

Violet Township Board of Trustees

May 20, 2009

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Myers, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Bill Yapple, Director of Operations and John Eisel, Fire Chief; Doug Barr, Assistant Fire Chief.

Mr. Myers 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 here at home.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the 5-6-2009 Regular Trustee Meeting including Attachment A (a detailed reporting of discussion regarding zoning issues) without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

Public Comments

Mr. William Clark residing at Chateau Drive was present. Mr. Clark referred to an article that appeared in the May 13, 2009 edition of the Pickerington Times Sun. He stated this was some very 'unsettling' news for the residents that live in the Refugee Road Milnor Road area. It was reported that the owner of the north east corner C-2 zoned property at the Refugee Road Milnor Rd junction discussed a possible change in the zoning code that defines C-2 property business uses. The change would permit the establishment on all C-2 rated property of automotive business uses such as dealerships and retail services. The Trustees voted to 'approach the Zoning board of a possible change in regulations'. The specifics as a result of this change were not spelled out. The three C-2 properties are in proximity to 4 subdivisions; Countrywood, Chevington Village, Springcreek and Winding Creek. Hundreds of beautiful and well kept homes are within this sub division. The people that live in these properties take pride in their homes. He is in process of forming a Refugee Road Milnor Rd. citizens committee that was active for a zoning dispute and the successful effort to reduce the speed limit on Milnor Road. They oppose this change. Change in the C-2 code (as written in the article) means any C-2 rated property could be used for automobile services. He added that his personal opinions are not set in stone. He just wants to be heard. He feels it is time for the owner to offer the board some concrete plans.

Mr. Myers thanked him for coming and he assured him that what he reads in the paper was not always exactly correct. He read the exact motion that was approved. Mr. Dunlap made a motion that the Zoning Commission considers moving auto repair maintenance and retail from C-3 to C-2.

John Freed of 8527 Chateau Dr. was present. He explained that he moved from New Albany where a similar change had been made and felt that he and his wife took a significant loss in selling their property because of this change. He is very concerned about anything like this coming to the neighborhood and any change to a C-2. He said it was a little concerning to him that the Trustees would go to the Zoning Commission as a whole on this but it seems like the zoning committee is there for zoning issues.

Roger Stinson of 8212 Night Heron Lane was present. He is opposed of any changes or additions to C-2 zoning. He challenges the Trustees to enforce existing C-2 zoning. He would not like any change to occur. He would like them to assist the C-2 land owners to develop their property under existing code. How to help

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residents and help the business owners to develop harmony in developing their land.

Rocco Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase was present. He stated that he was not invited to be on the Refugee/Milnor Road committee and he also referred to Mr. Clark's statement about '2005'. Mr. Sabatino stated that he evicted a tenant because he did not abide by his lease by abiding by the zoning code. Mr. Sabatino agrees the township will need to develop more business. He feels his businesses that would come in would be a clean business.

Mr. Weltlich stated for the record that it is his understanding that they are asking for the code for C-2 to be reviewed for the entire township as a classification and suddenly they are in debate for 'site specific' and that was not his understanding of the intent of the motion. These discussions are off the wall. All of these discussions should be for the time that they go for the Zoning Commission.

County Authorities

Chief Deputy Perrigo stated they had a well attended awards dinner.

Christine Rice, Manager of Club 33 stated she spoke to a neighboring resident. His beef is with the previous owner. She assured him she was doing all she could to be sure that the noise level is kept at a minimum. She gave him her personal cell number in case he had any problems. He was happy to hear there was a different owner. Her biggest issue is there is no time limitation. Someone suggested they apply for a variance. Mr. Weltlich suggested since the meeting just took place today that it 'needs time'. She would ask him to please not call the sheriff and give her a chance to resolve the problem.

Fire Department

Chief Eisel had two resolutions to present for consideration.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0520-04 – Purchase Replacement Generator. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked if they had ever had any problems with initial start-up of the generators. Chief Eisel stated it had a pre heater. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0520-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0520-05 – Electrical Upgrade for Station 591. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief Eisel had made out a timeline. Chief Eisel stated he had not. Mr. Weltlich asked if he would. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0520-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0520-06 - Replace Emergency Outdoor Warning Siren at Station 591. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0520-06 is adopted 3-0.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher stated they had taken the culvert out of the trench on Allen Road.

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Mr. Butcher reported they have started a rough cut on the multi use path from Hill Road to Oxford Drive. Stonecreek Drive with the sidewalks. They will re-grade and pack the soil.

Mr. Butcher reported he is still refining the annual paving schedule. He is getting very close to being able to sit down with Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Butcher reported he is getting ready for the Memorial holiday and getting the parks and cemeteries ready.

Paving for the new maintenance facility will happen tomorrow. Mr. Butcher is now residing in the new office.

Stonecreek Drive drainage should be wrapped up in a few weeks.

Busey Road drainage culvert should be wrapped up in a few weeks.

Jefferson Drive culvert advertises next week.

We have gotten a few bites on the number one truck. Mr. Yaple will follow up on this to get information from them.

Mr. Butcher had another meeting on safe routes to schools. There will be another committee meeting the first of June. It is all planning and designing.

There is a guardrail issue at the culvert on Stemen about halfway between Center St. and Hampton Ridge. We are looking at enclosing the open ditch there.

Doing some culvert work on Terry Lane which has to do with getting rid of the storm water to the east of Terry Lane.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we got a commitment for a Gannt chart for the new maintenance building. Mr. Yaple stated he would have it for him.

