

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 1, 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 Yapple, Director of Operations; Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; 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 July 18, 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. Dunlap to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2007 Public Hearing on the 2007 Budget without reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

Sheriff Phalen reported on Citizens on Patrol. They currently have 90 persons signed up for 'mobile blockwatch'. They would use old cruisers that would be remarked 'volunteer' and these citizens would be checking peoples homes while on vacation. It would not be a substitute for deputies. Emergency lights will be taken off the vehicles. They will have 16 hours of classroom training and another 16 hours on the road.

Fire Department

Chief Taylor reported the new phone system is in the process of being installed now. He hope to have everything functional by end of week.

Chief Taylor hopes to have specifications for the new medic for next meeting. It will similar to the last one and will be a state bid purchase.

Chief Taylor commented that the fireworks displays went very well at the Violet Festival.

Gary Peterman, 8871 Charington Lane, Pickerington resident asked about the EMS. Chief Taylor stated no decision had been made. Public Hearings would be set in the future. He gave some unsupportive figures on other entities that had started such a program.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the pavement for Mingo Estates has been completed. Concrete should be finished up this week for the Mingo Estates project. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to consider additional 25 mph signs for Brookside Drive. Mr. Weltlich mentioned that considering it had three different authorities involved in this project it came off very well.

Mr. Butcher reported on the fill piles at the new shop site that the Trustees had asked about last time. He stated everything had been knocked down.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yapple are involved in continuing discussions with the Pickerington Local School District, their design team and the County officials on the proposed new schools of Tollgate and Refugee Roads.

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 1, 2007
Regular Meeting

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yaple also had discussion with Regional Planning personnel regarding the next Issue 2 project, which is the Busey Road S-Curve Realignment.

Mowing of the right of way has been completed. Mr. Butcher had his crew mow the northern section of the township that ODOT has not mowed.

Mr. Butcher presented Resolution 2007-0801-01 - Hire Shelly Company for 2007 Road Paving Maintenance. Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0801-01 - Hire Shelly Company for 2007 Road Paving Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0801-01 is adopted.

Mr. Butcher reported ODOT would be doing a culvert replacement on SR204 at Violet Meadows. This will take about 10 days to complete.

Mr. Yaple commented there is a road closure that will start on August 6 at Pickerington Road just south of Benadum. The road will be closed for a period of 4 weeks. They will be replacing the culverts under Pickerington Road between Benadum and Walnut Creek.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple had passed on information that Don Day has been awarded the certification for commercial building inspector for structural and inspections on commercial projects which we have not had before. Mr. Yaple added that Mr. Day has also been certified as a Residential Building Official and Residential Plans Examiner. The Trustees will be recognizing Mr. Day for this achievement.

Mr. Yaple had information regarding the 65 and older one time Homestead Exemption, that can be applied for. Those permanently disabled can also apply for this exemption. Mr. Dunlap explained this is for those residents 65 and older for an automatic \$25,000.00 exemption off the top of their property taxes that can be filed for.

Mr. Yaple had passed out information from ODOT regarding the reduction in Ohio from 2005 to 2006 in the number of fatalities and a bigger reduction in crashes.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Amendment for Case Number 02-ZC-2007 at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 10:20 p.m. and go back into regular session. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Yaple continued with his report.

Mr. Yaple stated that the Township Records Retention Committee had met and made decisions. They will forward the information to the State Auditor and Historical Society for approval or disapproval.

Mr. Yaple reported we spoke to the Fairfield County Engineers office this year about replacing the bridge at Waterloo Road south of Hill Road north of the Walnut Creek Bridge. This is a 16 foot pavement width bridge that cannot let two cars pass through it at the same time. We felt this was a hazard. Mr. Yaple presented Resolution 2007-0801-02 - Request County Engineer to Initiate Construction Drawings and Specifications for the Replacement of the Bridge on Waterloo Road. This will let us apply for an Issue 1 Grant in 2008. The goal would be 26% total for the local share. It could be split between the County Engineer and us.

The phone systems are being worked on. There are other issues to be dealt with. Computers will not be in for a few weeks.

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**August 1, 2007
Regular Meeting**

We have received comments back on the Community Profile. Comments have been received. They will be corrected and back before the Trustees in the next few weeks.

Mr. Yaple met with Mrs. Pifer in regards to the donation of property on Busey Road. We are moving forward and working through the details in getting the deeds drawn to transfer.

Mr. Weltlich attended the ribbon cutting for the Vineyard Free Medical Clinic, which is part of the Vineyard church on Palmer Road. It is a free medical clinic and food pantry.

Mr. Yaple reminded everyone of the Household Hazardous Waste collection at Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 18 from 8 am until noon.

Mr. Yaple has heard nothing on 'Care Day.'

There were some changes on House bill 694. It is \$10,000 instead of \$500 in donations per contract. There are still some issues of what constitutes a contract. This was a piece of legislation that was passed quickly. We still have not sent out the letters, as we do not know who to send them to.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0801-02 - Request County Engineer to Initiate Construction Drawings and Specifications for the Replacement of the Bridge on Waterloo Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0801-02 is adopted.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0801-03 - To Adopt Violet Township Employee Policy Manual. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0801-03 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel presented the latest paid payroll for signature as well as the bank reconciliation for July, 2007. Mr. Van Kannel reminded the board of the budget hearing on Monday, August 6 at 3:00 pm. Mr. Weltlich will be attending with Mr. Van Kannel.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap commented that they are still looking for volunteers for the Bicentennial Committee. They had a display booth at the Violet Festival. There were over 300 submissions for the photo contest. There were over 1200 people vote on the photos. Mr. Dunlap invited everyone to participate in the beard and mustache contest. There were 17 pictures that were voted on for the calendar.

Mr. Weltlich reported again that he attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Vineyard Church on Palmer Road.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

Old Business

Mr. Dunlap moved to remove the Springcreek Development application from the old business as it was withdrawn. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Dunlap commented that many of the villages and cities have passed the sexual predator residential laws that do not allow sexual predators that have been designated that by the courts and it prohibits them from living 1000 feet from a playground or park area. This leaves us vulnerable out here. He would like us to consider legislation similar

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**August 1, 2007
Regular Meeting**

to other townships regarding sexual predators under a Home Rule Township. He would like to send it to the attorney for an opinion.

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. 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 at 10:47 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm.

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:_____