

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 7, 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 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 08-17-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The Regular Trustee minutes of 08-17-2011 are approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department:

Chief Eisel reported they have been invited to attend several events in the community with the upcoming 10th anniversary of September 11th.

Chief Eisel reported he attended an international conference in Atlanta last week and one of the nationwide efforts that will come to fruition in two years for every fire department is the "Vulnerability Acceptance Project." This will be a tool for every fire department across the country to use and will be required for your ISO rating.

Chief Eisel reported the Doug Barr Golf outing is September 16th.

We have been working on the CFSP flexible gas line. We were represented at the meeting in Delaware County. The State Fire Marshall's office, local fire departments, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a whole host of other organizations are looking into this to discuss what the best way to disseminate information to our residents will be. We have had five fires so far this year that we can relate back to the flexible gas line in combination with lighting. The first problem of this 'interior' flexible gas line showed up in Spring Creek condo in about 2001 or 2001. Mr. Yapple added that everything we have found is that the lightning penetrates the sheeting of the gas line and the ark creates a spark to ignite the gas. It could be in both newer and older houses. Chief Eisel said that once we get the correct information to put out we will get it out to the residents.

Chief Eisel reported that Jim Holcomb had retired from his current position to a part time position a while back. He served us in a 'consulting' sort of capacity through this process and it helped with the new fire prevention guys. Mr. Holcomb has to officially retire in order to get his PERS.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011- 0907-01 – Jim Holcomb Retirement with deep regrets and that he has been a great asset for our community and our department. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0907-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had any issues with Rescue. Chief Eisel said we had an issue with one of the rear door latches. Upon inspection Doc found it was grounded and Spartan sent us the materials we need and paid to have all the roof latches replaced on the cab.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there is any movement with the international to tie the ISO ratings to insurance because insurance say what our rate is and he wondered if this was something we had to do. Chief Eisel said it was for right now and he does not know if there is any initiative to this or not. Is it worth it for us to have ISO ratings. Chief Eisel said he thought it was and it is mandated. ISO requires us to go thru the grading. ISO stands for "Insurance Services Organization" and is also used for other things besides fire. Chief will check into this.

Mr. Dunlap asked how the committee was doing about checking on the security for when the doors are up. Chief Eisel has to check on that.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief Eisel had any discussion about joint health insurance with MECC. Chief Eisel has all the contract information and he just needs to share it with everyone.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported that Mr. Yapple was approached by the Sheriff's substation on some issues occurring on Deer Run which is a one house court east of Pickerington Road. We mow the right-of-way. The Township or the County Engineers office plows it. There is an elderly resident that has lived there on and off for quite a while. The Sheriff's office reported some increase activity based on reports from the resident. They asked us to consider closing the access to the road. He thinks it is an accepted public street whether it is one house or 10 houses. We thought it was worth merit on taking it to the prosecutor's office to get an opinion on the request. We need to see what the potential affects are of shutting off this access. One of the street deputies said there were reports of parking of vehicles and a questionable call about shots fired. There is another neighbor on the corner that has called in who's access is off Pickerington Road. The resident is not aware we have been approached. Mr. Myers said his opinion was to tell the substation 'request denied' as he does not think we should waste the Prosecuting Attorney's time with this. Mr. Dunlap had a concern that if we would barricade it or block it off and the house caught on fire how would our guys get back in there. If they want to take it to the prosecutor at their expense that is their option. Mr. Butcher will get back with the Sheriff's substation with the Trustees input.

Mr. Butcher wanted direction and initiated conversation about Busey Road Park. His department have been the so called 'coordinators' over the years for the parks in on the Trustees opinion of what they would like the park to be in the short term and by what time they want this to occur. We have a development plan that has several phases walking such as the drives and parking areas that we have constructed, walking paths, fence, ditch up front, landscaping and eventually an area we want to have some kind of historical component to the park such as cabins. We have cleared some paths in the woods that look very nice. Mr. Dunlap mentioned that the guys did a really good job on the getting the drive and parking area and putting the grindings down. Mr. Dunlap would like to see at least the parking areas connected to the walking trails and woods so someone can use it. As we have time and manpower work on putting in the

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other trails, As far as landscaping that will have to wait. We could possible look at some historical grants.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we want it to be used now or do we wait until we develop the park completely.

Mr. Myers said it looks good and he thinks depending on whether how much effort we put into it – we have extra labor this fall. One of the first things to do would be to get a culvert under the driveway and then go from there.

Mr. Butcher said he had put three different perspectives on the costs and broke it down for the Trustees.

- 1) Costs
- 2) Fixed costs
- 3) General fund venture – the labor would be charged to the township and would not charge for equipment we own. This one is in line with park mowing

Mr. Smith interjected to say that for the maintenance of the park it would all be the General Fund per the ORC so when our guys in the road department actually do the work we create an invoice from one department to the other so the costs show up where they have to.

Mr. Weltlich asked if they would be hourly or salary workers. Mr. Smith said it would be hourly work that cannot be charged to road improvement dollars.

Mr. Dunlap said he had 100 rails and about 8 posts he would be willing to donate for the park entrance. Mr. Dunlap said the sign would be the only cost if we just did the entrance. The ditch improvement would be a road cost.

Mr. Weltlich requested there be no creation of overtime for the whole department and agreed we should focus on the entrance to the park.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion that we do the entrance, the ditch excavation so we can get the drainage and the pipe in there and the walking paths from the parking lots to the woods so that people can do that part and the only expense being the sign. We could have a temporary sign until we can find money for a bigger sign. 4 x 6 is specified sign and concrete foundation with some sandstone. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap suggested we do everything except for the sign and then make a decision on whether we want a temporary sign or full size sign. Mr. Yaple added that we need to post all these areas 'closed' and also Harmon Road that these facilities are closed at dusk or possibly a half hour before sunset. This gives some latitude for the Dog Park and Harmon Road and the one back in Eastchester because this is an issue with insurance companies. We have to post that on all the cemeteries we take care of. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2011-0907 passes 3-0.

