

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

**May 7, 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 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.

**Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the April 16, 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:**

Mr. Dunlap introduced Carolyn Adams who resides at 8250 Kingfisher Lane, Pickerington. She thanked the Trustees for the time her group was given at the previous meeting. Ms. Adams passed out new information for the Trustees. She stated that the 'ultimate' as far as the dog park is the dog park requirements. She had examples of rules from various dog parks. She also had cost information available such as: drainage, putting water into the park; asphalt trail which may or may not be necessary. Most of the costs she received were 'approximate' figures from the dog parks that had already been established.

Ms. Adams explained they have learned that things such as waste cans, liners and things like that are all provided by the park. The parks are maintained. All of the parks they contacted had volunteer supervisors. They thought whatever parking is provided by the park would be adequate to accommodate the dog park as well.

They have found that the people interested in getting the parks going are generally interested in doing some fundraising.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the rules and regulations having to be enforced by people monitoring the dog park and asked if the volunteers are going to be the ones to do that. Ms. Adams stated this would suggest volunteers for monitoring and they would also try to build awareness.

Ms. Adams stressed that it is not a good idea to put this in a residential area. There would be too many complaints.

Ms. Adams closed asking the Trustees for a 'tentative' commitment and was hoping they could publicize and start doing some fundraising.

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **County Authorities:**

None

### **Departmental Reports:**

#### **Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported they have received approval from Ohio Public Works Commission on the contractor that was the apparent low bidder.

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Mr. Butcher reported he is working on the contract to get out to them. The state has given us their blessing. A completion date might be the middle of July.

On Friday May 9, we will be receiving our 2008 pavement maintenance bids at 11:30 am. In conjunction to that we have to start thinking about the 'road review' and when we want to schedule this.

Mr. Butcher attended a meeting in Lancaster regarding the March 7 – through 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 snow event. There has been a federal declaration and designated as an emergency. In conjunction with that we will be eligible to submit for reimbursement. We isolate a continuous 48 period before or after the event and calculate our overtime costs, truck costs and submit for reimbursement. The process is very similar to what we did for the ice storm in 2005. The Township needs to identify the person as the authorized agent. Mr. Butcher will be the authorized agent.

Mr. Butcher also attended a meeting on debris management which is something that develops out of ice storms and tornadoes. Reimbursement percentage goes to 85%. Mr. Butcher would like to partner with the City of Pickerington on this and make it a joint plan for the community. Mr. Weltlich stated he would support this. The Ohio EMA is strongly encouraging the formulation of a county plan and from that we will write a local plan. Mr. Dunlap asked if he had thought about including Canal Winchester in this partnership as there may be something available from that from Franklin County. Mr. Butcher will look into this and will also coordinate any discussions they need to have with the Fire Department.

Mr. Butcher requests we hire 3 employees for seasonal help this summer of which two are returning from last year and one is a graduate from Central High School. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-08 – Hiring of Part Time Seasonal Road Department Workers. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-08 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-09 – To Designate the Township Engineer as the Authorized Agent. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-09 is adopted. 3-0.**

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher had any discussion with the 'debris management' team about the strong winds that came down on Amanda Northern across Busey Road a few weeks ago. He was told it was an 'F-1' Tornado and Mr. Yaple stated he did not think it was ever sited.

Chief Taylor stated it was his understanding that the EMA Director had a few Lancaster Fire Fighters with him and our EMA Director called the National Weather Service and they did not activate the sirens. Mr. Dunlap stated that it came close to some high density houses and asked if our EMA Director was pursuing this. Chief Taylor stated the EMA Director told him the National Weather Service determined it was not a tornado. Chief Taylor will check with the EMA Director to see if we can get the National Weather Service to have someone come out and explain what happened.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Taylor reported he will be meeting tomorrow afternoon regarding OP&F to look at the response.

Chief Taylor reported they will be participating in the funeral for retired Fire Chief, Paul Underwood. He was the previous Chief at Greenfield Fire Department.

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The American Cancer Society Cancer bus was at the Fire Station this afternoon and all went very well.

Chief Taylor will leave Tuesday for Denver for the International Association for Fire Chief's Board meeting.

