

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 18, 2012

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith, Fiscal Officer called the roll: Mr. Myers and Mr. Dunlap were present. Other Township employees present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple and Township Engineer, Greg Butcher. Mr. Weltlich was absent.

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

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting minutes of 4-4-2012. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of 4-4-2012 are approved 2-0.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:

Joe Brun, Boy Scout Leader was present with some of his scouts. They were here to see how the Township works and they are working on getting some of their badges.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported he had a resolution for consideration to support the submission of the MECC Innovation Grant Application, and the steps necessary to fulfill the requirements as outlined in the Grant Submission at a cost not to exceed \$1,900.00 for each entity.

Chief Eisel also reported on upcoming drug awareness and support programs such as Tyler's Light 5K Fun Run/Walk on May 6th; Operation Street Smart at PHS North, on April 28th and the Opiate problem in Pickerington – what you need to know at PHS Central on April 30th.

Next week Chief Eisel will be attending the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, as well as Strategic Planning with the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Chief Eisel reported we have compiled data that ODOT requested for the number of times we have traversed through the 33 Pickerington Road intersection. Chief Eisel copied this to neighboring Fire Chiefs at Bloom and Greenfield to see if they have anything to add to it.

Chief Eisel presented Resolution 2012-0418-02 – In Support of the MECC Innovation Grant Application. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0418-02 – In Support of the Innovation Grant Application. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0418-02 passes 2-0.

Chief Eisel added that he received a quote as we had budgeted to replace carpet and flooring at Station 591 and part of Station 592. The quote was for \$8408.10. Chief Eisel said he would put a resolution together for the next meeting as well as a resolution for uniform purchase.

Chief Eisel, Bill Yaple and the City Manager have a meeting tomorrow morning to discuss the upcoming Pickerington Magazine June/July issue. This issue will be dedicated to preparedness.

The new engine should be on the 'blue floor' the end of June. After that inspection process it should be on its way home the Friday after that.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher presented a 2012 preliminary paving scope for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer to review. He hopes to have a resolution to advertise during the May 2, 2012

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Regular Trustee meeting. Per the planning session, he proposes a budget of \$500,000. Mr. Butcher indicated additional streets may be added to the program.

Mr. Butcher explained we were approved by ODOT to manage the Safe Routes to School Violet Elementary project as a Local Let project. This is important for the Township as it allows us to coordinate, advertise, bid, and manage the project. This also allows us to construct the project this year.

Mr. Butcher hopes that the sidewalk project will commence yet this year. A bid package is in process of being developed.

We have a pre-construction meeting for the Violet-029 Bridge this Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Dunlap asked how the Busey Park drainage was coming. Mr. Butcher stated a ditch has been rough graded in front of the woods, west of Bruce Court.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported building permits year to date we have 3 single family units at \$620,000.00 in valuation. We had 31 other residential permits. We have had 3 commercial permits for the quarter year to date for valuation of 58,000.00.

We would like to consider a motion to authorize Keytel systems to purchase computer equipment to replace equipment for the Fiscal Officer, the Fiscal Assistant and a laptop that will be tied in by VPN to the network for Rochelle to use at home. The cost is not to exceed \$3,000.00.

There has been a new regulation passed in the statehouse regarding fraud that we need to educate our employees on. It was House Bill 66. The effective day is May 4, 2012. Mr. Yapple will discuss with the Fiscal Officer and schedule training at the Fire Station soon.

Mr. Yapple is waiting on a layout for the sign for the Busey Road Park similar to the one for the office that is on the corner.

Grange is requesting use of the parking lot across from Station 1 for dedication of the monument in front of the Grange and a Flag Burning Ceremony on June 11, 2012. They do not have a time yet. They requested we get the speaker system from the library and the Fire Department take care of the chairs and tables for this event.

The question has come up regarding posting of hours for the Dog Park. We need to come up with standard hours of operation and a basic set of rules for all of our recreation areas. We will do a resolution for the next meeting. The Trustees would like it to be sunrise to dusk. We can get some signage made and get it posted on the website.

Mr. Yapple reported we are preparing letters to property owners regarding drainage issues not connected with the right of ways.

There is a cooperative partnership agreement to pass tonight for participation with several Central Ohio communities for a consortium. We are applying for a grant to see if we get 20 communities together and how much it will lower our insurance rates.

There are some change orders for the work being done in the front of the Administration Building. Item #1 is to change the front gable end from painted to plywood to EIFS material finish and #2 is to replace light fixtures in the front foyer.

Mr. Yapple has met with one carpet company for this office and still have to meet with another one.

The State of the Region Luncheon is April 26th.

