

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 7, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers were present. Mr. Weltlich was tardy due to jury duty. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Bill Yaple, Director of Operations and John Eisel, Fire Chief.

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

Mr. Smith stated the first business to conduct for 2009 was the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2009. The chair opened nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Dunlap nominated Mr. Myers to be Chairman for Violet Township Trustees for 2009. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 2-0. Mr. Weltlich was absent.

Mr. Myers nominated Mr. Dunlap as Vice-Chairman for Violet Township Trustees for 2009. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passed 2-0.

Mr. Smith turned the meeting over to the new Chairman, Mr. Myers. Mr. Myers 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.

There was no approval of minutes.

Mr. Weltlich arrived at this time (7:40 p.m.).

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

None

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported they are closing out 2008 and are meeting with the Fiscal Officer to discuss the budget for 2009.

Mr. Dunlap congratulated Chief Eisel on being Fire Chief.

Mr. Weltlich asked about some items that were outstanding. Chief Eisel stated he would get them to him by the end of the week.

Township Engineer

Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Butcher for the wonderful job on having the roads cleared. The County, the State and the City of Pickerington had not been done.

Mr. Weltlich asked when he would be conducting the D.O.E. Mr. Butcher stated That he was prepared to conduct the D.O.E. as soon as there is a one inch snowfall event.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple asked if the Trustees wanted to continue dues for (3) organizations in 2009: the Olde Pickerington Village Business Association, Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce and Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Yapple will have a deed of easement for the waterline at the new shop to sign once the Prosecutor reviews it.

Mr. Yapple had passed out a letter from MORPC regarding Primary Seat Belt Law in Ohio. Mr. Yapple thinks this will go through.

A letter will be written recommending Mr. Butcher continue his role and be nominated as the District 17 Representative.

The closing for the Grange Building was scheduled for January 8th at Lancaster Title.

Everyone has been registered for the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and Trade Show.

Mr. Yapple reported he still does not have a resolution to the Tabled Resolution on the Agreement between the Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security and Violet Township. Mr. Yapple stated he has turned this over to OTARMA to make sure they take care of everything that is on there. Still waiting to hear back from them.

The occasion has come back up that we can take GIS photos of the township. The County wants to do it again all over the county. Our cost will be less than \$11,000.00. They have asked us to participate in the initial preliminary discussions. Mr. Yapple will get a resolution together.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to re-join the Old Pickerington Village Business Association and renew the dues of \$75.00. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2009-0107 passed 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to renew the dues of \$398.00 for the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2009-0107 passed 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to renew the dues \$85.00 for the Canal Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2009-0107 passed 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked when we might be moving into the new building. Mr. Yapple stated we have had discussions with the City of Pickerington and if we get gas and get the heat on this week that will give us our furnaces running and the generator running that will give us our final inspection except not the sewer lines. That will give us a temporary occupancy and should get us in in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt resolution 2009-0107-01 – Resolution to Hold Regular Meetings the First & Third Wednesday of Each Month for Year 2009. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-01 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-02 – Part Time or Casual Labor. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-03 – To Proclaim Sunday, February 1, 2009 as “Ohio Township Day”. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0107-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-04 – Retain Newhouse, Prophater, Letcher and Moots (formerly known as Moots, Carter and Hogan) as Legal Counsel to Advise and Represent the Township in Annexation Matters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-05 - To Hire Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an “As-Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-05 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-06 - Authorize Participation in ODOT Purchasing Program. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0107-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-07 –Retain the Law Firm of Loveland & Brosius, LLC as Legal Counsel on an “As Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-07 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich noted that the three legal firms that were just approved were on an ‘as needed’ basis.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-08- To Approve Bond for Telecommunications Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-08 is adopted 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith commended the Trustees, Mr. Yapple, the Fire Chief and Mr. Butcher for a very productive 2008. Mr. Smith stated that we have switched payroll companies and commended Rochelle Menningen for her tireless efforts in getting this process completed.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-09 – Establishment of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-09 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0107-10 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0107-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Smith on his timely investment decisions.

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Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Smith was watching National City very closely. Mr. Smith stated he would be.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap shared a letter with the Trustees.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

Resolution 2008-1119-11 – Agreement Between the Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security & Violet Township. Mr. Yapple recommended we leave this on the table as we have not received our answer from our Law Director.

New Business

Mr. Myers commended the Fire Chief for the excellent job they did at the ceremony on December 18th at Hickory Lakes.

Mr. Myers explained to Mr. Weltlich that prior to his arrival this evening nominations were made for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair and Mr. Myers was elected Chairman and Mr. Dunlap as Vice-Chair. Mr. Myers went over the delegations for each Trustee for the coming year and it was decided to keep what they currently had: Mr. Myers, Fire Department; Mr. Dunlap, Roads and Mr. Weltlich, Administration.

Mr. Myers announced that there is a good probability that we will be building a cabin this year. He noted that Mr. Dunlap will be in charge of this project. Mr. Dunlap mentioned that they will be asking for people to volunteer to build a log cabin.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Myers stated they would take a 10 minute recess before going into Executive Session. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22G4. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

Mr. Myers reported they would recess for 10 minutes 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 8:25 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____