

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 18, 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 that the audience say a special prayer for Lewis Stemen in the recent loss of his wife.

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

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the July 5, 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.

Recognition of Guests:

None

County Authorities

Chief Deputy Perrigo passed out information about a Motorcycle Run on August 11th that they have been talking to the Red Cross about. This is for a fundraiser. They will tour about 90 miles of Fairfield County.

They received one radio study back that said it would take 1.7 million dollars to upgrade their radio systems. Still looking.

Talking about a new facility to include everything. There is talk of the current location, the Wheeling Street facility, and Liberty Center in Lancaster.

Canal Winchester contract was passed by the Commissioners.

They received 4 of the 6 new police cruisers in with the new communications system in each of the cars. There are three parts to the program: 1) messaging to dispatchers 2) addresses/mapping/GIS system 3) Leads inquiries/registrations.

Public Comments

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor reported they made a presentation for Pickerington City Council regarding the EMS reimbursement. Chief Taylor felt this was well received by Council. The next step would be to set up a public hearing and proceed accordingly.

Mr. Myers asked if they were prepared for the Violet Festival. Chief Taylor stated their major concern was the fireworks. All permits have been taken care of.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the concrete should be finished up this week for the Mingo Estates project. The only items of substantial nature left would be the topsoil, sidewalk and curb, grading behind the sidewalk, and replacement of pavement that is scheduled for next Tuesday. This should be a two-day process. He hopes to have everything completed next week.

The City of Pickerington started their repaving improvements on Long Road. Mr. Butcher has spoken to the City personnel regarding our cost sharing of the township portion of the project.

Mr. Butcher reported he is still working on miscellaneous ditch improvements.

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They will also be getting their vehicles ready for the Violet Festival parade.

Mr. Myers asked if they would get the topsoil in behind the curbs before they put the blacktop in. Mr. Butcher stated it was up to the General Contractor.

Mr. Dunlap commended Mr. Butcher for going into the substation last week and locating a water leak. Mr. Butcher reported they had a call Sunday evening about water coming through the ceiling. It was discovered that the air conditioning unit condensation lines gummed up and caused the water problem. Kessler Heating and Cooling came in and flushed it out Monday afternoon.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the SR204 road closure. Mr. Butcher stated that ODOT will be closing the road as they will be doing the culvert replacement at Violet Meadows and they are contracting it out. They said up to 10 days but the dates are up to the contractor. The culvert is located between Pickerington Road and Ault Road.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we had 5 single-family permits for the month of June at \$1.6 million in construction evaluation, for a total of 24 for the year with a total construction cost of \$8.9 million. We had 8 other permits for the month for a total of 8 commercial permits for the year. Through June of 2006, we had 35 single-family permits.

The Trustees have received information that Violet Meadows Section 4 is looking to replat Phase 2 as there are some issues about some easements they have to have. If Regional approves they will be back to the Trustees for approval of that.

The Vineyard Community Medical Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is August 1 between 6 and 630 at the location on Palmer Road. Invitations will be forthcoming.

United Way contacted Mr. Yapple about a Community Care Day for the Township asking if we had some sort of a project. Maybe we could come up with something collectively.

We have updated the Community Profile for the Canal Winchester Chamber ad.

There was a letter in the Trustee packet from the agent for the modifications to the Springcreek Planned Development that they have withdrawn their application. We are doing some advertising to the local papers as well as sending postcards to about 50 residents. It is already posted on the website and it is on the doors of the Township Building. The day of the cancelled hearing, we will post something on the Senior Center building as well just in case.

Mr. Yapple reported he hopes to meet with Mrs. Pifer regarding donation of property on Busey Road during the week of July 16.

Mr. Yapple set up a meeting with Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Van Kannel to discuss records retention for Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 7:30 am.

Mr. Yapple reported he received the fireproof cabinet that will hold the meeting minute books. Mr. Dunlap reminded him that it is fire resistant and not fire proof.

They will start testing some of the lines for the computers and the phone system before end of the week to see that they are up and the lines are installed. We will probably have the phone system up next week and start testing between the two buildings. We are still looking at the first or second week in August for the tie in and cutover.

Mr. Yapple has heard nothing on Babbert Lane. He will call the Fairfield County Commissioners office again as they were supposed to tell him when they got an appraisal.

The hearing issue on the injunction for the Snyder Thornton case has still not been heard and there has been nothing from the judge.

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Household Hazardous Waste Day is August 18 at the Fairgrounds from 8 am to noon.

Mr. Weltlich asked what was going to be done with all of the fill at the Service Center sight. Mr. Butcher stated they had a compactor that township employees will compact it down.

Mr. Myers made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Myers made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. and go back into regular session. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap moved to re-open the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Yapple presented Resolution No. 2007-0718-01 - To Receive and Accept Rezoning Application and Set a Public Hearing Date for Case 03-ZC-2007 for the Pickerington Nazarene Church. This is to set a hearing date for Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 8:00 pm at the Township offices. Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0718-01 - To Receive and Accept Rezoning Application and Set a Public Hearing Date for Case No. 03-ZC-2007 for the Pickerington Nazarene Church. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0718-01 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel presented the last paid payroll for signature as well as the bank reconciliation for June, 2007.

Trustees Reports

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Dunlap reported the Trustees have been invited to the Old Town Hall on Tuesday evening for the Violet Festival Pre-celebration.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Committee will have a booth at the Violet Festival. If any of the Trustees have any time to donate during the festival it would be greatly appreciated.

We have been invited on Wednesday for an awards presentation to the people who were involved with the Pisgah cemetery during the opening ceremonies at the Violet Festival.

There may be two Trustees at the Vineyard opening on August 1.

Mr. Myers mentioned he was at the County Trustees and Fiscal Officers meeting. A presentation was made on the Homestead tax exemption for everyone who is over 65 or turned 65 in year 2007. This has to be filed by October 1st and if you do not file you do not get it.

Fairfield County Soil and Water put on a Farmland presentation.

The September meeting of the Trustees and Fiscal Officers for Fairfield County is being held at Violet Township (Station 592). We will be hosting the meeting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 22nd.

Mr. Yapple and Mr. Weltlich attended a JEDD meeting at Canal Winchester that was very productive.

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Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 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: _____