

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**March 21, 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 Yaple, Director of Operations, Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief, and Greg Butcher, Violet Township Engineer.

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 March 7, 2007, Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, abstained. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

County Authorities

Chief Deputy Perrigo reported they did settle the sergeant/lieutenant contract. They have ordered 5 new Crown Vics and one Explorer. The Sheriff testified before the Senate. They have had several meetings regarding goals for 2007. They attended the State of the County meeting and said it was better than it has been in the past few years. They did a dedication for SR188. They put up eight signs. The Sergeant attended a safety committee meeting in Canal Winchester. It was recommended that they continue their contract with the Sheriffs office. They would like at least a three-year contract.

Mr. Dunlap noted there are now stop signs on Allen Road at the railroad crossing in preparation for the crossing guards that go on later this year.

Public Comments

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor reported he had a resolution to replace the roof at Station 591. They really had no problems with the roof prior to this winter. The current roof was installed in 1987. They got 20 years out of a fifteen-year roof. Chief Taylor thanked Mr. Yaple and Mr. Myers for their efforts in helping to find the right people and the right system. Chief Taylor believes they received the best price from Phinney Roofing. They will remove everything that is currently on there and there will be a complete replacement of the insulation as well as the roofing membrane. This one will be glued down and not have the rock ballast.

Mr. Myers moved to approve Resolution 2007-0321-03 to Replace Roof at Station 591 by Phinney Roofing for a total cost not to exceed \$19,900.00. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0321-03 is adopted.

Mr. Weltlich asked when the installation might be done. Chief Taylor reported it could be done as early as next week.

Chief Taylor reported the Opticom installation is proceeding very rapidly. Jess Howard and 3M are good to work with. They should be completed by next week.

Chief Taylor reported last week firefighter Jimmy Barber was recognized by the Lancaster Knights of Columbus and received the Blue Coat Award for all of his efforts. Chief Taylor reported that Jimmy had lost his 18-month-old son and since that time, he and his wife have established the Hunter Barber Foundation. In its first year they have raised over \$10,000 with just a corn hole tournament.

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JD Postage made a presentation in Baltimore, Maryland at an EMS Today Conference because of our purchase several months ago when we purchased a new pulse oximeter. Chief Taylor stated we had a success with this product, which was shared with the company and they wanted us to present this at the National Conference.

John Eisel left today for Ocean City Maryland to attend the National Fire Staff School.

Doug Barr and John Eisel completed a pilot program put on by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association.

The Fire Department presented to the Pickerington Chamber Leads Program their team building seminar program.

The Ohio Emergency Response Drill was very successful. The event was able to deliver 92 pieces of equipment in 94 minutes on a drill.

The parts are expected in this week to begin the refurbishment of the 10 Tornado sirens.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported we received the Mingo Estates contract documents and submittals in the mail and he had a conversation with the contractor who indicated tentatively they would like to start the project the second week in April. A meeting has been set up for March 29th with the residents of Mingo Estates.

Mr. Butcher reported there was nothing new to report on Sagamore Pond Ditch. Mr. Dunlap asked him to follow-up with the County Engineer to find out what they are doing.

Mr. Butcher reported they stabilized the bank along the east side of Allen Road. Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Butcher and his crew as he had received five phone calls and from residents commending them on what they did and the timely fashion they completed the road.

Mr. Butcher reported they installed interim stop signs at the railroad crossing at Allen Road. He also stated that Carroll Northern Road was on the list for railroad arms.

Mr. Butcher reported that every year we are required to meet or speak with the agencies we share road responsibilities with. Mr. Butcher has spoken to Bloom, Liberty, City of Pickerington and Bill has spoken with Canal Winchester. Long Road will be overlaid and he thinks that it would be best to work with the City of Pickerington on this project for our portion of the roadway. Liberty is doing patchwork. Bloom is going to pave Waterloo South of the Township line. Mr. Dunlap asked that we make sure we do our portion of Long Road with the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Butcher reported non-injury backing up incidents seem to have increased. Mr. Weltlich instructed Mr. Butcher to adopt the Fire Department's approach to safety.

Mr. Myers asked if they were done with Allen Road creek stabilization. Mr. Butcher stated that he hopes to be done if what they placed out there works.

Mr. Myers asked if he had spoken to Frank Anderson about the Refugee Road closing. Mr. Butcher stated it would take three days starting 4/7 during Spring Break.

Mr. Dunlap moved to recess the regular session and move into the Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap moved to close the Public Hearing and continue to the Regular hearing at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple thanked Mr. Myers for his assistance in Mr. Yapple's absence on the firehouse roof.

We will be advertising for bids for mowing of noxious weeds.

The permit hearing for Club 33, Inc. has been rescheduled for April 13 at 11:30 am at the Fairfield County Commissioners hearing room.

Mr. Yapple stated the new website was up and running and they are still working out some minor bugs.

There will be a meeting on 3/27/07 at 7pm at the Canal Winchester Senior Center to discuss regional cooperation for economic development. The Mayor of Akron is scheduled to attend to educate interested people on JEDD's.

We are still working on records retention. There will be mandatory schooling required for public officials as well as employees.

Mr. Yapple and Mr. Van Kannel will be attending a two-day conference put on by the Auditor of State on April 3 and 4.

The Central Ohio Storm Water and Erosion Control Expo will be held on April 4 at Eastland Career Center.

Five members of the BZA and Zoning Commission attended a training session on March 19 at the Agriculture Center in Lancaster.

As of this date, there has been no date for the Lockville vacation of right of way that was cancelled. They were supposed to ask for a letter from the owner to revive it and that has not been accomplished.

There will be a resolution for the Director of Operations to go out to bid for the phone system for the Township offices. All of our phones are not in great shape. We are trying to utilize a system that connects to the dispatching system for the Fire services. This system will be set up to be able to transfer across the system to the fire stations.

Mr. Yapple received a letter asking for the Township to support House Bill No. 23 in making changes to adult entertainment.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0321-01 to Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for Mowing of Noxious Weeds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried. Resolution 2007-0321-01 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0321-02 - Memorandum of Understanding to Create JEDDs. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0321-02 is adopted.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0321-04 - Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for New Telephone Equipment for Township Operations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0321-04 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0321-05 - Authorize Director of Operations to Advertise for Bids for New Maintenance Facility Located at Stemen & Pickerington Roads. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked what the timeframe was. Mr. Yapple stated the bid package is supposed to be ready the first of April. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0321-05 is adopted.

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Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel presented the last paid payroll for signatures and to date. Mr. Van Kannel also had the bank reconciliation for February, 2007. Mr. Van Kannel reported he would have a resolution at the next meeting to appropriate from unappropriated funds for the funding of the roof/maintenance. Not enough money in the fund for repairs to roof.

Mr. Dunlap asked about ADP. Mr. Van Kannel stated he would have something at the Planning session.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial committee is moving right along. He told everyone to experiment with their gardens this year so that they know what they want to do for the garden contest next year. They have asked residents to send photos, family history stories etc. for our history book we are putting together for the bicentennial. There will be a website to register pictures for the photo contest, which will be used for the bicentennial calendar. Mr. Dunlap also mentioned the beard and mustache contest which will start this July 4th and run through Labor Day of 2008.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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.

Being no further business to conduct Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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:_____