

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

**May 21, 2008  
Regular Meeting**

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

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; Bill Yaple, Director of Operations; Kenn Taylor, 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 of the May 7, 2008 meeting.

**Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.**

### **Recognition of Guests:**

Jon Kochis of Fairfield Emergency Management Association was present to give an update on the tornado siren process and to answer questions. He was responding to Chief Taylor's email regarding the events of April 11, 2008. They had decided this was not an event of tornadic experience. The next day they had received a call from a resident stating she had some damage and they determined it was a downburst. If it is only trees down they call it an F-0. There was some misinformation. An F-1 is roof or shingle damage. The barn that went all the way to the ground was looked at and they did not receive a report from the resident. He did not think the barn would have taken much to knock it down. The National Weather Service considered it a downburst. Mr. Dunlap asked if we as locals seeing it or observing it have the authority to activate our sirens in our territory. Mr. Kochis stated we absolutely do and we can override anything the National Weather Service does in the interest of safety.

Mr. Dunlap also asked if the sirens are activated in the county by the four quadrants or are they activated by the entire county. Mr. Kochis stated they do not have the technology right now to do the four quadrants.

Chief Taylor intervened by saying that the lag time that Mr. Kochis was speaking of means that if you have a weather radio in your home and the weather service sends out a signal and activates your radio that says there is a tornado warning for Fairfield County. It is that very same signal that activates the siren; so there are no lags.

Mr. Kochis stated he is pushing the 'tower based system' where they send a message out based on what tower your cell phone is connected to and a message goes to that tower and sends a message to every user at the same time the other alerts are sounded.

Mr. Dunlap commented that he was concerned because the direction of where the storm came down was directed toward Pickerington and that the storm cluster that caused the damage and was considered a 'downburst' was in a direct line of significant residential areas. Mr. Kochis agreed that it was an F-0 tornado but the National Weather Service determined it was a downburst.

Mr. Dunlap invited Mr. Kochis to come to the Heritage Days Event on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and a space will be provided for him to present to the public information about his agency and what it does for the community.

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### Public Comment:

Carolyn Adams of 8250 Kingfisher Lane was present to find out the status of their request for a Dog Park. Mr. Dunlap stated this was being considered and the Trustees have been looking at the materials they were given and they do not know of anything in the immediate future. They have some other options they are looking at. She asked for a tentative approval so they could start doing fund raising. Mr. Weltlich advised her that as soon as we made a decision, we would inform her and her group could then start fund raising for the fencing and other items we will need.

### County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. Sergeant Duval has been assigned to the Violet Township area 3 days a week. The plan is to put her in charge of the Violet Township area.

### Departmental Reports:

#### Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2008-0521-01 – Addendum to MECC Dispatching Agreement. Chief Taylor explained this addendum basically states that this is now in 5 year increments; we still have the right to cancel. If and when we were to cancel we would have to pay our pro rated share for the lease agreement through the end of the lease agreement. Mr. Weltlich commented that this agreement protects Mifflin. He had told Mifflin he wanted this standardized and uniform among all the participants. It was decided to pull back and table the resolution as it is inconsistent. **Mr. Weltlich moved to table Resolution 2008-0521-01 – Addendum to MECC Dispatching Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-01 is tabled.**

There was a meeting with Frank Harmon regarding health insurance. The recommendation is to stick with Anthem with a change to the prescription drug card that increases the amount we pay by a few dollars for the prescriptions. We would be at a 1.55% increase from last year. Chris Smith stated they had asked Mr. Harmon and his staff come out again this year to review the benefit structure and how the HRA and reimbursement works for any employee who is interested.

Mr. Smith stated he did not think we needed a resolution because we were not changing anything.

#### Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he received the Busey Road Alignment contracts back. Mr. Butcher will be sending out one more final, formal information letter out to residents in the area. Things are moving forward.

There was a federal declaration for the March 9, 2008 snow event. It appears that our reimbursement will be somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Mr. Butcher reported his crew has begun mowing in the right of ways. In advance of Memorial they would like to have the cemeteries done.

The 'Prisoners at Work' program administered by the Sheriffs Department has started back up. Mr. Butcher reported they did a good job painting the front doors on the Maintenance Facility. Mr. Dunlap suggested we get on their list for July so the prisoners could do some work at the park on Busey Road in their spare time.

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The Township Road Review is Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Barn. Mr. Butcher will have some information to share.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yapple had a project meeting with the contractor for the new Maintenance Building and received a revised schedule. Mr. Weltlich would still like to receive a gantt chart that shows milestones and timelines for the project. There have been no change notices.

Mr. Weltlich asked what was resolved with Debris Management. Mr. Butcher reported he met with the County EMA and Ed Drobina of the City of Pickerington. They have a draft Joint Debris Management Plan that they are going to make minor revisions to. Mr. Butcher will ask Canal if they want to participate.

### **Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple reported we had 1 single family permit for the month of April at \$200,000 in construction evaluation for a total of 7 for the year and a total construction cost of \$1,518,480.00 for the year. We had 5 other permits for the month. We had 0 commercial permits for the month for a total of 4 commercial permits for the year. Through April of 2007, we had 17 single-family permits.

There was discussion on how to proceed with the Pifer Master Plan. They decided to just continue on and leave alone for now.

Mr. Weltlich asked what happened with the swimming pool and the fence regarding the building and zoning violations at 7680 Silver Springs Street. This has been sent to legal for recommendation.

### **Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

### **Motions to Be Considered:**

None

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported the audit is close to being complete and thinks it looks good. He is waiting on their findings and then we will respond. The issue of the purchase orders is still an issue. Mr. Smith asked the Auditors to come up with how they want certain things done.

Mr. Smith stated that once he gets all of the accounts cleaned up we will have fewer resolutions over the next three years.

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0521-02 – Establishment of Fund. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-07 is adopted. 3-0.  
Resolution 2008-0521-02 – Increase Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-06 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0521-03 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-03 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0521-06 – Change 2006 Cash Advance to a Transfer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr.**

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**Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-06 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0521-07 – Transfer of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-07 is adopted.**

Mr. Yaple presented the following resolutions for consideration:

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0521-04 – Purchase 2009 Truck for Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Myers. There was discussion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, no; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-04 is adopted 2-1.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0521-05 - Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. There was discussion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0521-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Trustees Reports**

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Mr. Yaple attended the Board of Directors meeting at the Pickerington Senior Center. He recommended they do a professional survey of their potential clients.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial had the Pedal in the Park event. It was a big success.

Mr. Dunlap stated we would like to have the DVD's done by the Heritage Days events on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> but will need to bring in professional assistance to get it repaired and usable.

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

None

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

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

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