

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 3, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Myers were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; William Yapple, Director of Operations; John Eisel, Assistant Fire Chief and Kenn Taylor, 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. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of August 20, 2008 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Charles Keefer of 11239 Wagram Rd. was present. He had attended a meeting about a month ago to talk about the possibility of initiating a trash contract in the Township. Mr. Yapple had suggested contacting Civic Associations for support. Mr. Keefer did not have much luck with this he wanted to know where they can proceed from here. Mr. Dunlap stated we would try to help him get better numbers for the Civic Associations. Mr. Weltlich suggested possibly posting something on the website stating there is a group of citizens interested in consolidating the trash hauling and they could put their comments on the site. There was talk about a new trash company which had very cheap rates but Mr. Weltlich mentioned it had been brought up by City Council that if they had used this company they would have disqualified them for bad services.

Karl Stalter of 112 High Street, Pleasantville, Ohio was present to introduce himself. He is running for Fairfield County Commissioner

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented the following resolutions:

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-03 – Physio Control Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-04 – Authorize Expenditure for Station 593 Floor. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-04 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-08 – Approve Purchase of Laptops for Fire Department Vehicles. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked what would be done with the laptops that are being replaced. Chief Taylor stated they would be circulated through as backups. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-08 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the status of the sign at Station 2. Chief Taylor reported the claim has been filed with OTARMA and they did receive a quote from the company that originally got the sign from. Still waiting on more details.

Chief Taylor hopes to have a MECC update for the Trustees soon.

Township Engineer

The Violet Township Service Center is moving along and is right on schedule.

Mr. Butcher presented Resolution 2008-0903-05 – Authorizing the Chairman of the Violet Township Board of Trustees to Prepare and Submit Applications to OPWC. Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-05 – Authorizing the Chairman of the Violet Township Board of Trustees to Prepare and Submit Applications to OPWC. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-05 is adopted 3-0. Mr. Butcher reported the Issue 1 projects to be submitted were the Jefferson Drive Culvert Replacement (priority 1) and the other is Mingo Estates Phase 2, which is priority No. 2.

There was a walk through last Friday for the Busey Road Realignment. This project is close to being done.

There is a Community Development Block Grant package that is out for bid for curb ramp upgrades including a walking path along Stonecreek Drive.

We have had conversations with the Shelly Company and they said we should see them in the next week or so to start our 2008 paving and repair project.

Mr. Butcher reported on the Waterton Drive tree. Mr. Yapple has had discussion with Mr. Morehart and the case has been dropped. The Trustees would like Mr. Morehart to write a letter to the parties involved that we will not do anything due to the tree not being a safety hazard issue.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple had two quotes for carpet cleaning of the Administrative building. Buckeye Carpet Cleaning on SR 256 will do it for \$471.90 and the people that clean our offices wanted \$525.00. We would like to use Buckeye. This expenditure is within the Director's authority to authorize.

Mr. Yapple reported the Dictaphone that is used to transcribe the meeting minutes broke. Joni and Rochelle have been looking at a program called DragonPro which puts it on a cd. This is voice recognition. The cost of the package is about \$4200.00 which includes 6 hours of onsite training, two recording devices, 3 flash drives, 3 memory sticks, adaptors to utilize this system, wireless headphones and the TALKSMAX system. **Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt presented Resolution 2008-0903-07 – Approve Purchase of Voice Recognition Recording Equipment and Software. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call**

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vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-07 is adopted.

Mr. Yaple reported that with the new maintenance building we need to purchase phones and paging systems to go in the building. We have a quote from Keytel who put the phone systems in our building and all of the fire service into the existing only. This system will be compatible so we can tie back to Station 1. The cost is around \$16,000.00. This is not in the pricing of the building. Mr. Yaple explained that when we originally did the plans we did not have Keytel here. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-01 – to Accept Proposal for telephone Equipment for Violet Township Service Center. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 208-0903-01 is adopted 3-0.**

We have a quote from South Central Power for next year from January 1st through Dec. 31st for \$15 per light for the 32 lights at Eastchester. This does not increase the current cost that we have now. We will have a resolution and contract at the next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Yaple, Chris and Rochelle have been discussing sick leave purchases and buyouts that are in our policy manual. We would like to replace the wording. Sara Rose has written the wording. Mr. Weltlich would like to look at this and have Chief Taylor look at it as well.

Mr. Yaple met with the Dog Park folks. They are excited. Mr. Yaple also talked to Mr. Rafeld and asked him if there might be grants out there we could apply for a portion of the funds. We may be able to pick up \$20,000 - \$30,000 in grants to help with our portion. Mr. Dunlap asked that Mr. Yaple ask Mr. Rafeld if there were additional; grants that we might apply for. Mr. Yaple will get with the group to make sure their promotional material is not put out unless it is identical to what the Trustees previously approved.

Snider Thornton case is September 18th at 9 am at Lancaster Courthouse for Fifth District Court of Appeals.

We had a request from the American Legion about cemetery plot books. We made copies of what we had and sent a copy to the gentlemen who requested it as well as Judy from the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary group.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Yaple had gotten the map to Eagle Scout Hobson. Mr. Yaple stated he did send him the map.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the SR 256 'sidewalk' issue that was in the continued items and the result of the conversation. Mr. Yaple stated the sidewalk is in the right of way of the City of Pickerington. It is not on the bank property. Mr. Dunlap referred to the second sentence of item 4 in the continued items e.g. to move the curb back 3 to 5 feet on Stonecreek. Mr. Yaple has not talked to the bank about this yet. Mr. Weltlich stated he spoke to Tim Hansley and Mr. Sabatino and they recited the same thing Mr. Yaple did. The City has a deal with the contractor to put the sidewalk in. The contractor wants a release from the bank.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-02 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on 9915 Circle Drive West. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-02 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Yapple presented Resolution 2008-0903-06 and explained that this is in addition to actual 'out of pocket' costs for mowing, postage and advertising. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-06 – To Establish an Administrative Fee for the Destruction of Noxious Weeds in 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-06 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-10 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on 13396 Erstcroft Court. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-11 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on 13418 Erstcroft Court. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-11 is adopted 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith reported our audit has not been closed and there had not been any update since the last meeting.

We received our second half settlement a few weeks earlier than it has historically been.

Mr. Smith reported he was excited about the new recording equipment. Mr. Smith has instituted an Investment strategy if anyone would like to walk through this with him. Mr. Weltlich commended him for his work on this.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-0903-09 – Transfer of Funds and Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0903-09 is adopted 3-0.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting. Mr. Weltlich and Joy Davis attended the rollout of the State of Ohio Economic Strategic Plan. He was very impressed with the 102 page plan that is on the website.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

September 7, 2008 is the Bicentennial Community Picnic – There will be more than one Trustee in attendance.

September 6, 2008 is the County Trustees and Fiscal Officers meeting at Liberty Township. There will be more than one Trustee at this event.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

None

Mr. Myers moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap explained they would be going into Executive Session to discuss Employee Contract Modification Issues per ORC Section 121.22 G4 and they will take a ten minute recess and go into Executive Session. When they come out of Executive Session they will conduct no further business and they will adjourn. Recessed at 8:53 p.m.

The Trustees came out of Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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:_____