

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 6, 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. Weltlich were present. Mr. Myers was absent due to the unfortunate passing of his father. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; and John Eisel, Assistant 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. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of July 16, 2008 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing on July 16, 2008 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Francis Joos who resides at 320 Maple Ave., Pickerington, Ohio was present. He asked the Trustees to read a resolution to approve a .2 tenths of a mill levy for the Pickerington Senior Center. A half mill levy was passed in 1988 and since then there has been no tax levy for the Senior Center. The younger seniors want a more active center. Renovations need to be done to facilitate more groups. They need more parking as well.

Norman Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road stated he was for the issue for the Senior Center. Mr. Hopkins feels that in the spirit of public service the Pickerington Senior Center is in the top 5%.

Bill Clark of 8538 Chateau Drive supports the Senior Center. He asked for assistance in reducing the growing potential for serious injury, loss of life due to high speed and traffic volumes on Milnor Road. The speed limit is not posted between SR 204 and Refugee Rd. The speed limit is therefore 55 mph. A near tragic accident that occurred on July 25th at 12279 Milnor Rd should alert us to the need of urgency. After the County Commissioner, Mike Kiger asked the County Engineer to conduct a speed study, the results will be sent to ODOT for final determination on speed limit. ODOT seldom overrules the recommendations of the County Engineer. This really rests upon the County Engineer to get the actions done. He asked that the Trustees send a strong recommendation to the County Commissioners and to ODOT calling for a reduction in the speed limit on Milnor Road between SR204 and Refugee. He is also requesting immediate heavy enforcement by the Sheriffs Dept. on the same stretch and that it considered for permanent target enforcement. Mr. Dunlap stated we would have no problem sending a letter to the Engineer and the Fairfield County Commissioners and the Sheriffs Department to do a speed study.

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Mr. Weltlich recommended sending a letter to Mr. Anderson and enclose the pictures and copy the Commissioners. Mr. Dunlap also recommended sending Mr. Anderson a letter from some of the residents and they need to contact Mr. Anderson requesting the speed study.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and proceed to the scheduled continuation of Case Public Hearing for Case 01-ZC-2008 at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich made the motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular Trustees session at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Assistant Chief Eisel reported that on August 1, 2008 at 1:45 am the sign in front of Station 592 was damaged due to a motorist veering off the road. Our insurance company is involved.

The new Medic that was ordered will be arriving on Tuesday.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0806-04 - Authorize Fire Chief to Retain Services of Renowned Author & Speaker Chief Rick Lasky not to exceed \$3,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution adopted 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0806-05 – Authorize Holiday Pay for Part Time Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0806-05 is adopted 2-0.

Assistant Chief Eisel reported he had received a call from the Executive Director of Ohio Police and Fire who indicated that in the 'spirit of cooperation' and that what we have been experiencing within the last year in dealing with them will not be the case anymore. Mr. Estebrook had indicated that Marty Hughes, the boss in that area as far as calculations would contact our Fiscal Officer and work with him to obtain the data they need. Assistant Chief Eisel stated he and Mr. Smith would be very cautious in their future dealings.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the MECC. Construction is going to move forward and it is in the permit stage. We will have a better idea of how far off the schedule we are tomorrow at the monthly meeting.

There is nothing new with the Mifflin agreement. Assistant Chief Eisel does have the original bill which was divided by six equally amongst the agencies.

Township Engineer

The Busey Road Realignment Project should be very close to being complete in a few weeks. Drainage work is complete.

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The Community Block Grant Development Project (which is our multi use path along Stonecreek) and the update to various curb ramps continue to move on. Mr. Butcher has a set of plans to bid this and hopes to bid this month.

A company was sent out this week to look at the road culvert in Jefferson Drive that was washed out. The dimensions are very strange. We will probably have to retrofit the new section on to the existing section. The cost for the 20 foot new section is about \$3,000 plus fuel charges. We are looking at about \$3000 - \$4000 in materials and our labor to install this. Mr. Dunlap asked if we were going to look at an Issue I to replace this.

