

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 17, 2011

Regular Meeting

Chairman Weltlich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Weltlich 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. A silent prayer was optional.

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of 08-03-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 08-03-2011 are approved 3-0.**

**Recognition of Guests:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**County Authorities:**

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. They are busy getting ready for the Corn Festival. They will be getting 8 new UHF mobile radios. Chief Deputy Perrigo also reported they did a presentation for the County Commissioners asking for more money for the next year. The Jail Committee will have their last meeting and do a vote on having the Sheriff's website. If you go to crimereports.com it will daily update the crime in Fairfield County. The Commissioners authorized the Camp Rings Facility which will eliminate housing prisoners out of the County.

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department:**

Battalion Chief Paxton was present as Chief Eisel was out of town. He reported he had two resolutions for the Trustees. The first one was for a renewal for a Physio-Control Maintenance Agreement which covers the defibrillators, batteries and battery chargers. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-01 – Physio-Control Maintenance Agreement – Automated External Defibrillators and Batteries. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-01 is adopted 3-0.**

**The second resolution is to purchase a thermal imaging camera to replace one of the original cameras they bought 14 years ago. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-02 – Thermal Imaging Camera. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked how many cameras we had. Battalion Chief Paxton said they have one on each engine plus the backup engine. Medic 2 does not have one. The battalion car does have one. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-02 is adopted 3-0.**

Battalion Chief Paxton also reported we will be getting some radios from the EMA that will be replacing some of our radios on the county ban. Mr. Myers also

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asked how the Rescue was doing after the repairs. Battalion Chief Paxton said it was doing well.

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported as far as the Federal Grant for Safe Routes to Schools there is an evaluation component similar to counting cars on a street. In this case we will count kids. We will be doing student counts by the first week of school.

Mr. Butcher met with the Shelly Company regarding the paving schedule and he guesses they will start the last week in August or first week in September. He will inform the Trustees when he gets a firm date. He will have a hot mix crew and a cold mix crew.

The Busey Road Park Plan have been approved and 'on the shelf' for quite some time now. We have been removing some of the asphalt grinding from the stock piled at the Maintenance Facility during the last few weeks, hauling them down to the park and incorporating those into the drive and parking area. This is an excellent 'cost savings' measure (taking materials that we have removed from our roads and stockpiled) and then were able to reuse them at another location. He asked the Trustees to drive by and check it out as it looks very nice.

Mr. Weltlich asked about Allen Road and if he was going to do hot mix or cold mix and is he going to measure any characteristics and if so what are they. Mr. Butcher said he had not planned on it but they can. Mr. Weltlich is particularly interested in coefficient of friction testing measurements on both cold mix and hot mix pavement surfaces. Mr. Butcher will research.

**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yaple reported on the Sheriff's station at 4 E. Columbus Street. The maintenance and repair work plan is about done. Mr. Yaple hopes to start bidding in the fall for the masonry repair work to preserve the walls before the weather hits. Mr. Dunlap asked if we had resolved the drainage issue in the walls. Mr. Yaple said it does not leak and when we re-roof it will resolve the problem.

The architect for our reception area of the Administration building has visited and is working on details. Mr. Yaple hopes to hear back from them next week so we can move forward.

We are still working on the Policy Manual. There are still a few more policies to be added and Mr. Yaple hopes to be done with this by the end of September but this is a 'living' document and we are always making changes to it. Mr. Myers asked when the last time was we gave our employees a new copy of the Policy Manual. Mr. Yaple thought it was about a year ago. Mr. Myers asked if it would be done by the end of September. Mr. Yaple hopes to have it done by then and have everything current by the end of September.

We received a letter from WOW. They will start selling service to Township residents. They started installing cable in February. They did acknowledge the franchise fees. We did send them the proper paperwork.

Mr. Yaple reminded the Trustees they are invited to the Mingo Estates Block party on August 21 from 4-7pm. He also reminded them of the Big Lots Grand Opening on Friday, August 19th at 8:45 am.

