

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**April 16, 2008
Regular Meeting**

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

Ms. Menningen 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; Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief and John Eisel, Assistant 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. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weltlich to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2008 Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Mr. Dunlap introduced Carolyn Adams who resides at 8250 Kingfisher Lane, Pickerington. She explained that she and a group of residents were proposing that the Trustees consider designating a portion of land within the proposed Busey Road Park as a Dog Park. She stated that more and more parks are doing this type of thing and they want Violet Township to take the 'leadership' for Fairfield County to start a Dog Park.

Barbara Witham of 8131 Night Heron Lane, Pickerington was present. She stated this project will benefit the elderly and the disabled who might otherwise not have a place to exercise their pets. It will also benefit non-dog owners in our community. A Dog Park will be another avenue to bolster a healthier more controlled canine population.

Camille Brubaker of 13163 Summerfield Way, Pickerington was present. She talked about possible education offerings to include demonstrations/lectures on the following topics:

Canine health and wellness, Police Department Canine Unit Demo, Dog Park Etiquette for Dogs and Owners, Agility Training Demo, Canine Obedience, Breed-specific related topics, Volunteer Training, Fencing Options, Is Your Family Ready for a Pet?, The Facts & Myths of Vaccinations, Area Spay/Neuter Programs, Canine Adoption Options.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the group had any kind of a prototype for what kinds of amenities need to be put in. They will provide this information. The minimum acreage for a Dog Park is 4 acres but they were going to request 5. They do need to be fenced at least 4 feet high and they are usually chainlink. It is good to have water. Mr. Dunlap asked the committee to provide something about waste containment. Mr. Dunlap explained we need to do some research on this because of a 'no build' requirement that was put on this when the lady set aside the land to begin with.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the dogs were required to be on a leash. Mrs. Adams stated they were not required at the parks she had been to.

Mr. Myers asked what would happen if two dogs were to get into a confrontation within the fenced in area. Ms. Adams stated it is a known fact that when they are free to move they are much less aggressive than when they are on the lead. The owner would be responsible for the aggressive dog. Mrs. Adams will get the information. Volunteers supervise the park.

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Rocco D. Sabatino of Chevington Chase was present. He thinks this is a great idea and he wanted to know how much open space there was in the Busey Road Park. Mr. Yaple stated there was about 6 acres set aside for a Fire Dept. There are 10 – 12 acres of woods and some other features. There are about 15 to 16 acres open of green space. Mr. Sabatino stated he would consider donating part of the cost of the land to do a dedicated Dog Park at his property on Milnor Road as an alternative location.

Mr. Weltlich asked that when they do their research they find out the density per acre of dogs and what the associated parking requirements were.

Public Comment:

Rocco D. Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase, Pickerington was present to talk about the ongoing zoning that has been going on in the Township for some time in an attempt to develop a comprehensive planned district. He had his file with him to include all the work the citizens had done. Mr. Sabatino reported that In December of 2007 the citizens met with Bill Yaple, Kelly Sarko, John Biancamano and Carrie Love and they were in agreement. Then it was to be taken to the other board members and then be brought back to the Trustees. In March of 2008, this was the next time the citizens could meet with the Board concerning the presentation. The citizens came and the first one hour and forty minutes was spent on other business and it left about 15 or 20 minutes to do the discussion. All that was said was that nothing had been done. He feels this process that the Zoning Commission was using is abusive to the citizens. Mr. Sabatino stated that at the Zoning Commission meeting last night Mr. Biancamano stated that you need to have a dedicated work session in order for the work to proceed. Mr. Sabatino stated he feels like the citizens are not important and feels the Township reneged on the agreement too. One document is for the mixed use commercial district and the other is for the planned business and industrial district. Mr. Sabatino stated he does not have a problem with any department except for the Zoning Department. Mr. Dunlap stated the Trustees would address this with the Zoning Commission about getting a work session specifically for this item.

