the Memo of Understanding for a phone system cooperative effort with Truro Township. Chief Eisel reported there was a meeting on this but he did not attend. Mr. Yaple and Jason attended. Kris Haley from Keytel was also there discussing the phone system. The box that would be needed to hook everyone together would be about \$10,000 which is really too much for two Townships to go together on. If there were five townships it would be cheaper. Mr. Yaple doesn't feel going forward with just two townships right now is a good move. Mr. Yaple added that just this past week we received a letter notifying us that Time Warner has officially purchased Insight Communications so this has changed what we were doing. We need to research further.

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Mr. Weltlich asked about the interior flexible gas line. Chief Eisel said they are still doing data collections at this point and they are still trying to gather data. Mr. Yapple added that when Don Day final inspects the house he tries to make sure the gas lines are not in close contact with duct work. If people make modifications to their house then we have no way of knowing that.

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported that all elected officials, Mr. Yapple and he attended the annual meeting with the Fairfield County Engineers office and things went fairly well.

Advertising for bids has been approved for the VIO-29, FAI-TE197-2.589 Waterloo Road over a Tributary to Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project. Bids will be opened March 30th. The County asked us to be there as representatives at the time of the bid opening. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Dunlap will attend.

Mr. Butcher reported we hosted a MORPC meeting at the Township for discussion on the Far East Freeway, amongst other topics. The County, ODOT and Fairfield Regional Planning were all in attendance.

Mr. Butcher summarized the salt storage situation as to where we stand now. To date we have ordered 400 tons of salt. Our contract requires approximately 1250 tons. So we have a balance of 850 tons to purchase by December 31, 2012. American Rock Salt will provide storage for a onetime fee of \$5 per ton of the balance not ordered.

Mr. Butcher reported we submitted a grant for Safe Routes to School last week to ODOT for sidewalks related to Harmon Middle School and to the Pickerington Elementary. Mr. Butcher is pursuing the Safe Routes to School Project as a local led project which could potentially save money and move the project to 2012.

Mr. Dunlap has noticed where we have had some cutting the corner issues where school buses are concerned. Mr. Dunlap asked if we have ever had conversations with the School Transportation Supervisor to see if we can have them tell the bus drivers to stay closer to the centerline when making right hand turns. Mr. Butcher said he has not but he will. Mr. Dunlap has 50 or 60 locations he can refer to. Mr. Butcher said he would get a hold of a supervisor at the School Transportation Department.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had ever discussed the micro paving program with Greg Bachman. Mr. Butcher said he had not but he would to see if it is actually available.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher had met with former Fairfield County Engineer, Frank Anderson. Mr. Butcher said he had and Mr. Anderson is currently employed with an engineering firm in Columbus, Ribway Engineering. Their area of expertise is municipal, civil, highways and bridges.

**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple reported Pickerington Central Athletic Boosters has asked us to advertise with them. Last year we did a half page ad. Mr. Yapple will check with Mr. Morehart on this.

We received a letter from MORPC regarding Mr. Yapple's appointment to the TAC Transportation Advisory Committee). Mr. Yapple reported MORPC has asked him to make Mr. Butcher an alternate.

The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approved the petition to annex 0.7576 acres for the Bay Shore property on Diley Road for a water tap into the City of Pickerington.

Joy Davis will be attending the TID board meeting tomorrow morning at the courthouse.

The State of the County Luncheon is March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty Center in Lancaster. Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Myers and Chief Eisel will be attending.

We received a proposal from DCH Architects for their inspection services for the 4 E. Columbus Street Maintenance project for a total of \$3200.00.

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Most everyone has completed the Form Fire online process. We are also doing License Checks to include our appointed boards this year.

There is a DESC permit and fee waiver request for Zeller Park. The fee is for changing of the park. They will do some paving, fencing around the edge of the park. Chad has looked at the park and there is already a retention pond but we don't know if the existing pond is the right size.

We have a revised resolution on the advertising for the Waterloo Road over a tributary to Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project. This has the information regarding the bids and the dates are included in the resolution to advertise.

There is also a resolution to hire John Varanese as Tax Attorney to look into the hotel/motel transient tax income for the Township.

Mr. Yaple passed out information that came from Mr. Bell regarding overloading of the township roads. Mr. Yaple asked the Trustees to think about doing a resolution in the future as this is something we need to look at. Once Mr. Yaple gets a copy of an agreement he will send it to Mr. Morehart as well as Jeremy Upp. As Mr. Weltlich understands it, there is no statute of limitations as to when we have to enact this but the real enactment has to come before the first application. Mr. Butcher added that there is a 'movement' amongst government agencies to have consistency and continuity by having one document. As Mr. Yaple understood it,

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Yaple had contacted Bloom Township about the railroad crossing. Mr. Yaple said Mr. Butcher did. A sign has been ordered and it is being worked on. We will need to send a letter back to the railroad.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0307-01 – To Advertise for the VIO-29, FAI-TE197-2.589 Waterloo Road over a Tributary to Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0307-01 passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0307-04 – Authorize Director of Operations to Sign Agreement for Architectural Services at 4 E. Columbus Street Building Renovation. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0307-04 passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt a motion authorizing the Director of Operations to Sign a contract for Security System Upgrades for the Administrative Offices. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, Yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2012-0307 passes 3-0.**

**Fiscal Office**

Mr. Smith reported they have started to receive their tax advances. Mr. Smith apologized for being late for the meeting.

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Dunlap reported he, along with Mr. Yaple, Mr. Butcher and Chief Eisel, attended a meeting put on by ODOT District 5 regarding the 33 Corridor. We need to be aware that their preliminary plan, effective June 2012 was to remove the traffic light at Pickerington Road and make it a right in and right out only intersection. Through our conversations, along with the County Engineer and Greg Bachman, ODOT will be reevaluating any intersection improvements, including a Super Street intersection. Additionally, the Prepare to Stop warning lights will be removed and dilemma zone indicators will be installed. The meeting did give us some positive feedback.

Mr. Yaple thinks all the entities agree we need to look at the safety issues from here to downtown. They said they are studying. We need to stay on top and work with District 5.

Mr. Myers added there were 3 personnel members from the fire department at that meeting. Mr. Myers felt one of his big concerns was getting safety services to the residents in the far south end of the Township.

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Mr. Weltlich recommended we draft a letter opposing and also get started on a zoning overlay for this area.

Mr. Butcher said there has to be an initial 'rolling out' of any concept, and this meeting was when it occurred. Mr. Butcher indicated we would be preparing and submitting final comments to what was discussed and presented.

**Trustees out of Office Meetings:**

Mr. Myers and Mr. Yapple attended the District Advisory Council meeting Monday evening and they received the allocation for fiscal year 2013. Our portion for 2013 for budgetary numbers was \$124,309.02. It is up from 2012 \$10,451.00. Our valuation is down \$1 million. We went from \$533 million down to \$532 million. This could be annexations or revaluation.

Mr. Myers will be presenting on the State of the Township at the Chamber luncheon next Thursday, March 15, 2012.

**Old Business:**

None

**Tabled Business:**

None

**New Business:**

We will be hosting this year's annual Trustees and Fiscal Officers meeting at the Violet Township Service Center on March 31 at 6:00 p.m.

**Pay Bills:**

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

**Executive Session:**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending and/or imminent court action with the Township's attorneys. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:54 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

**Adjourn:**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting stands adjourned at 10:54 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_