

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 4, 2007
Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Van Kannel called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were Bill Yaple, Director of Operations, Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief.

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 here at home.

Mr. Weltlich asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2007, Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weltlich to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2007 Public Hearing for Peyton Ridge without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

Lois Christ of 9635 Brookside Drive stated that she spoke on behalf of most of the homeowners in her area of Brookside Drive who are opposed to sidewalks because of the damage it would do to their property and the landscaping in the Mingo Estates Sub-division.

Mr. Yaple explained this was part of the plan to do sidewalks within the subdivision within the existing right of ways. Their properties do not come clear to the curb. These are public properties and the residents maintain them.

Mr. Dunlap asked if sidewalks were required as part of Fairfield County Subdivision regulations on curb and gutter streets. Mr. Yaple stated that subdivision regulations do require sidewalks.

Mr. Dunlap wanted to know if we have to comply with ADA any time we repave a street and there are ramps that are not compliant. Mr. Yaple stated that was correct and stated that we cannot overlay streets without making compliancy now in most of our subdivisions. Mr. Yaple explained that in order for us to receive the grant money we have to be ADA compliant.

Jerri Heskett of 9548 Brookside Drive questioned why we were doing this? Mr. Yaple stated that it was to address concerns of residents about the standing water and poor drainage in this section of Mingo Estates. Mr. Yaple further explained that part of this refurbishment is that we will add additional storm sewers and increase the drainage in the whole subdivision over what it is today.

Mr. Dunlap stated that Township Engineer, Greg Butcher was going to look at the possibility of moving the sidewalks closer to the curb because of the concerns of the residents. The right of way is 30 feet from the center of the road.

Mr. Weltlich asked that two residents be appointed to represent the affected area of Mingo Estates and meet with Mr. Yaple and Mr. Butcher to review the situation in search of a compromise.

Mr. Weltlich asked if everyone would agree to take the assessment to his or her property to fund this refurbishment because this is the only choice there is if we removed the sidewalks and lost the grant funding.

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Mathew Moulin off 9616 Brookside Drive stated he just moved in and he was concerned that the loss of his large old trees will lower his property values.

Mr. Weltlich explained to the residents that if they do not put in the sidewalks they will lose the funding for the project. Mr. Weltlich commented that the residents needed to follow the following criteria: One we will look at safety first and two it has to solve the original problem that was the intent of the whole project.

Mr. Myers commented that he agreed that as far as devaluation of property because of the trees he does agree with that but he has been in there when it has rained and a nice curb and gutter system with no water in the street would increase the value of the property.

Mr. Dunlap clarified that there is a 60-foot right of way, which means you do not own to the curb; 15 feet back is part of the road right of way where we can put in sidewalks, put a waterline or a sewer line.

Mr. Yapple asked that the selected representative from Mingo Estates call him so they can discuss the matter further.

Mr. Myers pointed out that this is at no cost to any of the residents of this subdivision.

County Authorities

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor reported the roof at Station 1 was repaired. The company that did it performed an outstanding job.

Chief Taylor presented the accident report for the year. He also reported that one of their guys was injured during the transport of an unruly patient. The Firefighter had a mild sprain.

There was also a copy of February's exposure (of which there was none in February).

Chief Taylor reported he has been involved with the Ministerial Association in Pickerington who is planning for the National Day of Prayer, which will be held on May 3 at 7:00 am at the Pickerington Senior Center.

Chief Taylor reported Assistant Chief Eisel just returned from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute where he attended a 7-day leadership class. Mr. Eisel was very pleased with the class.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher was on vacation. Mr. Yapple reported in Mr. Butcher's absence regarding Sagamore Pond. Mr. Yapple stated the contractor has been working and they should be done this week. Mr. Dunlap asked that Mr. Butcher monitor the center manhole drop when he returns from vacation, as it might be below the needed height.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported that he received notice that Mr. Babbert has asked the County Commissioners to vacate Babbert Lane, which was installed through his total property. This will be before the Fairfield County Commissioners on April 24th.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yapple to have Mr. Butcher get with the Fire Chief to come up with an injury report identical in format to theirs.

Mr. Yapple reported there is another Growth Alliance meeting on the alignment session on April 27th at 8:00 am at South Central Power at 10229 Busey Road. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap will be attending.

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The Bid Advertisement for the Maintenance Building will be in the paper Friday, April 6 and bids are due May 9th.

The Planning Session for the Trustees and Supervisors will be April 17 at 2:30 pm at the Township offices.

The Fairfield County Commissioners will vote to possibly adopt the Access Management Plan for Fairfield County on Tuesday, April 17 at 10:00 am at the Courthouse.

We had 6 single family permits for the month of March with a construction cost of 2.8 million dollars in valuation with a total of 12 for the year with a construction cost of 4.88 million. We had 3 other permits for the month. We had 2 commercial permits for the month for a total of 3 for the year. Through March of 2006, we had 15 single-family permits.

Mr. Yaple reported there will be a hearing on April 13th at 11:30 am at the Fairfield County Commissioners office for the Liquor Permit for Club 33. We filed an objection. Mr. Yaple and legal council will attend. Mr. Dunlap asked if we could get an update from the Sheriffs Department on the number of runs to that establishment. Mr. Yaple will be talking to them to supply a whole list of issues. Mr. Dunlap indicated that there had recently been several incidents at that location that involved large numbers of people and several had been assaulted.

We are still working on the Records Retention and hope to get a resolution this month on this. By September 9th, all local officials will have to have completed their 3-hour training on records retention.

We had staff attend the storm water erosion control expo at Eastland Career Center.

Mr. Yaple stated it was necessary to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues on the Snyder Thornton hearing that is coming up.

The advertisement for bid for the phone systems for the township will be in the paper this Friday, April 6.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-0404-02 - To Approve Peyton Ridge Planned Residential District Final Plat. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0404-02 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel presented the last paid payroll for signatures and to date. Mr. Van Kannel thanked the Trustees for allowing him to go to the Local Government Conference.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0404-01 - Increase Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0404-01 is adopted.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Commission is doing well and we are getting new people to join the committee all the time.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich will attend the 33 Corridor Meeting on April 27, 2007.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

Mr. Yapple announced that the township was awarded 100% group and achievement for no lost work time in 2006 at the BWC Safety Council for Fairfield County.

Lois Christ of 9635 Brookside Drive wanted to know what was being done about the ditch at Sagamore Pond. The Trustees told her that was under reconstruction now and would be taken care of soon.

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues concerning disputes involving the public body and either pending or eminent court action and will take a 15-minute break. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried.

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

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. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Zoning Secretary

Approved By:

Gary P. Weltlich, Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Date:_____