

Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 20, 2012

Regular Meeting

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

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

Mr. Myers asked everyone in attendance to join him the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve without public reading, the minutes of the Regular meeting minutes of 6-6-2012. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; and Mr. Myers, yes. The minutes of the Regular meeting of 6-6-2012 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported they would be reclassifying one of their part time firefighters to the position of fulltime firefighter. Joseph Holland has completed his Ohio Police and Fire required physical exam and this appointment has a one-year probationary period as defined in the fire department rules and regulations. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-2012 – Hire Firefighter/Paramedic. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-01 passes 3-0.** Mr. Holland was sworn in by Mr. Myers.

The next resolution was to accept a resignation from part time firefighter Robert Crow. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-02 – Firefighter Resignation with Regrets. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes with regrets; Mr. Myers. Resolution 2012-0620-02 passes 3-0.**

Due to age and technological advances and lack of ability to test the garments, the Fire Department would like to declare the 20 ballistic vests, excess. The intent is to donate them to the military for recycling. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-03 – Declare Excess Equipment and Authorize Disposal of Ballistic Vests. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-03 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel explained that representatives from the department will be traveling to Pierce Manufacturing next week to perform the final inspection of, training on, and taking delivery of the new fire engine. Final payment will be delivered at that time and we made some additional specialized modifications to this apparatus. The cost of the equipment and mounting of these modifications will be under \$8,950.00. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-11 – Equipment and Mounting on New Engine. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked what all was this for. Chief Eisel said it would include mounting and securing of equipment. Mr. Myers asked if this was actually from money left over from the original cost of the engine. Chief Eisel said this was correct. The engine will be here sometime the week of July 6th. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-11 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported that it appears that the Innovation grant for the MECC did get approved but still awaiting final approval.

Chief Eisel reported National Safety, Health and Survival Week is June 17 – 23.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he had two resolutions for the awarding of a contract for the 2012 asphalt pavement maintenance and 2012 chip seal pavement maintenance. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-04 – To Award contract for 2012 Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Weltlich asked if there were any deadlines mentioned in the contract. Mr. Butcher said the deadline was December 3rd. Mr. Myers asked what the main objective was in this project (what roads). Mr. Butcher stated the roads identified for paving were those he previously submitted to the Trustees. **Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-04 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-05 – To Award Contract for 2012 Chip Seal Pavement Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-05 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich said he thought Mr. Butcher should be commended for the way he prepared his bid packages.

Mr. Butcher reported on the Waterloo bridge and that today marked 7 weeks on the job. He is guessing they are about a week away from completion. They will look at the pre-construction data in regards to speed issues that may come about,

Mr. Dunlap mentioned re-rolling Stemen and Allen Roads and wondered if we were going to get Shelly to do that when they come in for the paving. Mr. Butcher said they would do it when they do the roads.

Mr. Weltlich asked how Mr. Butcher's conference was. Mr. Butcher said it went well and he thinks we are 'on the curve' with the distinct possibility of falling behind. He does feel that joining with Soil and Water doing critical projects that will help us in meeting certain requirements that we have to meet. Secondly Mr. Butcher had conversations with consultants who have worked with communities like ours and who are performing storm water repair modification functions and are able to recoup those costs through some of the things we have talked about earlier but have not yet initiated. There may be an opportunity to re-coup those costs in a similar way that the City of Pickerington does by assessing the storm water runoff. Mr. Butcher feels this is something we should consider and at least have a consultant or have a survey performed. You could do a public assessment.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the sign on the front of the building is done.

Mr. Yapple is still working with two carpet companies to try to select carpet as the prices vary. Mr. Yapple is looking into Berber carpet.

There is information about a nuisance we received from Fairfield County. We have fenced off the house and the property has been boarded up. The bank is looking at getting bids to repair the house or demolish and vacate properly. We hope to have information in the next two to three weeks. The bank is working well with us on this property.

The July 4th parade starts at 6pm and the opening ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be attended by Mr. Myers and Mr. Dunlap.

Work is being done this week at 4 E. Columbus Street patching concrete in the basement and they are starting to cut out masonry above the overhead doors.

Mr. Yapple forwarded information on CLOUT legislation.

On House Bill 509 Mr. Myers had asked what the changes were and Mr. Yapple forwarded a section that pertained to what affect this had on the Health Department.

