

Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 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 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 for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the June 20, 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. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2007, Special 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

None

Public Comments

Steve Starr of 8650 Diley Road was present regarding the abandoned buildings at the corner of Busey and Diley Road. His property is across the street. There has been a lot of debris from those buildings coming across the street. He has also noticed many people parking there in the evenings. Property has not been secured as far as he can tell. There is a lot of trash. He was told it was a historical site. He stated he was told that Violet Township now owns the building. Mr. Yapple stated that we were given the house because of the historical value. Mr. Eichorn still owns all of the rest of the buildings. Mr. Dunlap added that the City of Pickerington, in their right-of-way acquisition for the widening of Diley Road, Pickerington bought the house (as that was all they needed for their acquisition; not the other buildings). Mr. Dunlap explained that we discovered the house was a log house with historic significance and that we are currently going through the details that need to be worked through regarding the historical significance. As soon as that is done the log part of the front of that house will be taken down and restored in another place in the township as part of historical significance and part of the Bicentennial Celebration that is going on for next year. As soon as all of those details are worked through it will be torn down and cleaned up. Regarding the rest of the property, we will have to get with Mr. Eichorn. We have secured the front building and it was boarded up and posted.

Mr. Starr also asked if the Trustees were aware that the new part of Diley Road from Busey Road going south on SR33 the road floods completely over. Mr. Dunlap stated It had been brought to the Trustees attention. Mr. Dunlap stated that each of the drains has an orange bag over the drain and that are mandated by the Ohio EPA that they be there until such time as the grass is established on the berms. Once the grass is established those come off. They always create flooding. Mr. Dunlap suggested that Mr. Starr contact the EPA. Mr. Dunlap stated that when we are notified by the Sheriff and the calls come to Mr. Dunlap we put up high water signs.

Fire Department

Mr. Weltlich excused Chief Taylor from the meeting as he was attending a presentation at the American Legion as one of his firefighters was being presented an award.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported we are a few weeks from being away from being complete with the central components of the Mingo Estates project. Mr. Dunlap mentioned he had heard positive comments regarding the Mingo Estates project that said they appreciated the communications we have kept with the residents. Mr. Weltlich also commended Mr. Butcher for his work with the project.

Mr. Weltlich asked about paving preparation with the Shelly company. Mr. Butcher stated he had met with the Shelly Company and they had fine-tuned their road review. He has a cost estimate and the actual lengths of the roads that were talked about. He will coordinate and get a list identified. Mr. Butcher figured the project will be complete either last part of July or first part of August but it would definitely be done before school starts. The cost is within our budget.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the S-curve on Busey Road. Mr. Butcher met with the property owner who asked them to do some additional evaluation.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the latest draft of the Employee Manual is in the Trustees hands. He would like to have a resolution ready for the July 18 meeting.

Mr. Yapple received an email from Legal Council for Liberty Township in Warren County that said they had litigated the retention of tape issue and said that tapes were permanent records just like paper until you went through the process to get rid of them. Mr. Yapple has contacted the people who are putting in our new systems and we are looking for something that will take it from voice and put it to Microsoft Word. Mr. Weltlich asked that Joni or whomever is doing the minutes be able to get in and edit the CD translation to the Word document.

Mr. Yapple reminded the press that Saturday, August 18 is Hazardous Waste Day at Fairfield County Fairgrounds from 8 am until noon.

This quarter's Newsletter will go in the mail by Wednesday of next week. Even with the cost increase in postage, the price went down. There are about 18,095 units being delivered. We paid over \$2400 last time.

The phone and computer system cutover appears to be after August 1. Time Warner needs more time to have their lines complete. The computers are up and running and talking to each other at the Fire Station. The phone system is in.

As said earlier, there is a meeting August 2 at 7pm at the Pickerington Senior Center regarding the Springcreek modification. It will be in the local papers, the website and in the mail.

Mr. Yapple received an email from Darcy Phillips on starting a free clinic in Licking County for folks that are underinsured or have no health insurance. They are inviting the Trustees and Fiscal officer to attend the dedication of that clinic on August 1. Mr. Yapple will find out the time, as this was not listed on the email.