Mr. Butcher presented Resolution no. 2008-0806-03 – Authorizes Hiring of Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland, Inc. to Provide Engineering Design and Consulting Services to Provide Survey & Construction Plans for Jefferson Drive Culvert Replacement. Mr. Butcher reported this will be an Issue 1 submittal this September for the replacement of the existing culvert.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0806-03 – Authorize Hiring of Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland, Inc. to Provide Engineering Design and Consulting Services to Provide Survey & Construction Plans for Jefferson Drive Culvert Replacement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0806-03 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Butcher gave an update on the new Service Center. He will get an updated version of where they are in the progress meeting tomorrow. They still have a target completion date of November 3, 2008.

Mr. Weltlich asked for a revised Gantt chart along with projected expenditures.

Mr. Butcher had received some correspondence from residents that he shared with the Trustees. One was from a resident on Waterton Drive in Glenshire who remains in a dispute over a tree that is on neither of their two properties. It is in the county owned township maintained right-of-way. The last he heard it was in the court system but he wanted to share that some additional information was received requesting the township and/or the county remove the tree. Mr. Butcher's recommendation is not to do anything as long as the courts are involved. Mr. Weltlich suggested that Mr. Butcher write a letter advising them formally.

Mr. Butcher is still trying to schedule the 2008 pavement maintenance. We intend to get as much as possible done before school starts. The hang-up is getting the milling machine. These are in high demand and Shelly is having a tough time getting one.

A truck had overturned on Diley Road and there was a 'spirit of cooperation' between neighboring jurisdictions as Canal Winchester brought their street sweeper over and helped with the cleaning of the 20 tons of asphalt that spilled. Mr. Dunlap commended the Fire Department and the Road Department for a job well done.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned we needed to address Brookside Lane

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Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher has received any feedback on the Mingo Estates concrete issues. Mr. Butcher stated he has made it known that they will stay on this until they have some resolution.

Mr. Dunlap stated that oral arguments for the Snider Thornton case will be at the Fifth District Court of Appeals at the Fairfield County Courthouse 3rd floor Commissioners hearing room. The date is not known yet.

South Central Power sent us information regarding ballot information for their board of elections.

We received a list of nuisances going on by the Solid Waste Board that are handled in our community. All but one has been handled through to completion.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to be a sponsor for the Pickerington Fall Fest for \$150.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A20080806 is passed.

Mr. Yapple will be meeting with the people that were interested in the Dog Park the last week in September to discuss the proposed area and costs.

Director of Operations

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0806-02 – Resolution Identifying the Apparent Best Bidder; for the Dump Body for Cab & Chassis 7400 International Truck. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0806-02 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0806-06 – Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0806-06 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Dunlap emphasized the importance of making sure the Board of Elections changes the document where it refers to 'Clerk' as it should say 'Fiscal Officer' and advised Mr. Smith to 'hand carry' this document down to the Board of Elections.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith reported they have met with OP&F and have had conversations about where they are headed. Once they get the information they requested in the new form and they come back to us they requested they will get together and decide the next step.

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 was also notified that we will be audited by Bureau of Workers Compensation.

Mr. Smith had our Budget hearing this past Monday. We did get notification that our 2008 receipts will be slightly less than anticipated.

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We have had some issues with ADP. They have a meeting set up next Thursday and we have meetings set up with five other companies.

We have a cemetery district that lies dormant. We have to go into court to get this taken care of.

The checks for fuel will now go to another company.

Mr. Smith commended Ms. Menningen for her hard work in getting things ready for this meeting. She was ill and also covered for another employee and got things done. Mr. Weltlich suggested writing a letter of commendation for the Trustees to sign.

Mr. Smith had the latest paid payroll for signatures.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

More than one Trustee will be at Mr. Myers Sr.' funeral.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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

Mr. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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:_____