

Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 20, 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 6, 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

Lieutenant Tim Norris stepped in for Chief Deputy Perrigo. They are working on a program called 'Citizens on Patrol' that the Sheriff has implemented. He goal is to reduce crime in neighborhoods. Adventures in Safety was a success. Nearly 100 children showed up to learn water and electrical safety. Sergeant Mark Bennington, a school Resource Officer will be in and out of the sub divisions interacting with the kids.

Mr. Weltlich asked if they received a contract with Canal Winchester. They did.

Public Comments

Gary Peterman of 8871 Cherrington Ct. in Pickerington congratulated the Trustees for having a public hearing in August regarding the Springcreek modification. Mr. Weltlich noted for the record that since this is before the board they cannot respond and the Trustees have not yet approved that motion but it is on the Agenda to set for August 2nd.

Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented a resolution to appoint five men as volunteer firefighters. He noted that all five of these men came through the mentorship program and they have all graduated from Pickerington in the last 2 years. Three of them are already certified. The other two are enrolled at Hocking Tech. Their names are Jeremy Miller, Brandon Assman, Michael Wilson, Eric Taylor and Steven Werner. Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2007-0620-01 - To appoint Volunteer Firefighters.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-01 - Appoint Volunteer Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0620-01 adopted.

Chief Taylor reminded the Trustees of a Special Meeting at the Township office on EMS Billing at 7:30 pm on June 27th.

Chief Taylor passed out an injury report for a firefighter who was injured on an EMS call and they were concerned he had a hernia due to the accident but he does not. He should be back on duty next week.

Chief Taylor reported his people participated in a nationwide training session called Stand Down Days for the last three days and it went extremely well. Chief Taylor stated the Anthem Healthcare is now up and running and we are now in the system and should be able to use your temporary numbers. Frank Harmon and someone from Anthem will be at Station 2 next Wednesday, 6/28 and Thursday, 6/29 to accept claims and take care of any problems an employee may need assistance with regarding the new insurance.

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Four firefighters are leaving for Charleston to participate in the memorial for the 9 firefighters who lost their lives this week. Chief Taylor explained that there was a large fire in a sofa store and at one point the roof collapsed and trapped and killed the nine firefighters.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher handed out a general project update on Mingo Estates. Sanitary Sewer and waterline are completed. Storm is nearly complete. They are in the process of installing sidewalk, curb and should have paving done in a couple weeks. Project completion is estimated at somewhere early to mid July.

Mr. Butcher will be meeting with the Shelly Company next week to start coordinating our annual paving program.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Myers met with the property owner who will be affected most by the Busey Road S-Curve Alignment. Mr. Butcher still has some details to work out.

Mr. Butcher had two part time employees start work last Monday.

Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yapple for the Diley Road project and commented that to have two entities go through a cooperative effort like that and come under budget and on schedule was very commendable. Mr. Weltlich asked for a list of the contractors, as he will be making a speech.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we had 2 single family building permits for the month of May at \$457,000 construction evaluation for a total of 19 for the year. Total construction was \$7.3 million. We had 7 other permits for the month. We did 1 commercial for the month for a total of 6 for the year. Through May of 2006, we had 29 single-family permits.

We are finishing the ad for the Violet Festival Magazine. We are also working on the Canal Winchester ad. The newsletter will be finalized and go out after the fourth of July. We are working on the postage costs.

We have computer equipment at the firehouse that now has things being loaded and they are talking to each other. The bugs are being worked out.

Salt purchase for 2007-2008 to participate in the state bid process for an estimated 1000 tons.

Mr. Yapple proposed the date of August 2nd as the date to have the Public Hearing for the Springcreek modification at the Pickerington Senior Center.

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

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-02 - OTARMA Liability Coverage. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0620-02 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-03 - Agent of Record. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0620-03 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-04 - Authorize Participation with ODOT on Salt Purchase for 2007-2008 Season. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0620-04 is adopted.

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Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-05 - Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Property Located at 9310 Blacklick Eastern Road. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0620-05 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-06 - Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Property Located at 10057 Wright Road. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0620-06 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0620-07 - Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Property Located at the S.E. Corner of Milnor and Refugee Roads. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Resolution 2007-0620-07 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel had two paid payroll for the Trustees signatures as well as the bank reconciliation for May. Mr. Van Kannel announced he would like to do the public hearing for the budget at the July 20th meeting.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported the bicentennial planning is coming along very well. July 4th starts the facial hair contest.

July 4th is the deadline to have photos in for the photography contest. Gardening pictures have to be in by June 27th.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

There will be a Diley Road Ribbon Cutting on June 22nd at 11:30 am at intersection of Dove Parkway and Diley Road.

The Trustees will be at the July 4th Parade which starts at 6pm.

Old Business

Mr. Myers made a motion to set 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. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2007-0620 carried.

Mr. Weltlich explained the process for this hearing. He explained that the Trustees would appreciate it if a person does have a comment to be reasonable in their time speaking. In addition, he mentioned that when people start saying the same story it loses the impact. One could say 'I support the previous 5 or six peoples comments' and that way it moves the meeting along and it also would have more impact.

Mr. Sabitino 8918 Chevington Chase wanted to make sure he understood the process for the public hearing. As he understood it, after the hearing on August 2nd; the Trustees would not vote on it that same night. Mr. Sabitino asked if it would be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Weltlich stated that if there is no peculiar or extenuating circumstance they might have to research they would vote on it at the next scheduled meeting which would be August 15, 2007.

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road asked if anyone does any kind of credit check with developers who do work in the township and if they have any liens or judgments against them. Mr. Dunlap stated there was nothing in the Ohio Revised Code that permits us to deal with these private businesses. Mr. Hopkins asked if there was some way that the Trustees could somehow protect the citizens by checking the background of the developers. Mr. Hopkins stated he had done some homework on this particular development and Mr. Weltlich commented that under the Ohio Revised Code (which is written to cover township covenants) if it does not specifically give the Township the

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authority, we do not have it. We have become a Home Rule Township. Mr. Weltlich believes government bodies are very slow to adapt to changing times and technology. Mr. Weltlich explained that was why he wanted Home Rule so they could begin to push this.

Gary Peterman of 8871 Charington Court asked if the Trustees not have a reduced shared responsibility on behalf of the Violet Township residents to protect citizens and homeowners of Violet Township against possible unscrupulous developers so we can have a responsibility on behalf of the residents to follow up - even though it may not be required by the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Weltlich once again stated that this was a very sensitive area and again the ORC says if you are not authorized to do it by the Ohio Revised Code then you are not permitted to. So, therefore under the old saw we can say that we are not permitted to do that. When we consider planned development, we can only look at the use of the land and the property owner's rights. Mr. Weltlich also added that we would have legal counsel at the meeting to ensure that everything is done according to the Ohio Revised Code.

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road asked if anyone could read the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Weltlich explained that you could go online and read it.

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Weltlich noted that the July 4th holiday falls on a Wednesday, which is our regularly scheduled meeting. We are moving our first scheduled meeting in July to Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. instead of Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

There will be a special Trustee meeting on June 27, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Township offices for an EMS Cost Impact Presentation.

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. Weltlich explained the Trustees would go into Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22-G-1 to discuss personnel issues. We will take no further action. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22-G-1 to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session. 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 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 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:_____