Mr. Yapple and Joy will attend the Tax Incentive Review Commission meeting at 3:30 pm on April 26.

Mr. Yapple had information on the reconstruction on 4 E. Columbus Street building. The cost is about \$45,000.00 to repair the masonry exterior and remove and replace the

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glass and glazing. It also includes putting aluminum sills on the concrete sills under the windows upstairs. The architect feels the concrete is taking moisture and that's why he wants to cover those sills. We can have resolutions at next meeting to allow them to go ahead and start that work.

Construction on our offices is going well. They should start hanging drywall tomorrow. Once the stone is set they can put the windows in then the EIFS Contractor will come in.

Mr. Yaple and Mr. Smith are recommending some changes in the hours of operation for the Township offices and establish normal business hours for the office and this would also be posted on our website. We will bring a resolution to the next meeting.

The last meeting we discussed the property on Pickerington Road and Deer Run and what we could do in regards to the conditions of the houses and the barn. Our Zoning Officer took pictures. Mr. Yaple does not recommend doing anything to this property right now. The properties appear to be secure.

Mr. Yaple reported we have been talking with the County regarding collaboration on a grant application for the purchase of a jet vac truck. The utilities department would like to buy a jet vac. This grant is ten years, interest free. They need collaboration to purchase this truck which will have a camera on it. Last year we spent about \$5,000 for the use of a similar truck.

We have been meeting with the insurance broker on health insurance. The committee is recommending the option of staying with Medical Mutual Insurance. It changes our 'out of pocket number sum and it changes our deductible to \$4,000 - \$8,000 policy and a 90/10% for the employee on the deductibles. The other option is United Health Care. The base policy is the same as we have today. The committee proposes to stay with Medical Mutual. We also did add a 10 ten step wellness program instead of a 5 step program for the next year.

Vision is also up for renewal. They increased the benefit level but we stay the same on the cost for vision.

We have a mediation conference with the Supreme Court next Wednesday. Mr. Yaple asks that the board nominate our Chairman of the Trustees be nominated as the representative for the Township to participate in this with our Legal Counsel. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to nominate Chairman Myers to represent the Township at Mediation on April 25, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2012-0418 passes 2-0.

There will be a resolution at the next meeting to support the Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Project. It does not obligate us to do anything but provide greenspace along Walnut Creek in the future as development occurs. Their Land Use Plan mirrors our plan.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0418-01 – A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement to Jointly Apply for a Local Government Innovation Fund Grant and to Authorize the Director of Operations to Execute Necessary Documents. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0418-01 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to authorize Keytel Systems to Order Computer Equipment for the Fiscal Office not to exceed \$3,000.00. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked why the laptop to go home. Mr. Yaple explained Ms. Menningen is tying into the system now off a personal computer and Keytel is recommending that not occur. Mr. Dunlap asked if she was working at home now and how do we monitor those hours. Mr. Smith explained she was at times. There are times when she needs to do payroll from home if she is not feeling well or on vacation. The way payroll works is that we don't receive it until Monday morning and has to be done on that day. So basically we do not have a very big window for doing payroll. Mr. Dunlap suggested having more discussion on this as he feels it is something we need to look into. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2012-0418 passes 2-0.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve change order for Central Ohio Building (not to exceed \$2500) to revise Item #1 – change the front soffit from painted to EISF material finish and Item #12 – to replace light fixtures in the foyer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2012-0418 passes 2-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he was at the Sr. Center at their last meeting and educated them on how the Fiscal Office works in regards to the Senior Services Levy. He also talked on some budgeting strategies.

Mr. Smith also went to Madison Township this week to help out a counterpart (taking office April 1st) in paying bills for the first time.

Trustee Reports:

None

Trustees out of Office Meetings:

April 26th at noon at the Hyatt Regency State of the Region Luncheon.

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Myers explained we have been approached to put a member of one of the Trustees on the Tyler's Light Committee as well as a member on the MECC Research Committee. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to appoint Mr. Weltlich to represent the Township on Tylers Light and the MECC research. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion D2012-0418 passes 2-0.

Mr. Myers received a call from a resident who said he awoke at 430am on April 18th, 2012 and there was a trash truck at Chevington Woods at 4:30 am. Mr. Yaple said this is the first complaint we have had. We need information on what trash company it might have been or at least a color of truck. Mr. Myers will find out from the resident and he will let Mr. Yaple know.

The next regularly scheduled meeting at the Violet Township Trustees will be Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Administrative offices.

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. Motion passes 2-0.

Adjourn:

Mr. Dunlap made a motion adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 2-0. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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: _____