

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 16, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, and Mr. Myers were present. Mr. Weltlich was absent. 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. Myers moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of July 2, 2008 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Mr. Homes from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. made a presentation on natural gas aggregation. They are a full service energy marketer servicing business and industry throughout the Midwest. The corporate headquarters is located in Pickerington. They buy and re-sell natural gas through Columbia Gas lines. Mr. Homes explained the customer now has a choice of who their supplier is. This issue has to be put on the ballot and passed. If it is passed in November and negotiations are in March or April the pricing may or may not apply as it depends on the market at that time. Mr. Holmes explained what physical aggregation was. It is where a community forms an aggregate buying group on behalf of the citizens to obtain a better price than they could on their own. There is also an 'opt out' program where more than 50% of the voters must approve it. Then the Trustees or whomever would negotiate with a private company (usually a 2 year term) to get a lower price. About 5 communities will have this issue on the ballot for this fall. If you don't put it on the ballot you cannot participate. Mr. Homes suggests that everyone at least puts it on the ballot and after it is approved there would be two public hearings to allow public input on the management plan that is developed. Applications must be made to PUCO. He also talked about community reinvestment where you do not go through an energy broker but would go through Volunteer and the money is given back to reinvest in some type of grant.

Mr. Myers made a motion to recess the regular meeting and proceed to the scheduled Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap made the motion to close the Budget Public Hearing and return to the regular Trustees session at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

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Fire Department

Assistant Chief Eisel reported there were about 20 runs a day during the July 4th festivities weekend.

Assistant Chief Eisel presented Resolution to participate in the Ohio Department of Development Local Government Services & Regional Collaboration Grant Program. **Mr. Myers moved to approve Resolution 2008-0716-03 – Approve Participating in the Ohio Department of Development Local Government Services & Regional Collaboration Grant Program. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0716-03 is adopted 2-0.**

Assistant Chief Eisel also presented Resolution 2008-0716-04 – Adopt Recognition for Performance Program & Schedule for 2008-2009. Mr. Dunlap stated that what he saw of this was well planned, well designed and it gives everyone an equal opportunity to excel and add extra performance over and above the regular. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0716-04 - Adopt Recognition for Performance Program & Schedule for 2008-2009. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0716-04 is adopted. 2-0.**

Mr. Dunlap thanked all the guys for helping out with Heritage Days.

Township Engineer

The Busey Road Realignment Project is about a week and a half away from having the road where the elevation needs to be and having the stone in place and after the stone is in place probably another week or two. We are about 3 or 4 weeks away from completion on this which is when the gas line gets excavated.

Mr. Butcher touched on the storm review. We did not lose an entire culvert but we did lose a 20 foot section of a culvert down in Jefferson Woods. His speculation was that branches and trees had gathered to it and it got blocked off and water got under it and forced the bottom out.

We are still a few weeks behind schedule on the new maintenance facility. In talking with the Construction Manager there is a real feeling they will be able to get some of those days back. There may have been some contract coordination issues. Things are starting to take place. Steel should be placed this week. In conjunction with that, as part of our building permit requirement from the City of Pickerington it is required that we have a special inspection specifically targeted for the steel inspection and the connections in the shop and in the field. There was a resolution to address this. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0716-01 – Authorize Hiring of H.C. Nutting for Special Inspections and Testing Services for Violet Township Service Center. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0716-01 is adopted 2-0.**

Mr. Butcher reported our summer help has been doing a lot of painting and pavement markings.

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The Shelly Company is a few weeks away from coming in. They have marked the roads that will be paved. Mr. Butcher will get something on the website to let the public know what roads will be paved.

The CDBG contract is in and waiting on signatures.

They are still looking at the culvert in Jefferson Woods where they had a 20 foot section that buckled. Mr. Butcher has had conversation with American Culvert and they are looking for a 'squashed' culvert. Mr. Yapple stated they are looking for information from the watershed and how big it and how big it has to be for the water that comes through there. They will also have to look at some design engineering.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we had 2 single family building permits for June, 2008 at \$714,630 in construction evaluation for a total of 13 for the year and total construction cost of \$3,705,710.00 for the year. We had 6 other permits for the month. We had 2 commercial permits for the month for a total of 6 commercial permits for the year. Through June of 2007, we had 24 single-family permits.

The annexation petition that was filed from for the 67.840 acres located on Diley Road, west of Busey Road for the water plant was withdrawn.

The NPDES Phase 2 checks in the waterways within the township work is done until the leaves come off this fall.

The sidewalk at the corner of Stonecreek and 256 at the US Bank has been talked about and they think the Marcus Cinema will be installing this sidewalk.

The General Fund Issue for Road & Bridge Expenditures has been approved by the House.

There is still no word on the injunction on the Snider Thornton and the courts have not set a date for a hearing yet.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0716-02 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds at 6652 Ohio Canal Court Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 1008-0716-02 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0716-05 – Authorize Zoning Inspector to Forward Zoning Violation (12183 Harmon Road) to Legal Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked what the specific violations were. Ms. Sarko stated he had debris stored outside such as windows, wood. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0716-05 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0716-06 – Mr. Yapple stated they received information today that Ms. Sarko has to go to court for the car in the picture as a junked up vehicle. The trial is on Friday. Authorize Zoning Inspector to Forward Zoning Violation for 6185 Maimee Drive to Legal Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0716-06 is adopted 2-0.

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Mr. Butcher added that he had discussions with the transportation school district consultants. They had asked if the Township would oppose extension to sidewalk on Harmon Road on the east side from the north end of their property to the first road that goes into Chester Drive. Mr. Dunlap stated if they go on the east side of Harmon up to the first road. Mr. Butcher asked who would pay for this and they indicated the school would pay for this.

Mr. Yapple stated that ever since the school opened they have asked to be able to get those students from Eastchester to the school without a bus. They never felt the crosswalk at Northchester and Harmon was sufficient to get the kids from the east to the west with a police officer to direct traffic. Mr. Dunlap asked that Mr. Butcher get some more information on this and get back to the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the 2009 Proposed Tax Budget. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2008-0716 passed 2-0.

We still have not heard back from the auditors.

Mr. Smith thanked those involved in the budget process.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Menningen have spoken to OP&F about 15 times since their last meeting. Mr. Smith is still optimistic about meeting with them on Monday.

Mr. Smith presented Resolution 2008-0716-07 – Reclassification of Assistant Fiscal Officer Position from Part Time to Full Time. He also wanted to reward Ms. Menningen for her excellent efforts by upgrading her salary.

Mr. Smith had the latest paid payroll for signatures.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0716-07 – Reclassification of Assistant Fiscal Officer Position from Part Time to Full Time. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0716-07 is adopted 2-0.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported that Bicentennial Heritage Days went very well.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

There will be more than one Trustee at the Violet Festival Parade next Friday evening at 6pm. There may be two Trustees at the wheat cutting on Busey Road tomorrow evening.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

None

Mr. Myers moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 2-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____