

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**January 2, 2008
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, Bill Yapple, Director of Operations and Don Brosius, Legal Counsel.

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 turned the meeting over to Mr. Van Kannel so they could vote for the reorganization of the board members, since this was the first meeting of the new year.

Mr. Van Kannel stated the first business to conduct for 2008 was the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2008. The chair opened nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Weltlich nominated Mr. Dunlap to be Chairman for Violet Township Trustees for 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap nominated Mr. Myers as Vice-Chairman for Violet Township Trustees for 2008. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2007, 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. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 04-ZC-2007 without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weltlich to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2007 Special Meeting to Pay Bills without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes, Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road was present. Mr. Hopkins thanked Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Smith for both running very honorable campaigns in Violet Township. He also stated that the last meeting of the Trustees he had asked the Trustees to extend an 'olive branch' to the City of Pickerington. He asked that the City and Township work together like they have in the past few months. Mr. Lee Gray was present.

County Authorities

Bill Arnett, Fairfield County Economic Development Director, 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster was present. He stated he has been emailing back and forth with Mr. Yapple and Ms. Davis regarding the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance kickoff

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event. He wanted the Trustees to be aware this was to be held on January 16th at Town Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Van Kannel swore in Chris Smith as the new Fiscal Officer effective 4-1-08.

Fire Department

Chief Taylor had a resolution for the Volunteer Firefighters Dependent Fund. Gary Weltlich and Harry Myers have been representatives for the Township for about 7 or 8 years.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-07 to Appoint Gary Weltlich and Harry Myers to the Firefighters Dependent Fund for 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-07 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-06 – Accept Part Time Firefighter Resignation. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-05 – Reclassify Volunteer to Part Time Firefighter Position. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-08 – To Appoint New Volunteer Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2007-0102-08 is adopted 3-0.

Chief Taylor announced the Fire Department is working in conjunction with the Red Cross on January 11 to do another blood drive at the Fire Station from 1pm to 7pm in the training room at Station 2.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher had nothing specific to report on. He is in the 'midst' of several issues.

Chief Taylor gave kudos to the road crew for the great job they do on the roads.

Mr. Weltlich mentioned they had a letter from Chad Lucht regarding the mud on Tollgate Road and a date of December 24th was given. Mr. Butcher stated this was not an issue anymore.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there were any activity on the enforcement of the stop signs on Busey Road, at Diley Road. Mr. Dunlap stated the sheriff has been out there and he is scheduled to have lunch with Lt. Lewis from the Ohio State patrol to try and get their support for enforcement and traffic lights. Mr. Butcher stated the traffic counts are still on-going. If it does not warrant the traffic lights we could possibly help people realize they need to stop with the flashing four way red that ties in with the four way red stop signs. Mr. Butcher was not sure what jurisdiction we have. The north half of Busey and south bound Diley is still in Violet Township. North bound Diley is in Canal Winchester. As part of the CEDA agreement we are still in charge of maintaining the roads in the CEDA portion of the area even though it is their enforceable side of it. Chief Deputy Perrigo is to get with Mr. Yapple on this as well.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported plans are out for the new Maintenance Building. The bid is due January 29, 2008. Bids will be opened at the Township office at noon on that day.

Eagle Scouts request we recognize Michael J. Faga, who has achieved his rank as an Eagle Scout. We will do a certificate and proclamation as we have done in the past.

Mr. Yapple reminded the Trustees of the scheduled JEDD hearings. Canal Winchester at 5:30 pm and the City of Lancaster's at 7:00 pm to be held on January 14, 2008. The City of Pickerington's hearing is January 15, 2008 during their regular council hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Weltlich will check to see if they want us there or not.

Mr. Yapple reported the objection for Club 33 was filed with the Bureau of Liquor Control on December 27th, 2007.

The to be donated Pifer Property has been held up in the County Engineers office and should have gotten released today for the transfers and the lot split approval. Mr. Yapple will follow this through.

We have no answer back on our Attorney General's request about the use of General Fund Levy money for road and bridge issues.

We did get a decision by Judge Martin on the stay of the Thornton property and he upheld what the County Commissioners had done and denied the request for the turn down. We will not know anything until March as to how they want to proceed.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt resolution 2008-0102-01 – Resolution to Hold Regular Meetings the First & Third Wednesday of Each Month for Year 2008. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-02 is adopted.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-02 – Part Time or Casual Labor. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-03 – To Purchase a Mini Excavator for Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-04 – To Proclaim February 1, 2008 as Ohio Township Day. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-09 – Authorize Participation in ODOT Purchasing Program. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-09 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-10 –Retain the Law Firm of Loveland & Brosius, LLC as Legal Counsel on an “As Needed” Basis.

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Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-11 – Retain Moots, Carter & Hogan as Legal Counsel to Advise and Represent the Township in Annexation Matters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-11 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-12 - To Hire Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an “As-Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-12 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0102-13 - Accept Recommendation of Zoning Commission for Case No. 04-ZC-2007. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked the applicant if they had any further discussions with the landowner that was concerned about screening. Mike Arcari of 720 Smithfield Ave. Lancaster stated they have spoken to Mr. Kellogg and they suggested doing some tying in with erosion control. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0102-13 is adopted 3-0.

Our Zoning Officer will have two opportunities to review the developmental text. The second opportunity is when actual permits are issues.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Yapple to prepare a special resolution declaring and establishing a special meeting of the Violet Township Trustees of February 13th, 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 presented the last paid payroll for 2007 for signatures.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported that thanks to Mr. Dunlap and several others he has enough signatures to file as County Commissioner candidate on Friday at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Commission is looking for trees to be donated that the sawmill can use during the Heritage Days on July 5th and 6th. They cannot be Silver Maples, no cottonwoods, no box elders or no soft wood. It can be Ash, Oak, Hickory or Hard Maple. They need to contact Mr. Dunlap before they cut any trees down so he can get with the property owners and let them know what we need and the process they need to follow.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

Old Business

None

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Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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

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:_____