Greg Chamlin of 7933 Camden Court in Reynoldsburg was present representing the Violet Festival for 2008. He was asking for donations for the festival.

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. They are starting on the 2009 budget. They will have an awards banquet. They are still meeting on a new public safety facility and radio issues. They spoke to Chief Taylor about adding some of his people riding in the back of the squad. New cruisers have been ordered. They will be more involved with the Fireworks at Buckeye Lake this year.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the 'Citizens on Patrol'. Chief Deputy Perrigo stated they were going through another 40 residents for the program. Mr. Weltlich stated he has received many compliments on this program.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Taylor was present. He introduced Paul Meares as a part time firefighter who is being appointed to a fulltime firefighter. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-03 – To Appoint New Full Time Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-03 is adopted 3-0.**

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Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-04 – To Appoint New Medical Director. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-04 is adopted 3-0.

Allison Wendt was honored at the State of the Region Address put on by MORPC. Jim Holcomb will be honored this Friday evening by the Knights of Columbus out of Seton Parish for a Blue Coats Awards Dinner.

The Fire Department has had several guys just return from a Fire Department Instructors conference in Indianapolis.

This past week the guys have been taking classes out of the Fire Academy and the Fire Behavior Laboratory.

Chief Taylor will be out of town Sunday through Friday for a short vacation.

Mr. Weltlich mentioned the signing of the MECC Agreement would be this Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Township received 10 bids on the Busey Road realignment project. Bids ranged from \$278,000 to \$390,000. Rock River Construction is the apparent low bidder. Mr. Butcher has contacted 4 references and feedback is positive. The bid is very aggressive. Mr. Butcher anticipates having a contractor on board between the first and middle of May.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-08 – Resolution Identifying the Apparent Lowest & Best Bidder; Authorizing Notice to Proceed with the Lowest & Best Bidder for the Busey Road Realignment Project & Authorizing Township Employees to Perform Attendant Duties. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-08 is adopted.

Mr. Butcher stated in the winter of 2007-2008 we used 2,100 tons of salt at a cost of approximately \$89,000.00 to the Township. From 2003 forward it has gone up. Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher had seen any salt prices for next year. Mr. Butcher stated he had not but stated we did participate in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program and this paperwork should be out in a month. Mr. Myers reported he had heard at a Pickerington City Council meeting that the cost went up for next year \$9.40 a ton. The City is not buying salt from ODOT.

Mr. Myers asked about the newest loader we have. Mr. Butcher stated the feedback he has received so far has been positive. Mr. Yaple reported it was a lot more stable than the blue tractor or the other one they had. It does not bend in the middle and is not an articulating unit.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Butcher what his thoughts were of the brine usage this winter. Mr. Butcher stated they had six events and he was very pleased after the fact. Two of the applications were very beneficial. With the other four applications, conditions did not afford the opportunity. Mr. Weltlich is more interested in a protocol on how it is used, when it is used and how much is used, then whether or not we use it. Mr. Dunlap stated he noticed they received a call from the Sheriffs Department two hours later than they would normally get the call.

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road was present. He asked about the salt pricing and usage.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported we had one single family permit for the month of March at \$350,000 in construction evaluation for a total of 6 for the year and a total construction cost of \$1,318,480 for the year. We had 4 other permits for the month. We had 0 commercial permits for the month for a total of 4 commercial permits for the year. Through March of 2007, we had 12 single family permits.

Mr. Yaple stated he has the 'draft' master plan for the Pifer property. Mr. Rafeld will be meeting with Canal Winchester this week to see if they approve. Mr. Yaple proposes we have a public discussion after that for finalization. Mr. Yaple has already had preliminary conversations with Mr. Rafeld regarding the possibility of a Dog Park in the plan. Mr. Weltlich stated he would like to take our time and allocate space as this is an on-going project.

We have notified about 200 residents that Soil and Water will be working and looking in the streams behind their homes. Mr. Yaple will be attending a 2 day seminar on NPDS Phase 2 Compliance with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Yaple had a resolution to sign the agreement with Daline Pride to audit the Bureau of Motor Vehicle License Tags and to make sure we get credit for our residents.