### **Director of Operations**

Mr. Yaple reported on an ongoing issue we have had in a subdivision on a house that our codes require the swimming pools be fenced for insurance and liability purposes. The Zoning Code requires this as well. We have been trying to work this out for about a year now. There are some neighbors in the area complaining quite loudly.

We received the decision back from Liquor Control regarding Club 33. The hearing officer found that Violet Township was unable to present sufficient evidence to show that the applicant is unfit to engage in retail sale of alcoholic beverages. We will continue monitoring as we have in the past.

Mr. Yaple had passed out information from the Pickerington Senior Center regarding a 5-year plan. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Yaple will be attending a meeting with the Senior Center Board of Trustees.

Mr. Yaple had given the Trustees preliminary information on the Mount Carmel facility phasing plan on their site. This includes the first medical office building.

The Pifer property plan is going before Canal Winchester for a 'preliminary' look next Monday evening. Mr. Yaple will attend this zoning hearing along with Mr. Rafeld, our consultant. We need to decide how we want to present this to the public.

NPDS Phase II compliance is continuing. They are now in the Walnut Creek Watershed. The Soil and Water group has finished the Blacklick watershed. We have sent over 500 letters to date.

Mr. Yaple explained we were going to delay the purchase of equipment for the tandem axle truck but he spoke to the vendor who said he received a call last week and said that steel prices would be going up and they would not hold the quote longer than the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. After that the prices would climb another 15 – 20%.

Mr. Yaple reported that Sam's Termite and Pest Control would be doing mosquito spraying throughout the unincorporated area of the Township. Sam has done a good job over the last five years. He spends about 15 to 18 hours in one township round based on a three night unit. The cost is \$110 per hour this year. We may need to consider treating any standing water with larvae side because of West Nile Virus becoming more prevalent in the area.

We have a resolution to hire Santec who will help us acquire the easements needed to do the sanitary sewer work for the new Maintenance Facility on Meadows Blvd. and Pickerington Road. There are five properties we need permanent easements on.

There are resolutions for the Violet Festival Funding and advertising.

There is a letter we will be sending regarding the bridge issue back to the County Engineer to allow him to schedule this into his design time and design the bridge

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and then cooperate with him for the application and the funding at a later date. We would be the applicant and they would reimburse us.

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-01 – Easement Acquisition. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-01 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-02 – 2008 Violet Festival Funding. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-02 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-03 – Advertise in Violet Festival Magazine. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-03 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-04 – Accept Proposal for Mosquito Spraying for Unincorporated area of Violet Township. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-04 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-05 – Purchase Equipment from Ace Truck Body, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-05 is adopted. 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0507-07 – Forward Building and Zoning Violation to Legal Council. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0507-07 is adopted. 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple reported he received notice from Wilma Yoder, who handles grant funding from MORPC. They are working on the final transportation plan and they pointed out that if we are thinking about anything we may need Federal Funds to help us with in years 2010, 2017 we need to think about doing an application within the next 30 – 60 days. We need to start thinking about this. It is a long drawn out process but it can bring big dollars in the long run. Mr. Yapple pointed out there is ‘thoroughfare’ criteria. Mr. Weltlich suggested we appoint a Task Force that would meet with MORPC to understand the rules and then do the planning.

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

None

**Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported the he and Rochelle has been spending a lot of time finding things for the audit. They have learned some things on how they can save time during the next audit.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Yapple have met with Katie Kleinfelder and her associate regarding investments. They will pull together a portfolio for us to look at.

Mr. Smith reported he had a resolution about election expenses that were \$12,480 just for the general election of last year. **Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt**

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**Resolution 2008-0507-06 – 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. Smith had the last paid payroll for the Trustees.

Mr. Weltlich expressed his appreciation for Mr. Smith’s investment summary and would like to sit with him to understand the accounts.

**Trustees Reports**

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Mr. Yapple attended negotiations for the 5-way JEDD. He felt it went well. Our lawyer has drafted language from the results of the public hearings. We are waiting on Canal Winchester lawyer’s assignment for zoning issues.

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Tabled Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Mr. Weltlich moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road had questions on the JEDD expenses. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

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:\_\_\_\_\_