Mr. Yaple reported TRAC (Transportation Review Advisory Council) is asking for recommendations from communities to prioritize projects in the MORPC area. One project is the Carroll Interchange and the widening to 70 into 3 lanes and the

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consideration of the Brice Road to 270 interchange or fix. There has been no discussion on the Allen Road. The Carroll Road interchange is 10 years away. In the interim Greg Bachman is proposing a good solution to help move traffic through that intersection. The letter supports not building the interchange for a 62 million dollar savings to the State of Ohio. The next one is the widening of 70 from here to 37. We know it is needed but before that is done or he has made proposals to do the 256 safety grant work which adds a lane north and southbound in the area of 204. He is also asking to extend the acceleration ramp to 800 feet which gives more length to merge. He feels this will take some of the backup off of SR256. If they widen and put the three lanes in Pickerington 256 on interchange will lose the dedicated lane that you enter from eastbound to go westbound. That lane will become part of the ordinary traffic on 70 and would make it worse. The talk is to increase the merge lane then take the money and fix Brice Pike and 270. If that work is not done first it will be taking a step backwards. We are going to the MORPC transportation committee later this month. Bill Vance, the Commissioners and Greenfield Township will be sending similar letters.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-05 – Authorize Zoning Inspector to Forward Zoning Violation to Legal Counsel. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Yapple explained this is the property that was involved where we have filed several violations notices about storage and usage prior to the drug bust about 2 weeks ago. If this goes to a foreclosure action to preclude and get in front of the bank and cleaned up before the next potential owner. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-087-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-06 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds Owned by Shantanu Sinha and Vijaya Venkataraman in the Woodstream Subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-06 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-07 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds Owned by Mary Shannon Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-07 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-08 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on 8218 Allen Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-06 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked what the deadline was for noxious weeds. Mr. Yapple said the end of September and this is why we are trying to get caught up.

Mr. Yapple explained we need to appoint a person from the Township for the CEDA Land Use committee and agreed upon by the City of Canal Winchester. They have agreed to the appointment of Mr. Palsgrove. This is not a replacement. There are two people from the Township (Kelly Sarko and Joy Davis), two from the Village of Canal, (Andrew Dutton and Luke Hare) one from the school board, Mr. Palsgrove and one from Fairfield Regional Planning. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-09 – to Appoint Steve Palsgrove to the Violet Township/Canal Winchester CEDA Land Use Committee. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-09 is adopted 3-0.**

**Renewal of Delta Dental Insurance and is that the recommendation would be for the standard PPO policy. If you choose to approve we will set**

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meetings with Ohio Insurance and staff to explain the contract. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-04 – Delta Dental Insurance Renewal. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0817-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had Automated External Defibrillators at the Senior Center. Mr. Yaple said we did.

**Fiscal Office**

Mr. Smith reported out of our budget hearing we received our official certificate of estimated resources. We will have a resolution to accept the rates at our next meeting.

Mr. Smith had a resolution for supplemental appropriations for the Senior Center Levy. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0817-03 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap; yes. Resolution 2011-0817-03 was adopted.

Mr. Smith thought the turnout for the Dog Park grand opening was phenomenal and Mr. Weltlich added that in the 12 years that he has been a Trustee he has never seen a grand opening that was so well attended ever. Mr. Yaple said we may fence off an area to do the re-seeding. Mr. Yaple mentioned the use of netting and mulch for some of the areas that will not allow the weeds to grow is something we need to talk about. The mulch is a wood product that could cause splinters in the paws.

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Weltlich reported that Pickerington City Council commended the Township for donating money for the Historical building.

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

None

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

Big Lots Grand Opening – August 19<sup>th</sup> and Mingo Estates Block Party on August 21 at 4pm. There may be more than one Trustee at both of these events.

**Old Business:**

None

**Tabled Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Mr. Weltlich thinks between now and December 1<sup>st</sup> we need to have a workshop about the budget. A time will be set time for financial review after 11-8-2011.

Mr. Myers asked if the Rocky Mountain Pipe Line would affect us. Mr. Yaple thought it might later on down the road. It's a portion of sales tax that was charged on equipment they bought, which became an asset and was charged real estate tax on.

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**Pay Bills:**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_