Mr. Butcher mentioned that Mr. Myers had asked about the tree on Busey Road on the north side of the road across from Woodstream. Mr. Dunlap said if we could just get the limbs off that hang over the road that would help.

Mr. Myers had asked about the ditch water on the east side of Saylor Road. Mr. Butcher has not seen anything that would warrant getting the Health Department involved. We need to continue to watch it for the next few months.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the Fairfield County Board of Elections is requesting the need for persons willing to serve as poll workers for the November 8, 2011 election. We will post the notice on our doors as well as our website.

Mr. Yapple reported we had asked Pickens Fence to give us a quote to install about 100' of 5' tall green vinyl coated chain link fence around the recycling bins. The total cost with material and labor is \$1700.00. **Mr. Myers made a motion to hire Pickens Fence to install 100' x 5' tall green vinyl coated chain link fence around the recycling bins at the cold storage facility located at 490 N. Center Street for a cost not to exceed \$1700.00. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2011-0907 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple mentioned that last year we purchased the inside cover of the Community Resource Guide and Chamber Resource Guide and Membership Directory for \$2750. If we purchase that same ad now it would be \$150 less making it \$2600. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to advertise in the inside front cover of the Community Resource Guide and Chamber Membership Directory at a cost of \$2600.00 if we do the 'early bird' special and they receive payment by September 15, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Motion C2011-0907 passes 2-1.**

Mr. Yapple had handed out information from Frank Harmon regarding the timeline of healthcare reform.

The quarterly meeting for Trustees and Fiscal Officers will be held at Amanda Fire House and hosted by Madison Township on September 10, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

The Alliance event for the third quarter's investors meeting is on September 29th at Rockmill. Mr. Weltlich will be attending.

The Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society will be celebrating its 25th annual Founders' Day Banquet September 15th at 6:30 pm at the Pickerington Senior Center. Mr. Dunlap will be attending.

The outdoor lighting contract with South Central Power expires on December 31, 2011 for the Eastchester Subdivision. A resolution was prepared. We did not have to go back and do any reassessments. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0907-03 – To Authorize the Director of Operations to sign agreement with South Central Power. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2011-0907-03 is adopted 3-0.**

On September 8th the Township will receive a Conservation Partner Award from Fairfield County Soil and Water at their annual dinner and banquet.

Mr. Yapple passed out 2012 population estimates from MORPC for the township.

ODOT is asking the Trustees to sign a letter asking all three Trustees to sign this letter stating that we agree to move forward with the funds and the work specifically for the safe routes to schools projects.

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The County Engineer brought a resolution for the Trustees to sign for the Waterloo Bridge Project for the Trustees to sign construction drawing for Violet 29. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yapple have looked at the drawings. Mr. Butcher stated he had no issues. **Mr. Myers made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-0907-04 – Resolution to Sign and Return Drawings to Fairfield County Engineers Office for Waterloo Road Bridge Project. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0907-04 is adopted 3-0.**

There was a request to use the park area in Eastchester for parking on Saturday, September 10th. There was discussion that due to the projected rain that only the area south of the post and the cable would be the only designating parking they can use. The agreement needs to be changed to reflect the use of all Township properties. Mr. Myers recommended Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher talk to these people to see what their intent is. Their address is 9330 Chester Drive.

Mr. Yapple received a proposal for the electric cables in the gutter on this end of the building and past the door where the sidewalks are. The proposal was for \$7,000.00 to furnish and install. This would eliminate the ice hanging on the gutters. Mr. Yapple will get a few quotes for this work to be done.

Mr. Weltlich asked if anything was done for the weeds in the Dog Park. Mr. Yapple explained we have an agreement with Klamfoth and they put a broad leaf weed killer down and fertilized it last week. There are still some areas we may want to do around where the fountains are. Maybe a mulch or ground tires might work. Mr. Yapple has not discussed this with anyone but Mr. Butcher other than this meeting.

Fiscal Office

Mr. Smith reported he will have had an analysis of expenses and revenues for the Trustees by the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Smith noticed the ad for the Chamber would need to be executed before the next meeting in order to get the \$150 savings. The Trustees were fine with this.

Mr. Smith attended his 'once a term' public records meeting. There have been some changes with house bill 153 as far as the budget actually changing some of the public records. Mr. Smith has notes on this and he wants to make sure we are in compliance and if we need to update our records we will. Mr. Yapple recommended the Records Commission (which includes the Chairman and Fiscal Officer) meet before the end of the year.

Mr. Smith had a resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0907-02 – Resolution Accepting the Amounts & Rates as Determined by the Fairfield County Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies & Certifying them to the County Auditor. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap; yes. Resolution 2011-0907-02 was adopted.**

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Myers reported he attended a meeting at Fairfield Regional Planning and they want to raise the yearly fee. Mr. Myers reported our fees are based on the census and we have been using the rates for the 2000 census. We will now go to the 2010 census data. The rate will raise it from .20 per resident to .25 per resident. This year we paid \$3,378.60 and next year we are going to owe \$4748.50 which is an increase of about \$1400.00. Mr. Yapple reported the commission has not approved this yet. It has to go through Regional Planning

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Commission and they not vote until their October meeting. Mr. Yapple said the County Commissioners has come up with more money to help keep the RPC going over the last couple of years and it is not part of the Commissioners. It is a separate group of folks.

Mr. Weltlich asked to set a date for the budget meeting after the elections. They will wait until after the election to see if Senate Bill 5 passes. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. November 15th at the Township offices.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

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 9:04 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: _____