

## **Violet Township Board of Trustees**

**June 18, 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 Yapple, Director of Operations and; 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. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of June 4, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes, Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2008 Public Hearing without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008 Special 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:**

David Rutter – Watershed Coordinator for Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission was present to ask Violet Township to join with MORPC and the other jurisdictions of the Blacklick Watershed in developing a watershed action plan to restore and protect the waters of Blacklick Creek. They are requesting local matching funds equal to \$.50 per persons that reside in the Blacklick Watershed. For Violet Township this would amount to \$2,890.00 a year for years 2008, 2009 and 2010. The stakeholders would also be given a seat on the Blacklick Action Planning Team. There would be a monthly meeting of about 2 hours with a few hours spent outside.

Mr. Weltlich was trying to understand how this all was integrated especially when Fairfield County does not belong to MORPC. Mr. Weltlich asked for more data from Mr. Rutter before he could make a decision.

#### **Public Comment:**

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington was present. No matter what was spent on the JEDD he asked if Violet Township would get their money back before the other entities did. He wants to make sure we get reciprocated from the money that we spent. He feels Violet Township should be spending their money more frugally.

Rocco Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase was present. He thanked the Trustees for changing the wording in the JEDD document so that no citizen is forced into the JEDD. He asked about a form for the citizens. Mr. Weltlich showed an example of an "Opt-Out" form but explained they cannot use this form until the other political sub-divisions collectively agrees to join the JEDD. Mr. Sabatino again thanked the Trustees for considering the landowner in this.

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#### County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo reported they had the hazmat exercise. They got a couple of new detective cars. Chief Deputy Perrigo and Sheriff Phalen received some hands on training.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the vandalisms in Summerfield had declined since school is now out. Chief Deputy Perrigo stated he did not think they would decline as long as kids are not in school. They talked about getting bikes out in the subdivisions for more recognition in the community. Sergeant Duvall stated they have golf carts they have been using. They would like to use in Pickerington to meet with the residents (more one to one). For the summer she has brought Deputy Bennington up and he will be on a bike and he knows the kids.

#### Departmental Reports:

##### Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented a resolution for new part time firefighters. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-02 – New Part Time Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-02 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Taylor also presented a resolution to upgrade their cutting capacity. Mr. Weltlich asked about the warranty on the rebuilt pumps and Chief Taylor stated they were getting a full warranty as though they were new units. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-03 – To Authorize Purchase & Upgrade of Rescue Tools. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-03 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Taylor wanted to publicly acknowledge all the efforts of Mr. Yapple with the tornado sirens. They just recently completed the installation of the last siren at Ohio University. Mr. Yapple took care of getting through all the hoops.

They have a meeting scheduled with Chris Smith and Ron Hagan to discuss OP&F.

Next week is drug free workplace training on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

#### Township Engineer

The Busey Road Realignment Project has begun. The road is closed. Storm sewer work is complete.

Mr. Butcher met with an Engineer that we have used in the past to identify the work for the 88 curb ramp upgrades that we received CDBG grants for. At a later date we will have to employ an outside Engineer for plans.

Mr. Butcher had a Debris Management meeting last week with the County EMA, Pickerington and Canal Winchester. This plan enables the participants in the Debris Management Plan to recoup additional federal funds.

Mr. Butcher reported on District 17 Issue 1 for next year. Applications are due in September. As part of the Governor's stimulus package they have doubled the District 17 money. They are looking at something in the Capital improvements plan such as Stonecreek Drive.

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The conduit for the electrical on the new maintenance service building is in. The plumbing is close to being complete. Foundation installation starts today. Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Butcher for the Gantt chart.

#### Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported on Resolution 2008-0618-11 – Resolution Approving the Violet Township-Bloom Township-Village of Canal-City of Lancaster-City of Pickerington Joint Development District Contract. Al Schrader, legal council was present to speak on the JEDD. He explained that each of the (5) five communities have had their public hearings. The various citizens had different ideas and comments and at least six major items in agreement were changed for improvement as a result. The main changes dealt with issues that came up as a result of the public hearings.

- 1) Mr. Sabatino mentioned the one not forcing anyone into the application.
- 2) There were zoning language changes.
- 3) There was an agreement between all the parties that during the first five years of the JEDD the M&I would receive the income tax generated in the JEDD.

Mr. Schrader reported that the resolution approving this states that the Trustees are approving the JEDD in substantially the same form as Exhibit A (which is the written version #8). The reason he chose the words substantially the same is, it is possible that one or more of the five entities may choose not to join and if that is the case then Mr. Schrader has to go back and change the income sharing percentages.

After each of the five public hearings there was a meeting of all the five JEDD partners. Every change was made that came up and was justified at the public hearings. The ideas that they could persuade the other JEDD members to adopt they did.

There is a section where over the course of time you can amend this document as the parties agree to amend.

The agreement will end annexation and will benefit the Townships.

Mr. Weltlich stated that the document under consideration is flexible enough so that if any party or parties choose not to join, the document automatically adjusts the 'income sharing'. Secondly, some of the suggestions in some of the public hearings would cause violations of the Ohio Revised Code so this was not changed.

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-11 – Resolution Approving the Violet Township-Bloom Township-Village of Canal-City of Lancaster-City of Pickerington Joint Economic Development District Contract. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-11 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Schrader commended the Trustees for their hard work and stated he felt the system worked right.