Mr. Weltlich also asked if Mr. Butcher had approached Regional Planning regarding about building a temporary road to Winding Creek. Mr. Butcher stated it was in process.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there were any changes he would like to make in his new office. Mr. Butcher stated he did not have anything right now. He asked Mr. Butcher to put a list together of anything he needed.

Mr. Myers asked if the break table and chairs had been ordered. Mr. Butcher stated they were and it would be here in a few weeks.

Mr. Dunlap asked if they had followed the state protocol and checked with the OPI first. Mr. Yaple did not have a catalog.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported we had 0 single family building permits for April with 1 new home for the year with \$200,000 of construction evaluation. There were 4 other permits for the month with a total of 13 for the year. We had 1 new commercial permit for the month and 2 new commercial permits for the year. Through April of 2008, we had 7 new single-family permits.

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Household Sewage Treatment is moving forward. There will be a proposal back to revise the household treatment inspections. That the district advisory council took away.

A hearing is set for Tuesday, June 30th at 9:00 am for the viewing on site and at 11:00 am for the hearing for Busey Road. They will be renaming and establishing a portion of Busey Road, NW.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the Fire Department and the operations of Violet Township were supportive of this activity. Mr. Yaple said absolutely not. Mr. Weltlich asked why we don't write a letter as to why we oppose it. Mr. Yaple stated we will do that again and speak up at the hearing.

Mr. Yaple had given the Trustees information as to a proposed website redesign. Mr. Weltlich stated he thought the proposal was vague but he did agree with the principal.

Mr. Yaple spoke to the gentleman in Waterloo. He will pay for the legal description that was discussed for the survey and get it to the County to do what they need to do.

Our folks are back on the creek survey and have been working in various areas of the Township.

Mr. Weltlich asked about World Harvest church meeting with the neighbors. Mr. Yaple stated he had sent a letter and they will be facilitating this meeting.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Yaple had gotten a cd on the new medical facility on the web site. Mr. Yaple will get one.

Mr. Yaple asked about a cd on the MORPC meeting. They are not sure if they have it or not.

Without a variance we can only build a 20 square foot sign at the new Maintenance Facility. There is another alternative. We could do some plans and put the v-plow (sitting on Pickerington Road) up on a stand with the address. If we set it up on a stand and pedestal and put an automotive finish on it. Mr. Yaple will look into this and talk to Lance and see what we can do.

Mr. Yaple updated the Trustees on the Dog park grant application from O.D.N.R. He does not expect to hear anything regarding the grant until late July or August. Mr. Yaple feels we will get something.

Mr. Yaple mentioned the Grange is having their flag burning ceremony on June 8th.

Mr. Yaple asked for a motion to allow AT Athletics to build the bumpers for the new Maintenance Facility that the Trustees requested for an amount not to exceed \$800.00. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to use AT Athletics to build bumpers for the new Maintenance Facility. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked Mr. Yaple to have him look at the sharp corners on the block walls too. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2009-0520 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Yaple presented a resolution for renewing of our health insurance agreement. The committee looked at three different policies and will recommend a change in the policy from where we were. This is a \$2,000/4,000 deductible policy. The Township will assume more of the liability than it has in the past. We are saving \$17,600.00. The only thing that has really changed is that it is a cash flow management. You have a year to turn in the old invoices for the old plan.

With this policy as of June 1 everything accumulated will change. The next plan will run from June 1 to May 30, 2010. It goes by plan year not calendar year. Meetings have been set up for Frank Harmon to talk with all employees for explanation. Mr. Weltlich asked if everyone agreed that the "E.O.B." should trigger a payment. Everyone agreed with this statement. If you have lingering bills from the old policy you will have one year to turn them in. Our health insurance now goes by plan year now, not calendar year. We are to use the old cards until the new cards are in place and active.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0520-01 - Authorize Ohio Insurance Services. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes, Mr. Dunlap, yes; Resolution 2009-2009-0520-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt resolution 2009-0520-02 – Authorize Purchase of Siren from EMA (Emergency Management Association). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0520-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt resolution 2009-0529-03 – Support for Fourth of July. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich recommended that Mr. Dunlap be our representative Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0520-03 is adopted 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he spoke with the county in regards to our budget next year. The department heads are now working on this. We can plan on being 'flat lined' for our basic stuff but the state is going to be hit hard. This would include monies that the state can specifically take from us. The building and zoning departments are actually a 'cost' to us. Mr. Yaple stated that the OTA has recommended cutting 20% of your income from the state.

Mr. Smith met with one of our investment people and a current money market for publicly traded funds are between .12 of 1% and .34 of 1%. We have a substantial amount of our money invested in the 3's and 4%.

Mr. Weltlich recommended someone captures the numbers and tracks the state induced funding by 50% and roll that back and plan for that.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Mr. Yaple attended a meeting at the Senior Center and they seem to be on track. Mr. Weltlich was unhappy about their recent purchase of a Wii machine.

Mr. Weltlich reported there is controversy among the seniors about whether beer and wine drinking should be permitted. They are addressing this.

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Mr. Weltlich reported the City of Lancaster opted out of the JEDD. Now we need to take the three entities and reconcile.

Mr. Weltlich reported that Bill Arnett resigned officially June 19th.

Mr. Myers attended the Mingo Estates Civic Association meeting held at Beef O Bradys. Peggy Portier and about 8 other people were there. Mr. Myers suggested to them they needed to resolve the noise situation between each

other and not this government entity and the police department. The residents plan to work at this.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Dunlap moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____