Mr. Yaple reported it was time for us to put some grass seed down as well as fertilizer on the Pifer property ground. He had a resolution to hire United Landmark to do that.

We have had some leaks in the front foyer of the office building. Mr. Yaple has authorized Thomas Glass to come in and do some caulking.

Mr. Yaple and Ms. Carter attended the Commissioner's Hearing on the Lithopolis Winchester Road annexation. He does not have the Commissioners' minutes of the meeting nor does he have the Commissioners resolution yet.

We have heard nothing from the Bureau of Liquor Control regarding Club 33.

Mr. Yaple had passed out an AG's opinion to the Trustees. House Bill 454 is still in legislation. It is still in testimony.

Mr. Yaple did receive an agreement from the Engineers office to hire an engineering firm to design the bridge so we can apply for funds to give us cause to apply for the Issue 1 project in September of this year. We will have a good estimate for the project. We do not have plans and specs. Mr. Butcher suggested we clarify what expectations there are from the Township regarding this project.

We filed our briefs with the Fifth District Court on the Snider Thornton case. We have not heard any more on this.

We have scheduled a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Maintenance Building on April 25th at noon at the site.

Mr. Weltlich asked what Legal Counsel said about the two zoning cases. Mr. Yaple stated Legal Counsel stated it needs to come back to the Trustees for modification. In the PD plan it showed it on the right of way.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-01 – Hire Consultant to Audit Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Records. Seconded by

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Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-02 – Hire United Landmark and Southwest Landmark. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-07 – Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for Mowing of Noxious Weeds. Motion died for lack of a second. We will use our staff to do this mowing.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported the first half real estate settlements have come in in the amount of \$531,000 of which our General Election cost was \$12,800. Mr. Smith will find out what else this includes.

Audits are upcoming April 21, 2008. Mr. Smith and Mr. Yapple have started updating all of the employee files in the Township to make sure all the necessary paperwork is in every file.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Menningen have met with Chief Taylor and Assistant Chief Eisel on payroll and working at making it more efficient. The Fire Department is now emailing this information over on Sunday evenings so we can be ready first thing Monday morning.

Mr. Smith met with Fifth Third Securities looking at our portfolio. A large part of our money has not been invested and they are looking at ways to invest. Mr. Weltlich asked that Mr. Yapple set up a meeting with Katie Kleinfelder to meet with Mr. Smith and Mr. Yapple. Mr. Smith reminded the Trustees that according to the ORC the Assistant Fiscal Officer needs to get bonded.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-05 – Establishment of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0416-06 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0416-06 is adopted 3-0.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Myers and Mr. Yapple spoke to the Funeral Director about Indignant Burial. Mr. Myers stated we will take this one case at a time.

Mr. Myers also reported one of the County Trustees is adamant against going against the District Advisory Council for the Board of Health on the wastewater and plumbing fees. He has suggested we have a county Trustee meeting to discuss this prior to the July meeting. The Trustees do not feel they need to meet prior to the July meeting.

Mr. Dunlap reported things are going well with the Bicentennial events. Volunteers are still needed.

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Mr. Weltlich made a motion to waive the fee as recommended by staff on the BZA Variance Application submitted by Mr. White. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2008-0416 is passed 3-0.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Dunlap reported April 25th at 7pm the Trustees have been invited to the Arbor Day Celebration at Sycamore Park on the north side of the covered bridge. There is a tree planting in honor of Violet Township and our Bicentennial.

There will be a parks committee meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Township offices. This is to get a committee started to do research on joint parks districts and some other things.

Thursday, April 15th at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon they will be presenting an award to Violet Township and the City of Pickerington Road Crews for the good job they did over the major storm. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap will be in attendance.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Weltlich moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Smith explained he would be passing out the payroll for tomorrow. The payroll register is for the month. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 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:_____