This resolution will go into effect 90 days after it is approved by the Fairfield County Commissioners. Mr. Schrader also recommended starting the collection of income tax at the beginning of some quarter for the convenience of the businesses.

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Mr. Yapple continued with his report.

The Fourth of July Parade starts at 6pm. There will be three Trustees attending the parade.

Mr. Yapple reported he will be meeting with Volunteer Energy again on Friday, at 10am with Deb Chuvalas to discuss the 'opt in', 'opt out' issues. Pickerington is putting it on the ballot this year to see if the residents want this program available. Also the 'opt out' you would have to request to 'opt out' or you would automatically be in it. However, if it went through the election process and was approved for the Township, every Columbia Gas customer currently using gas would be notified of the program and their options by letter from Volunteer Energy Corporation. Mr. Yapple will try to get questions answered by Ms. Chuvalas and suggests residents come to the Trustee Meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We had 4 single family building permits for the month of May with \$1,472.60 in construction evaluation for a total of 11 for the year and a total construction cost of \$2.9 million for the year. We had 0 commercial permits for the year. Through May of 2007, we had 19 single family permits.

Mr. Rafield is working on developing a plan for the Trustees to look at regarding the Dog Park Proposal.

We have a resolution to be part of the ODOT Purchasing Program for 2008-2009 for the purchase of salt. We will go for 1000 tons as we have in the past.

We need to advertise that our public hearing for our 2009 budget will be forthcoming. This will be at the second meeting in July. It has to be back to the Auditor's office by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Yapple met with the Commissioners and the Engineer this week regarding the culvert on Winchester Road. This will happen later this year.

We have done most of the subdivisions in the NPDS Phase 2 Compliance except for Jefferson Farms, Jefferson Weeds, and Huntington Hills along the Sycamore Creek Floodplain. Everything else has been done. They will probably not do any more until November.

We are still working through the sidewalk issues from Stonecreek North in front of US Bank.

Mr. Yapple has not heard about any dates on the Thornton/Snyder Annexation.

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-01– Authorize Participation with ODOT on Salt Purchase for 2008-2009 Season. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-01 is adopted.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-04– To Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Sale of S-10 pick-up Truck. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-04 is adopted 3-0.**

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**Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-05 – To Receive Application for Rezoning & to Establish Public Hearing Date for Case Number 01-ZC-2008) Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-06– To Approve Modification/Variance to the Peyton Ridge Planned District (Case Number 07-ZC-2006). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-06 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-07 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Property Located at 9310 Blacklick Eastern Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-07 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-08 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Property Located at Southeast Corner of Milnor & Refugee Roads. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-08 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-09 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds at 13438 Chesington Court. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-09 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-10 – Advertise for Dump Body. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, no. Resolution 2008-0618-10 is adopted 2-1.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-12 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds – NR Baker Subdivision Lots 1, 2 & 3. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-12 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-13 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds at 10095 Wright Road. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-13 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0618-14 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on 28.41 ± Acres in Winding Creek . Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0618-14 is adopted 3-0.**

**Resolution 2008-0618-15 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on 9.04 Acres on E. side of Pickerington Rd., south of Refugee Rd., north of Stemen Rd. Died for lack of second.**

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

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#### Motions to Be Considered:

**Mr. Myers made a motion to support PYAA for (2) 3 x 5 banners for Sign and Advertisement for \$3500.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2008-0618 passed.**

Mr. Weltlich stated he met with the Senior Center Board of Directors and made them the offer that we would pay \$6000 if they would spend \$1500 to do a survey of the public in Violet Township regarding a Senior Center levy. They have agreed to pay the \$1500. Mr. Weltlich does not want to move forward unless we have significant input into this process. Mr. Weltlich explained a written submission has to be to the Board of Elections on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August at 4:00 pm.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to hire Opinion Consultants to do a survey for the Pickerington Senior Center in Anticipation of a Levi to go on the ballot not to exceed \$7500.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2008-0618 passed.**

#### Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he has not heard any more from the Auditors since the last Trustee meeting. We are in the budget season and Mr. Smith has started the process. Mr. Smith had a payment register for signatures as well as the last paid payroll.

Mr. Smith stated they would be updating all of the employee personnel files.

#### Trustees Reports

##### Trustees Out of Office Meetings

There may be two or more Trustees at the Training Sessions next week at Station 2.

#### Old Business

Mr. Yapple reported he met with Nanissa Osborne regarding assessments for the property owners along Diley Road. The assessments are moving forward. These will be filed and the property owners will be getting the paperwork in the next 20 days or so.

Mr. Yapple has been meeting on SR310 and MORPC did a study and came up with seven (7) alternatives for them. ODOT questioned the alternatives. A township Trustee stated he heard Licking County is negotiating a new interchange on Interstate 70 and it is in the area of Mink Road. MORPC stated they never new anything about it. The City of Pataskala did not know much about it. Pataskala is very disheartened that Licking County has not participated in this study with MORPC.

Mr. Weltlich reported that Joy Davis has submitted an Economic Development Plan that is about 1/3 written. Ms. Davis will be attending classes next week in Savannah for her Economic Development Certification. Mr. Weltlich asked what the end result would be. Ms. Davis stated she would have to take a written test prior to becoming a certified economic development practitioner.

#### Tabled Business

None

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**New Business**

None

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

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 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: \_\_\_\_\_