

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**December 5, 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: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer and Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief and Bill Yaple, Director of Operations.

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 November 7, 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 November 7, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 03-ZC-2007 without reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Dunlap to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 05-ZC-2006 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:

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road was present. Mr. Hopkins commended whoever was responsible for the Township Policy Manual. He stated it was very thorough. He referred to the Trustees as a 'bunch of grumpy old men' and referred to the people at the City of Pickerington as 'a bunch of grumpy young men and woman.' Mr. Hopkins stated that someone made the remark that the Township was run by large land owners and developers. In the last 9 months he has learned that this statement is wrong. Mr. Hopkins stated the Township is run by the Trustees and not by large land owners or developers. Mr. Hopkins was told by Lee Gray that he has never heard a complaint about the Township and he stated they have an excellent Fire Department and road department. He said Violet Township is one of the best run townships in the State of Ohio. Mr. Hopkins is interested in the revenue in the township. Mr. Hopkins was concerned about the Land Use Plan.

Mr. Hopkins thanked all the Township employees who have spent time with him, especially Mr. Yaple.

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor reported B107.9 will broadcast their radio station live at the Fire Department on Thursday, 12/13 from 6am to 10am in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. It is part of their ongoing Hometown Hero program. The Chamber will be presenting Alison Wendt with this award.

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On December 13 and 14 Chief Taylor will be in Fairfax for some new board member training for the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he received confirmation of approval of a grant application for the Community Block Grant Development application through the State of Ohio through Fairfield County.

The Pengywn system was used to apply salt brine prior to our snow this week. He thinks it performed about as expected. He will keep tracking this and keep the Trustees up to date on the progress.

Mr. Myers asked about the ditch on Ault Road by the school and wondered who was doing it. The mound was regarded and now they have dump trucks there moving dirt. This is all part of the punch list from four years ago for Turner Construction. They are taking the dirt from the mound and filling in the retention basin that is no longer required.

Mr. Butcher stated the construction drawings came in this week for Busey Road and he is in the process of reviewing them. Five or six homeowners will be affected and he will meet with them individually about the project.

Mr. Hopkins thanked Mr. Butcher for helping him this week when his daughter had car problems.

Mr. Yapple stated it was his understanding that Performance may come back to the board and ask for a work permit to work 24 hours a day at the school on Tollgate to move dirt. This will require a variance from the Noise Ordinance by the Trustees.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple stated he had an email from Judy Shupe in regards to Tollgate Road realignment. This is moving forward.

The County Engineers annual meeting will be in February.

Mr. Yapple spoke with our prosecuting attorney regarding the Pifer Property. The property was recorded in the schools name on November 28, 2007 and we are in the process of getting the property splits we need.

Mr. Yapple had a list of Sheriff Department calls to the location of Club 33 that has been forwarded to Mr. Loveland and Mr. Morehart who are working together to identify areas of concern and then appeal of the renewal of the permit to the Bureau of Liquor Control.

Mr. Yapple attended the Records Retention and Policy meeting for the three Trustees last Thursday in Marion. We need to pass a resolution authorizing Mr. Yapple to be the Trustees representative.

The Huntington Hills tornado warning siren was tested again today and went off without a hitch.

Ohio University has the easement map and legal description for access to the tornado warning siren site on their property. This is being looked at by OU staff.

The Pickerington Magazine subject is in the hands of OTARMA. Mr. Morehart requested we send a disclaimer to OTARMA for review.

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Mr. Myers asked about responding to the resident from Haaf Farms. Mr. Dunlap stated this is a civil matter between the developer and the landowner. The documentation would be filed at the recorders office. Ms. Sarko will be contacting this resident by letter and will copy Jerry Breens at Licking County. The turnaround at the end of Sunladen today is in Licking County.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-12-05-01 – Yearly Certification of Township Road Mileage for 2007 being 102.08 miles. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1205-01 is adopted.

Mr. Weltlich mentioned the graduation of the “citizens on patrol” sheriff’s program will be sometime between 12/15 and Christmas. Certificates of Recognition will be drawn up to recognize these citizens.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel presented the last paid payroll for signatures.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported he attended Pickerington City Council Meeting and they appointing Tim Hensley as the interim City Manager until March 31st or until the new mayor or new council determines otherwise. Judy Gilliland Resigned to go with Middletown. Mr. Weltlich reported that Ms. Gilliland made a budget presentation and they put the Violet Festival in contingency and they put their road improvements in contingency. They hired an assistant part time mayor’s Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting and they refused to act upon the waiving of any impact fees. There was also discussion on the JEDD.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Employee Recognition Luncheon on 12-7-07 at noon and the Fairfield County. Trustees/Fiscal Officers Banquet on 12-9-07.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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 moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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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: _____