Pickerington Chamber Membership Profile and Directory is back out. Last year we had the back inside cover and the adjoining page. They are holding the cost of \$3,000 if we want to do the same. **Mr. Dunlap moved to do the same as we did last year for the Pickerington Chamber Membership Profile Community Directory. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2007-0705 is carried.**

There have been some changes to the Pay to Play Law. Originally, it was \$500 and now it is up to \$1,000.00.

The Babbert vacation is still in the appraiser's hands and has not gotten back to the County Commissioners yet.

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Mr. Yaple has not heard anything from Judge Martin as to the 227-acre annexation for the Snider Thornton case.

Mr. Yaple had passed out the sidewalk policy and would like comments back from the Trustees in two weeks.

Mr. Weltlich asked what Mr. Yaple needed to move forward with the Records Retention. Mr. Yaple wants to sit down with the Chairman and Fiscal Officer and work through this. Mr. Yaple will get a date and email the Chairman.

Nothing much has moved forward with the 310 Corridor Study. They formalized what Violet Township, the City of Pickerington, Pataskala and Licking County had for their area. MORPC is compiling all of this information and has done a report. They will take this information and make recommendation for the alignment.

Mr. Yaple reported the County Commissioners voted to forward recommendations to the State of Ohio regarding CDGB funds in the amount of \$30,000 for us and we said we would match that if the State approves the recommendation of the County Commissioners to do that. This would be \$60,000.00. We need to look hard at where we are going to resurface or repair streets in 2008 and make sure that ramps are ok in those areas. We need to tie the money to the street program next year.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0705-01 - To Receive Proposed Amendments (Case No. 02-ZC-2007) to the Violet Township Zoning Resolution and to Establish Public Hearing Date. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0705-01 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0705-02 - To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds at 11630 Windridge Drive. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0705-02 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel had the latest paid payroll for the Trustees signatures and review. A public hearing for the budget has been set for July 18 at 8pm. They are fine-tuning the budget but should see the basic of it on July 11 or 12. Mr. Myers asked when the Trustees would receive the Budget for their review and Mr. Van Kannel replied on either 7/11/07 or 7/12/07.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-0705-03 - To Transfer Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers noticed the total for the fire of \$92,000.00 was omitted. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0705-03 is adopted.

ADP and some other people are updating some things that might be to our benefit that we do not change to anyone until the end of the year or beginning of the year for tax purposes. He feels ADP has made some improvements that will benefit us.

Mr. Van Kannel wanted to clarify the date for the Fiscal Officers/Trustee meeting. He thought it was July 14th. Mr. Myers will verify this and let everyone know if it is a different date.

Mr. Butcher asked if we were going to pay the local share of the Mingo Estates project to Beheler Excavating at this meeting. Mr. Van Kannel stated we would do this at the next meeting.

Mr. Weltlich inquired about the latest with Ohio Police and Fire. Mr. Van Kannel commented they should be getting an email tomorrow morning. We have an employer's portion from 1998 and a fine from 1998. The fine is for the late payment of the employee and employer's share from 1998. Mr. Weltlich wanted to clarify that we will

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take the fine out of the General Fund and the employer's share out of fire. Mr. Van Kannel agreed.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported City Council cancelled their meeting.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Commission had a booth at the July 4th festivities. It was well attended with some good comments. The Photo contest has been extended to July 23rd and they will accept pictures back to July 1st of last year. We have 5 people signed up for the beard and mustache contest. They can sign up anytime between now and the end of the contest.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

County and Fiscal Officers and Trustee meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2007 at Hocking Township. There will be more than one Trustee and a Fiscal Officer.

Old Business

There will be a Public Hearing for the continuation of the modification of the Springcreek Development Plan for August 2, 2007 at 7pm at the Pickerington Senior Center.

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Yapple stated Insurance Service Office (they rate the township) which insurance companies use to set insurance rates for fire protection on homeowners or business policies. They are in the township doing their rating. On July 18, they will be flushing hydrants and doing flow tests. Water may be cloudy that day and the day after. We encourage people not to do laundry that day. We will put on our website and do a press release.

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 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 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: _____