

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 21, 2011

Regular Meeting

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

Director of Operations, Bill Yapple 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.

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 09-07-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 09-07-2011 are approved 3-0.**

**Recognition of Guests and Public Comment:**

Randy West of 12066 Pickerington Road was present representing the Pickerington North Band to request funding for a trip to New York to participate in a Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> and a Band of Pride event the day before. The trip is running about \$180,000 and they are short about \$13,000. There will be about 170 students and 24 chaperones that will be attending. Mr. Weltlich explained the Trustees would not be making a decision tonight but they would let him know.

Several residents spoke in regards to the new sidewalks around Fairfield Elementary School as part of the Safe Routes to School project.

Katie Rector of 10200 Oxford Drive thanked the Trustees for building the sidewalks so they could walk to school.

Don Rector of 10200 Oxford Drive was present. Mr. Rector said the sidewalks have been a welcome addition to their subdivision and he encouraged the Trustees to go after any future funding for these kinds of programs.

Peggy Portier of 9841 Refugee Road was present. Ms. Portier praised the work done to get new sidewalks in Summerfield. Ms. Portier is also the President of the Mingo Civic Association and her members were asking how they could get new sidewalks. We will be applying for an Issue 1 project and the Mingo Estates Civic Association will be sending a letter of support.

Rachel Rector of 10200 Oxford Drive thanked the Trustees for building the sidewalks.

Ella Cox of 11684 Canterbury Ave thanked the Trustees for the sidewalks.

Ira Weiss of 11735 Eddington Ave. was present and thanked the Trustees as well for the sidewalks.

Mr. Butcher said he has had a lot of dialog in the last few weeks with people regarding the sidewalks and most of the residents have been very supportive. Mr. Butcher stressed that every one of our resolutions has something to do with the Violet Township Trustees having the responsibility for the safety and welfare of the citizens. The results of this project reflect the goals of those resolutions.

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**Departmental Reports:**

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported we submitted two projects for Issue 1 funding in the past. One was Stonecreek Drive and the other was Mingo Estates. Essentially both of these projects are expensive. The Stonecreek Drive project would tie in to the City of Pickerington's efforts on their State Route 256 safety grant; however that is a ways away. Because of where this project is we could push Stonecreek drive and focus on the Mingo Estates project and there would be a 3-way partnership. Mr. Butcher said, in reality they seem to ignore it if we put down priority 1, 2 or 3. The more times you submit something the better off we are. Mr. Weltlich thinks the portion of funding by us seems to gain points. Mr. Weltlich said the only chance we have is increasing our percentage through bonding of our portion and see if we can find the tipping point. Mr. Dunlap recommended doing Mingo first and Stonecreek second.

Mr. Myers asked Mr. Butcher if there was indeed a tipping point and he said there is and that you get maximum points. If you take the difference between where we have been in that maximum points he is not sure this is enough but now with this guidance Mr. Butcher can look at this. Mr. Yapple added that there would be points added because there is more than one entity involved. Mr. Myers asked if this was the same Mingo Project we put in for before. Mr. Butcher said it was and he thinks local share split amongst the three jurisdiction was about 24%. What drives it is they look more favorably on a loan than a grant as far as scoring.

Mr. Butcher reported paving started yesterday on the north side of Stemen from Pickerington Road to Liberty Township.

Mr. Butcher participated in a round table discussion at the Ohio Department of Agriculture with ODOT on a pavement research program. ODOT brought representatives in from Minnesota and Iowa and Mr. Butcher noted that they are the only two states in the U.S. that have a true research foundation for pavement. Ohio is considering this and Mr. Butcher 'gleaned' how far behind we are as a state but the research arm for ODOT is making presentation to executive leadership to be the "third state out" and take this to a greater extent. They may go back to local governments in Ohio for like \$100. This has been a 10 year effort. Mr. Butcher feels we as a local government are 'starving' for these kinds of ideas and Mr. Butcher is going to keep in contact with Minnesota.

