

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 2, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Yaple called the roll and Mr. Myers, and Mr. Weltlich were present. Mr. Dunlap was absent. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; Bill Yaple, Director of Operations and; Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief.

Mr. Myers 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 18, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Mayor Mitch O'Brien was present. He looked forward to the coming weekend events with the Trustees to include the July 4th parade, fireworks and Heritage Days.

Mayor O'Brien addressed the trash issue and said he would see if they could possibly go month to month or some sort of a contract extension to see if there is time to address this with the Township and see if the Township subdivisions want to participate. Mr. Myers stated they would be interested in the entire Township.

Public Comment:

Charles Kiefer of 13925 Wagram Road was present. He had sent Mr. Yaple an email a while back regarding the possibility of Violet Township pursuing a trash contract. He wanted to know if we could pursue this issue. Mr. Kiefer went over the various benefits this would give the Township. Mr. Weltlich explained that at one point we started down the path to enter into a contract with a single trash hauler and there was a 'revolution' about freedom of choice taken away from the residents. Mr. Weltlich suggested Mr. Kiefer get several of the Civic Associations to write a letter and sign it and submit it to the Trustees. Then they will conduct a Public Hearing. If there is enough support they will begin to start negotiations.

Mr. Myers asked if Mayor O'Brien was working forward with their trash contract. Mayor O'Brien stated it was put on the table last night and will go back to the committee for reconsideration. They want to take a second look at the recycling option.

Kathy Todd of Center Street and Pickerington Road was present. Ms. Todd had concerns about the recycling receptacles. She has spoken to Patty Bratton at Fairfield County who has told her they do not have the money for adequate receptacles nor does she have the manpower. Ms. Todd explained that they get a lot of the trash in her yard from the receptacles that are right next to her house and stated that people do not take the time to separate their items. She asked if the police could possibly monitor the area or maybe a sign could be put up. She would really like to have the receptacle moved.

County Authorities:

None

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Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Assistant Chief Eisel reported they had a total of 18 runs during the 6 hour time period of the big storm. He commended Mr. Butcher and his road crew for all their assistance and hard work during this storm.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-01 – Purchase Equipment for Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-01 is adopted. 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked about OP&F and Assistant Chief Eisel has not heard back yet.

MECC is moving forward. Construction should be done in late October.

Township Engineer

The Busey Road Realignment Project is about 20% complete. The entire storm sewer is in. They are in the process of excavating some of the road ditches along the existing Busey as well as the new Busey portion. They should really gear up next week. He should have a better idea of where we are as far as target completion date.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-06 – Authorize Hiring of ADR & Associates to provide Engineering Design and Consulting Services for Stonecreek N. Bike Path and Violet and Fairfield Elementary Sidewalk and Curb Ramp. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-06 is adopted. 2-0.

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 approximately 2 weeks behind schedule on the new maintenance facility. With June being the wettest month in the history of Columbus this has contributed to the bulk of the two weeks slip but not entirely. Mr. Butcher has had a great deal of communication with the Project Superintendent and feels things will really start to 'kick in' gear. We are above ground now. Foundations were done today. Mr. Weltlich asked for a Gantt chart update for the next meeting.

Mr. Butcher met with the Shelly Company representative. They reviewed the roads and identified the paving. Mr. Butcher has a preliminary estimate based on Shelly's bid. It appears we will be within our budget. This does include Mingo Estates. Shelly should start about August 1.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported he had passed out information from the Fairfield County Engineers office regarding the replacement of the V10 Bridge on Waterloo Road. They are saying the project is scheduled to be done September, 2010.

The three Trustees and the Fiscal Officer will be attending the 4th of July parade.

Information was distributed to the Trustees regarding Volunteer Energy Services Gas Aggregation Program. The City of Pickerington is considering going to the ballot with this program. Mr. Yapple met with the spokesperson of Volunteer Energy. It appears that to the average customer Volunteer can save about 12 to

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15% in yearly cost to the customer. Compared to Columbia Gas last year it was 16.6%. There is an 'opt out' program and not an 'opt in' program. If it went on the ballot the energy supplier, whether it is Volunteer or someone else, would send letters to every resident in the Township that is a Columbia Gas customer. Mr. Weltlich asked that Ms. Chualas be brought in at the next Trustee meeting for a public discussion.

Mr. Yapple reported the annexation petition for 67.840 acres located on Diley Road, west of Busey Road is being filed under 709.16. It is owned by the City of Pickerington and is currently tax exempt and will not be excluded from the Township. If it is sold to someone, it cannot be conformed boundaries under this code.

There is a CERT child defense course. Ralph Portier is the instructor for this course and it has been posted on our website.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-02 – Purchase of Equipment for Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 1008-0702-02 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-03 – To Accept Resignation of Carrie Love from the Violet Township Zoning Commission with Regrets. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-03 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-04 – To Appoint Robert Bussom to Zoning Commission to Fulfill Unexpired Term of Carrie Love. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-04 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-05 – To Accept Resignation of Deborah Nicodemus from the Violet Township Zoning Commission with Regrets. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-05 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-07 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on 9915 Circle Drive West. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, Yes. Resolution 2008-0702-07 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-08 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on 28.41 ± acres in Winding Creek. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-08 is adopted 2-0.

Norman Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road asked why we advertise in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette rather than in the Pickerington papers. Mr. Yapple stated that the state law states that we shall advertise within a paper of general circulation within the County and it has to be a paid paper. The paper of record for the City of Pickerington and Violet Township is the Lancaster Eagle Gazette.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith reported we have gotten the update on OP&F. Hopefully we will have some resolution for the next Trustee meeting of July 16th.

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There is a budget hearing on July 16th.

Mr. Smith met with Linda Fersch from the City of Pickerington and she is excited about the working relationship between the two entities.

We have not heard back from the auditors.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0702-09 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0702-09 is adopted 2-0.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Mr. Yapple met with the Senior Center representatives and they decided to go forward with the poll of the community prior to consideration from going to the ballot. The polling by the outside firm has started and hopes to be done by the middle of July.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

There will be three Trustees at the July 4th parade as well as the Heritage Day Festival on July 5th and 6th.

Also, on July 12th there is a County Trustee and Clerks meeting at Richland Township.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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

Mr. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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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:_____