

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 3, 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 Fire Chief John Eisel.

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 07-20-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 07-20-2011 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Carrie Woody with the City of Lancaster Public Transit - 746 Lawrence St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 was present. Ms. Woody was requesting to continue their partnership for calendar year 2012 public transit and was asking for \$10,000.

Mr. Dunlap asked how the number of riders was determined. Ms. Woody said it was determined by their point of pick-up address.

Ms. Woody requested the Trustees give her something in writing by mid-September. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to contribute the same amount of monies that we did in 2011 for 2012 (\$10,000) for Lancaster Public Transit. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2011-0803 passes 3-0.**

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department:

Chief Eisel reported there were no issues from their end of the operation with the Violet Festival.

Chief Eisel would like to get with the Trustees in the near future to review security and pricing and ideas for the buildings.

Chief Eisel said he would have a proposal prepared for the next meeting to replace our last original version of the infrared camera.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the fact that they had discussed updating the markings on all the vehicles. Chief Eisel reported this has not been completed but is in the process. A staff member was working on this but his father passed away unexpectedly. Chief Eisel was told Aaron would spend the month of August working on this.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he and Mr. Yapple picked up plans for the Waterloo Road Bridge project from the County Engineers office. It appears there will be some impact to the east and west side of the bridge. There are a few houses on the east side we need to look at. We will have conversation with the county and the residents that it will affect. Mr. Dunlap said the house and property on the east side who's driveway is immediately south of the bridge; is going to Sheriff's sale on August 12th. Mr. Yapple said there was a heavy impact on that property. It is less than a half acre but it goes a long way to the north. Mr. Yapple needs to go back and look at this and see exactly what is for sale on the Sheriff's website. The Deputy County Engineer wants to bid it this year and build it next year. Mr. Dunlap said we need to look at their plans, make our comments and share with them about the property that could stay with the current owner or could be a new owner. Next year we will be dealing with a new County Engineer since Mr. Anderson will retire December 31st of this year.

Mr. Butcher has talked to the Shelly Company regarding the paving schedule and he will inform the Trustees when he gets a firm date.

We are still "tweaking" some areas with grading, re-grading and seed with the Safe Routes to Schools project. There are some bare spots but are working on making them look better.

Mr. Myers asked if the people were taking care of the waste issues at the new Dog Park. Mr. Butcher said they were taking care of the waste and trash. Mr. Butcher added that most people have been respectful and they do have some additional signage to remind them to pick up after their pets. It has been packed in the evening and during the day consistently being used.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the test strips of pavement south of SR256. Mr. Dunlap stated it will be only the hot mix north of the railroad tracks and the cold mix application south of the tracks. Mr. Weltlich stated he feels there should be a section on chip seal also south of the tracks.

Director of Operations

We sent a letter back to the church at the corner of Toll Gate and 204 asking for permission to close Toll Gate Road on Saturday, August 20th. They have postponed or cancelled that day and will take our advice and if they decide to do it next year they will contact the sheriff's office for a deputy.

Mr. Yapple reported that the County Engineers office has received a federal grant for guardrail repairs/improvements. They will be working on bridges in our Township and that will be a 2012 project. They are highlighting the bridge south of 256 north of the railroad tracks in front of Bob Wrights. Mr. Yapple said it will be done after the paving.

We received word from ODOT that the salt contract was awarded to American Rock Salt Company, LLC at \$62.56 per ton. Last year we paid \$63 per ton.

Mr. Yapple asked the Trustees if they had made a decision about Mr. Taylor's request to help fund the repairs to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society.

Mr. Myers made a motion to set aside monies for the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society maintenance work (\$5,000 in 2011; \$5,000 in 2012) of the Carnegie Library building. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2011-0803 passes 3-0.

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The Dog Park Opening is August 14th at 2:00 pm. All three Trustees will be in attendance.

We sent a letter to Steve Streamer regarding the Pickering-Young Cemetery responding to the fence and maintenance issues.

Mingo Estates Civic Association invited the Trustees to their annual block party to be held on August 21st from 4-7pm at the east end of Merry Lane.

Big Lots Grand Opening is Friday, August 19th at 8:45 a.m. The Trustees are all invited to attend. Mr. Weltlich will attend and Mr. Dunlap will try to be there.

Mr. Yapple reported the Trustees are invited to a dedication Pickerington Primary Care physician practice on August 15 from 5 to 6:30 pm at 1509 Stonecreek Drive.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0803-01 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on 6655 Waterloo Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0803-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0803-02 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds at 8218 Allen Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0803-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0803-03 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds 8941 Woodside Street, Woodstream Section 4 Phase 1, Lot 173. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0803-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0803-04 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds at 8861 Woodside Street. Woodstream Section 4 Phase 1, Lot 168. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0803-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to enter into a contract with Michael Boryca to do the drawings for the work on the reception area of the administration building for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion C2011-0803 is passed 3-0.

Fiscal Office

Ms. Smith reported he attended their 2012 Tax Budget Hearing on Monday, August 1st at 3pm. Mr. Yapple also attended. All went very well.

We will receive \$29,000 more in 2011 and \$17,000 more in 2012 for the LGF than what we had originally anticipated. We are still going to lose \$72,000 worth of funding which is better than losing \$118,000. The estate tax will stay the same for 2012.

We do lose funds in 2012 but it is \$17,000 less than what they originally told us we were going to lose. We budgeted less than what we are going to get by almost \$16,000.

Mr. Smith reported many of our investments are coming due and he has met with investment folks. Overall our investment strategy is to keep things constantly

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coming due in case we get something that we need to execute from capital projects standpoint or if the market turns around we won't get caught short.

At the September 7th meeting Mr. Smith will present the Trustees with an analysis of our revenues and expenses.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any news from legislation to liberalize investments. Mr. Smith said there was not anything forthcoming, although there is talk going on. Mr. Weltlich recommended getting more active with CLOUT to stir up more reaction. Hamilton and Montgomery County seems to be where the activity is.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich attended a Pickerington City Council meeting and one of our citizens, Rocco Sabatino protested the Joint Planning Agreement, which was approved by council.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

Dog Park Opening Ceremony – August 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Yapple reported our contract is up for Delta Dental. We need to make a decision. Currently our usage of those that choose the benefit is 50% currently go to a premier dentist; 43% go to a PPO dentist and 7% are totally out of the network. There is an increase in the cost this year. We need a decision by the next Trustee meeting. **Mr. Dunlap recommended tabling making a final decision on the agreement with Delta Dental until the August 17, 2011 Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, no. Motion D2011-0803 passes 2-1.**

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 go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues per ORC 121.22.G1. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Weltlich explained they would take a 5 minute break and then go into Executive Session and come out of Executive session and no further action will be taken tonight.

Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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: _____