

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**January 16, 2008
Regular Meeting**

Mr. Dunlap 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, Bill Yaple, Director of Operations 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. Dunlap asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2008 Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Yaple informed the Trustees that minutes for the JEDD Public Hearing that were transcribed by Professional Reporters then were returned for corrections. They will be before them at the next meeting for approval.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road was present. He felt the County Commissioners had made up their mind about the JEDD before listening to the public.

County Authorities

Lieutenant Voris from Fairfield County Sherriff's office was present. He thanked everyone for supporting the Community Watch Program. He stated it was moving forward in a positive manner. They are registering the next class to begin in May.

The officers are training their officers on self defense tactics and they are learning the tazors.

On Thursday February 7th at the Pickerington Senior Center Sheriff Phalen will have a training program on how to keep illegal activity out of rental properties.

Mr. Weltlich asked about self defense classes for women and suggested they advertise this on their website. Lieutenant Voris stated there are classes through the YMCA.

Fire Department

Chief Taylor stated there was a high level of participation in a blood drive conducted at station 592. The goal was 30 units and 28 units were given.

The FEMA grant they received for all the diesel emissions equipment; the install was finished today. Everything appears to be functioning well.

They experienced an injury in December. Chief Taylor commended Mr. Weltlich for being instrumental in helping them figure out what their shortcomings were in this area and they are slowly making progress.

Chief Taylor is headed to New Orleans for an International Fire Chiefs Board meeting.

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Mr. Myers asked for the latest update on OP&F. Chief Taylor stated Mr. Hagan is reviewing some of the procedural items as defined in the code and will have his list prepared so they can go back and meet with OP&F. The goal is sometime in the next two weeks to sit with Legal Counsel and the Contributions Manager at OP&F.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he met with the Deputy County Engineer, the property owner and a consultant regarding the Busey Road S-curve realignment. Things are moving forward very slowly.

Mr. Butcher had distributed a letter of denial of the Safe Routes to School Application that we submitted from District 5. This was a joint application. The committee has a meeting scheduled in February with ODOT. He was very concerned about the rationale used in reviewing this application.

Mr. Butcher stated that we provided a systematic approach that was identified to each school. Mr. Weltlich felt the denial looked biased. There was no omission. Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any route of appeal. Mr. Butcher stated there was not.

Tollgate Road storm sewer crossing is done. This relates to the elementary and middle school site.

The Long Road sanitary sewer installation is a City of Pickerington project. However, it traverses our right of way. He stressed to the City Inspector and the contractor that we have put a lot of work into this roadway. In the permit, he processed, he provided some conditions that it needs to go back to the original state.

We are up to 622 tons of salt for one month of official winter.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to recess the Regular Trustee meeting and go into the scheduled public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes, Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Weltlich made the motion to continue the Public Hearing for Case Number 05-ZC-2007 to February 20, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Director of Operations

For the month of December we had 2 single family houses at \$858,000 in construction evaluation for a total of 46 through December of 2007 with a total construction cost of 17.494 million. We had 0 other permits and 0 commercial permits. We had 16 total commercial permits for the year. Through December of 2006 we had 63 single family permits issued compared to 46 in 2007.

Mr. Yapple reported the Pifer property deeds should be here by next week to do the property splits and then the closing will be scheduled within a week of that.

Mrs. Thornton's case has been appealed by the property owner. Therefore, it will go to the fifth district court.

The bidders list is growing. It is due the 29th of this month.

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We have our annual meeting with the County Engineers office on February 14th at 3:00 pm.

Mr. Yaple has not heard anything about the objection filed with the Board of Liquor Control.

There was a problem with the school on Tollgate Road and what they call 'super elevation' in the radius of the turn squaring up to get back to square with Refugee Road. The bank was higher than it needed to be and it brought the two access points closer together to get out of the super elevated turn. Mr. Butcher stated this has not been resolved but they were still working through this Tollgate Road realignment.

We have heard nothing back from the Attorney Generals office regarding the question of expenditures for road and bridge monies that we asked back in September or October.

There was a question about when we agreed to an annexation on Wright Road. That has not been forwarded to an annexation petition as of today. On the ordinance they passed it was not official until November. Judy signed the agreement on October 3rd after our meeting. She signed it before the resolution was final. As a result Mr. Yaple has been authorized to waive these dates and continue forward with the annexation of the property.

Mr. Yaple has had a meeting with the Hyland Group liability insurance company. They want to quote us to be competitive with OTARMA. There are several things in this process we have to do in order for them to be allowed to give us a quote. We must notify OTARMA by letter that we are going to shop. This has to be more than 60 days prior to the end of our agreement.

Mr. Yaple reported that under Job and Family Service a protective service levies is going to be on the March 4th ballot. It is 1 mill for ten years. This is basically for child abuse and older adults. Last year there were 4,400 cases of neglect for child abuse in the county.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0116-01 – To Designate Pickerington Magazine as the Official Publication of Violet Township. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0116-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0116-02 – To Purchase Cab and Chassis for Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0116-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0116-03 – Authorize Zoning Inspector to Forward Junk Motor Vehicle Complaint to County Sheriff. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0116-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0116-04 – To Adopt Public Notice Policy. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0116-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Yaple to prepare a special resolution declaring and establishing a special meeting of the Violet Township Trustees of February 13th,

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at 7:30 p.m. 2008 to be held at Pickerington Central Performing Arts. This will be the official kick off of the 2008 Bicentennial Celebration. The Bicentennial Commission will hold a reception at 6:30 p.m. That evening we will accept the Township quilt that has been given to us and we will also accept the Township Song that is being written to be presented to the community.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel reported we did get 'rolled over' to 2008. We are in the process of finalizing our obligation to the Township to supply the State and County Auditor their reports for year end. Mr. Van Kannel presented the last paid payroll for signatures.

Chris Smith has started training.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported he attended the public hearings for the JEDD at Canal Winchester and Lancaster with Mr. Yapple. Both meetings were very positive. He also attended the Pickerington City Council meeting. The JEDD hearing was a 15 minute hearing and it was continued.

The Trustees would like to do a proclamation for Katy O'Brien for being nominated to go to the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy by Congressman Hobson's office.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Commission is diligently working. February 13th is the kickoff meeting at Pickerington Central.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

The Pickerington Chamber meeting will be held February 2nd.

Mr. Dunlap asked the Trustees if they are available Monday January 21st at 6pm at Pickerington Central there will be a technical rehearsal for the February 13th special meeting. There will be at least two Trustees or more at this meeting. On Monday, February 11th will be the dress rehearsal at 6:00 pm at Central for that program. The Reception is 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The program will run until 9:00 pm.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer will also be attending the OTA Conference on January 30th, 31st and February 1.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Zoning Secretary

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____