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Mr. Yapple gave the Trustees a list of the TRAC changes.

Mr. Weltlich had asked Mr. Yapple to contact another legal counsel regarding transient tax. Mr. Yapple will meet with the attorney to discuss and move forward.

In regards to the Road Maintenance agreement with well drilling companies that is floating out there, Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher have found that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has a sample on their website and Mr. Yapple will get it. This came about because Mr. Yapple received a call from a resident saying that they needed us to sign a waiver. Department of Natural Resources told him we did not have to sign anything. He recommended we get a draft document made up. We will look to the Fairfield County Engineer for something he will agree to in the future.

Mr. Yapple had a chance to get on a fracking rig with Anadarko out of Texas through Senator Balderson. They were in some poor areas of Morgan and Noble County and they had taken care of the roads. They claim they spent of \$45 million last year in road maintenance and repairs for public highways (this was a drill site). They were on another site just north of Cumberland, Ohio in a gravel quarry and they are already installing equipment to produce oil and gas from this site. They are saying they had not had any problems as far as damage to water wells in Pennsylvania from their fracking operation.

Mr. Yapple reported we received our new policy from OTARMA today along with a check for \$1272.00 which was our rebate from being a long term customer.

Next week Ms. Davis and Mr. Butcher will be attending a TID meeting to discuss Pickerington Road and 33 intersections.

Mr. Yapple had a few resolutions to be approved. The first being one to authorize Mr. Yapple to sign contract with Asebrook and Company for the year. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-06 – Contract for Building Department Services. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-06 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-07– A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned James C. Vohlwinkle & Hallie C. Carroll, Known as 8890 Winston Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers wanted to know if this was in Chevington Woods and if we had been in there yet this year. Mr. Yapple said it was in Chevington Woods and no we have not been in there this year to mow and clean the property up. This will have to be publicized. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-07 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-08 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Danny E. & Dickey E. Boyer – LE to Beatrice Bell, Known as 6030 Pickerington Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap wanted to know if this was the trailer at the end. Mr. Yapple said it was. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-08 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-09 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on 7412 Pickerington Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-09 passes 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-0620-10 –To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds at the Southeast Corner of Milnor and Refugee Roads. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2012-0620-10 passes 3-0.

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Mr. Yaple will work with the local sign company to do a sand blasted sign for Busey Road Park to be like the sign we have at the corner of the Township building.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Yaple found out what they did at the Board of Health meeting on June 11th. Mr. Yaple will find out.

Mr. Myers also asked about Regional Planning and wondered if they got the lots sold for the Windy Hills subdivision and if they received their extra money. Mr. Yaple didn't know if the lots sold but the bank would be ok with the agreement. Mr. Loveland said the lots did sell.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to approve the Two Advertising Layouts for Pickerington Central and Pickerington North. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2012-0620 passes 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported we have been notified of our audit. They hope to be here the first week of July.

Mr. Smith reported we received our official notification from the County that our Senior Center services levy will expire. The levy will need to be on the ballot either in November or sometime next year depending on what type of levy they choose.

Mr. Smith asked the County what our projection is for local government funds next year, He was told as of right now we will lose 40 more thousand in local government funds. Overall valuation of property is down but we should be in the ballpark of what we are this year.

Lastly, Mr. Smith asked them about the estate tax. The estate tax he had heard would be taken away in January of 2013. There is a push to stay that but no official word yet. We will get collection next year.

We need to give 10 days notice for our tax budget hearing. A public hearing is scheduled for July 5th at 8pm.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Mr. Yaple attended the Senior Center Board of Trustees meeting and the issue was brought up of the levy. They unanimously agreed they would like the Trustees to sponsor a levy for this fall in November. Now it is up to us to do what we need to do. Something has to be filed 90 days before the election.

Mr. Dunlap reported this weekend they are having a weekend disaster simulation at his shelter house if anyone is interested in stopping by.

Trustees out of Office Meetings:

All of the Trustees will be at the 4th of July parade and opening ceremonies.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to set the Budget Hearing for 8pm on July 5th. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2012-0620 passes 3-0.

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Pay Bills:

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

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Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. per Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) – to discuss pending and/or imminent court action with the Township attorney(s).

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. Motion passes 2-0.

Adjourn:

Mr. Myers made a motion adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, present. Motion passes 3-0. The meeting stands adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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: _____