

Violet Township Board of Trustees

May 2, 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 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 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 4-18-2012. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, abstained and Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of 4-18-2012 are approved 2-1 abstained.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported they received a grant request approval in the amount of \$5500 from the Hunter Barber Foundation. They reimbursed us for the car seat installation program. We may be the number one in the state that has the most trained car seat installations.

Chief Eisel attended the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, as well as Strategic Planning with the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief Eisel met with Congressman Stivers and he assured him that we had his full support with regards to the federal grant programs.

Chief Eisel received an award for the Violet Township Fire Department support of education from the Pickerington School systems.

Tyler's Light 5K run is this Sunday, May 6th. The first goal for this event was to increase awareness and the second goal was to raise money for this event. They are expecting around 1700 participants.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-01 – Purchase Nomax Uniforms. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-01 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-02 – Authorize Replacement of Flooring (station 591 and part of 592). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked when they would start. Chief Eisel said he assumed they were ready now. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-02 passes 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-11 – Reclassification of Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief Eisel was applying the new protocol they are developing for background checks when there is a transition like this. Chief Eisel reported what they looked at was the current work history and they did not apply in-depth background checks for these two individuals based on the fact that it has been a year, however, the goal is that when everyone comes in the door now they will go through this enhanced process. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-11 passes 3-0.

Chief Eisel reported he had a proclamation to present for proclaiming May, 2012 as Building Safety Month.

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Mr. Dunlap asked about the new fire engine. Chief Eisel reported June 25, 2012 it should be ready for pickup.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher explained there had been a neighbor to neighbor dispute regarding a driveway and Mr. Butcher has documented what has transpired as well as encouraging the folks to work out their differences.

The Dog Park has been re-seeded. Klamfoth also came in to do some hydra seeding. Some of the committee members from 'Friends of the Dog Park' have been urging us to try the hydra-seeding.

May 7th is the advertised start date for the bridge replacement project on Waterloo Road.

Mr. Butcher was invited to the Pelatonian Bike race. There will be several thousand bikers attending for a cancer fund raiser. It will be on a Saturday and Sunday in August.

Next Wednesday, May 9th is National Bike to School day and the Safe Routes to School Committee is part of our non- infrastructure portion of the program and the committee is sponsoring a 'bike to school' day for Fairfield Elementary, Harmon Middle School and Diley Middle School.

They will be passing out flyers within the building and a bicycle company will be handing out free flashing lights to the kids. This is part of the commitment we try to demonstrate to the Safe Routes to School.

Mr. Butcher had a proclamation to be presented to Pickerington North Bowler Brittany Begley who finished first in the State. Mr. Myers asked that a letter be prepared inviting Ms. Beeghley to the next Trustee meeting to accept this award.

Mr. Butcher spoke about the paving and chip and seal maintenance resolutions for advertising. We will have asphalt and we will have chip and seal. We may look at crack sealing later in the year.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-08 – Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for 2012 Pavement Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-08 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-12 – Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for 2012 Chip Seal Pavement Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-12 passes 3-0.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we had applied for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant for funds to do some paths in Busey Road Park. There were two applications from Fairfield County, one being from the Amanda area; that has gotten a more recent grant. We won't know anything for a few months.

Everything is set for the Violet Grange events for June 11th at 7pm. There will be speakers and then the monument dedication and flag retirement ceremony. Mr. Yapple has spoken to Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Price regarding the protection of the monument. Mr. Yapple has not decided how many protection posts to put there yet. There has also been a request to move the flag and place it between the monument and the street.

National Day of Prayer was to be held on May 3rd at 7:00 pm (according to the memo). To confirm the time will be too late.

There are two resolutions for 4 East Columbus Street separating the glass from the masonry work.

Chief Deputy Perrigo had sent the Trustees information about sheriff calls in the last few weeks that were passed on to him.

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Mr. Yapple passed out paperwork on increased fees for the Building and Zoning departments and would like comments back.

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 that House Bill 509 went through the house last week and there is a provision in it. Jim Adams of the Ohio Health Commission spoke in opposition to the measure that they put in regarding district health commissions. They are going to take the language out of the Ohio Revised Code that the County Commissioners are responsible for furnishing housing for Health Departments in the State of Ohio. This will be an impact on us as well as all the 13 townships plus some municipalities in this county. We would be one of the heaviest ones hit because it would be based on taxable valuation. This has not been introduced to the Senate. We will draft a letter. The Ohio Township Association has tried to testify against this but to date has not been successful. It is mandated that we have a Board of Health and it is mandated that we pay for that board.

The Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Plan coincides with our Land Use document. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-03 – Resolution of Support for the Walnut Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-03 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-04 – Establish Hours of Operation for Violet Township Administrative Offices from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (excluding Federal Holidays and other times as seen fit by the Violet Township Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich didn't understand the purpose of this. Mr. Yapple explained we had never done this before and it was understood that business hours would be when people were here in the building. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Resolution 2012-0502-04 passes 2-1.

Mr. Yapple reported the Health Committee recommended we stay with Medical Mutual with some changes. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-05 – Continue Employee Health Insurance with Medical Mutual of Ohio. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-05 passes 3-0.

There was no increase in cost to renew the Vision Service Plan. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-06 – Continue Vision Service Plan (VSP) Contract Renewal. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-06 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-07 – Establish Park and Greenspace Hours for Violet Township (sunrise to dusk). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked why we were doing this. Mr. Yapple told him it was for liability purposes. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-07 passes 3-0.

Mr. Yapple had two resolutions to cover the masonry repair on the building at 4 E. Columbus Street as well as replacement of glass and aluminum store fronts.

The recommendation would be to do the store front at a later time.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0502-09 – Masonry Repairs for 4 E. Columbus Street Building. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0502-09 passes 3-0.

Resolution 2012-0502-10 was pulled out.

Mr. Weltlich referred back to House Bill 509. He recommended checking the vote in the House of Representatives and asking Senator Schaffer what his stand on the vote was.

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Mr. Weltlich asked if employees were notified about fraud reporting. Mr. Yaple reported information had been sent to all employees.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported the Fiscal Office had received their new computers and thanked the Trustees.

Mr. Smith has not heard anything new from the Auditor's Office.

Mr. Smith was back at Madison Township this week to help out a counterpart.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Smith to track the 'home use' of the laptop they just purchased and track the hours and let him know if this results in overtime or regular time. Mr. Smith said he would do this.

Trustee Reports:

None

Trustees out of Office Meetings:

none

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Smith reported he would be out of town for that meeting and Ms. Menningen will be filling in for him.

Pay Bills:

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

Executive Session:

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 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. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:14 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Adjourn:

Mr. Weltlich made a motion adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0. The meeting stands adjourned at 10:14 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: _____