Our front end loader has some loader arm bucket wear and tear issues going on. We had to replace the cylinder and do welding. We had some tire issues and other things. Mr. Butcher reported it would be had \$11,900 for a new loader. Mr. Yapple said the bucket is almost beyond repair. He does not know if we could nurse it through the winter. One of the lift pins is worn down to  $\frac{3}{4}$  and the bushers are worn as well. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to replace and buy a new loader for the tractor not to exceed \$11,914.00. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Butcher would like to have the opportunity to evaluate this and think about renting a loader and wanted to make sure they were ok budget wise. Mr. Smith said they would have to move some things around. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2011-0921 passes 3-0.**

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**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple reported we have done (2) drug and electronics and shredding events in the past and we also have one scheduled from 9am until noon on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Violet Township Maintenance Facility. There will be shredding that day as well provided by Fairfield County Recycle.

Mr. Yapple reported he had attended the Fairfield County Board of Health meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There were several things that came about but the biggest thing was it was decided the Health Department will get roughly \$160,000 for failed septic system replacement for people that cannot afford to replace them but the caveat to that is the Health Department has to provide an inspection as the system is being installed and after installation they have to view it and make sure it is operating correctly after installation which will take a yearly fee for these systems only. A year ago the District Advisory Council said no inspection fees on existing septic systems. They asked the council to approve a fee based upon these new systems only being inspected in the County and the advisory council approved this.

There has also been discussion about the Health Department moving their location. They are considering a building around Tiki Lanes on Sheridan Drive.

Harry asked if there was a quorum at the meeting. Mr. Yapple said there were 14 at the meeting. Baltimore and Lithopolis were the only two municipalities there. The rest were Township folks.

They are hoping to have most of their debt gone by the end of 2012.

The Fairfield 33 Alliance event is September 29<sup>th</sup>.

We received notice that the County Engineers are going to do something with Pickerington Road and there is a scheduled viewing and hearing for November 1. There is no information about what they are proposing to do.

Mr. Yapple attended a spill prevention containment and contamination plan seminar last week. There is a rule coming November 11<sup>th</sup> this year from the EPA where you have to have a plan in place if you store more than 1320 gallons of fuel, lubricants, greases, vegetables, animal fats, grease and oil. We have 1500 gallons worth of fuel plus about 500 gallons in grease and oils. Mr. Butcher is starting to write the plan and hopefully it will be simple.

Mr. Yapple passed on information in regards to what we have seen in the last 30 years of development the trend is beginning to change. People want smaller parcels, smaller houses, and more dense populations.

There is a resource conference for housing coalition on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty Center. This has to do with the income numbers to provide housing for lower income and how we can help them. It is put on by the Fairfield County Housing Coalition.

This last meeting we talked about Busey Road Park. Mr. Yapple was approached by Chad Lucht regarding applying for grants for the Busey Road Park Project. If he wanted to or we could apply together for permeable paths (would be pavers, permeable concrete) where water will penetrate and not run off. Chad will probably apply. We don't know when the money is available yet.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-01 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Woodstream Lots 198, 202 and 203**

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owend by Shantanu Sinha and Vijaya Venkataraman. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-02 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Woodstream Lot 200 owned by Mary Shannon Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-03 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on 8890 Winston Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked why there was not a name or an owner on the resolution. Mr. Yaple did find a name in the packet that was given to him – James Bohwinkel and Hallie Carroll were the property owners. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-04 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds owed by Nahjaam Enterprises, in Winding Creek. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-05 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds owed by Diyanni Brothers, Inc. in Winding Creek. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-06 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on Winding Creek Section 5 Part 1 Lots 196 and 197. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0921-07 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds owned by DBI Land Company in Winding Creek. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0921-07 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Yaple had decided what he was going to do with the areas around the water fountains at the Violet Township Dog Park. Mr. Yaple said we have talked about it but have not decided anything.

**Fiscal Office**

Mr. Smith reported he had an analysis of expenses and revenues for the Trustees. He thought this would be good to discuss for the upcoming work session. Right before the work session he will do it again and have it updated.

We have over 200 expense accounts. We need to decide how we want to group this – otherwise we will have very small percentages for many individual line items.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

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**Motions to Be Considered:**

None

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

Mr. Weltlich reported he will be attending the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance 3rd quarter investor/stakeholder meeting at Rock Mill Historical Park on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm

**Old Business:**

None

**Tabled Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Pay Bills:**

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

**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 8:46 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: \_\_\_\_\_