

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**May 16, 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; Kelly Sarko, Zoning Inspector; Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; John Eisel, Assistant 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 and a silent prayer for our victims at Virginia Tech.

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

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the May 2, 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 was present and passed out information on a robbery last night at Subway. He recommended residents keep their garage doors down and locked. A speed study was done in Haaf Farms and there were no serious speed violations.

Public Comments

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor reported he spent the day driving all the intersections where the Opticom installations have been and all are functional. Our people will be in training next week.

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2007-0516-03 - Purchase Laurus Inventory Control System for Fire Dept. and Township. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0516-03. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, Abstained. Resolution 2007-0516-03 is adopted.

Chief Taylor mentioned during the last five to seven days they have had a rash of mulch fires up against houses, medians and in the middle of the roadways as well. Being as dry as it has been combined with lighted discarded smoking materials is what the primary cause is.

Mr. Yaple asked if Opticom Systems was up on the Diley Road lights. Chief Taylor stated it had been checked.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Mingo Estates project the waterline was completed May 11th. They began sewer construction on Monday. Mr. Butcher provided the three governmental authorities involved with this project a formal update. Communication with Mingo Estates residents has been good.

Mr. Butcher reported a bid was received from the Shelly Company for 2007 Pavement Maintenance. There is a significant increase compared to last year.

Mr. Myers asked about Diley Road and when it would be complete. Mr. Butcher stated it would be complete by July 1, 2007.

Mr. Weltlich commended Mr. Butcher for the letter he sent to Mingo Estates residents. He felt it was very candid and explanatory. Mr. Weltlich asked if the completion date had

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changed. Mr. Butcher stated that between some change orders, unanticipated issues associated with design he would build in a 2 week cushion of which one week of that has been used.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the school plan. Mr. Weltlich had concern with the trees they put at the intersection and the line of sight for the school buses.

Mr. Yapple stated we received official notification from OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) that a grant for \$113,940 for work on the Busey Road S-turns. We hope to get everything done and accomplished between the next 18 to 24 months.

Mr. Butcher received a nice letter for the work Mr. Butcher and his crew did on Long Road.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0516-05 - To Award Contract for 2007 Asphalt Pavement Road Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0516-05 is adopted.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple had passed out copies of the Public Records Policy - Housebill 9 that will be set up for elected officials in the future. The policy and the training program will not be available until September 29, 2007. Originally, it was stated that it would be June of this year and you had to have the training done by September 29th. This is no longer the case.

We received a letter from the State Liquor Department approving Club 33's liquor permit after our objection as they said we did not provide enough evidence not to renew the permit.

We have been invited to an open house dedication on May 28 at 1pm at the David Johnson Memorial Post 283 American Legion on the shelter house for the veterans. Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich will attend this ceremony.

A letter was received from the Pickerington Senior Center requesting funding for this year in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Yapple will bring in a member of the Senior Center Trustees to talk about this at the next Trustee meeting.

The Fraternal Order of Police gave information asking for support. Mr. Dunlap stated this was a magazine that was a Lancaster focused issue. Mr. Yapple was asked to follow up on whether Pickerington and the Fairfield County Sheriffs Dept. benefits from this.

There were 5 single-family building permits for the month of April for a construction value of \$1.9 million. A total of 17 permits for the year for a total construction cost of \$6.8 million. We had 9 other permits for the month and we had 2 commercial permits for the month and total for the year. Total permits compared this year to 2006 though April we had 8 single family permits last year. We are up compared to where we were going backwards last year.

Mr. Dunlap moved to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes.

Mr. Dunlap moved to come out of the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. and return to regular session. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Yapple continued his report. He stated that Buckeye Energy Brokers is petitioning us into guaranteeing a price. Mr. Weltlich suggested setting up a meeting with the broker.

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Resurfacing of US33 has already started. They are also repaving SR256, from the east edge of Pickerington to Baltimore, this summer.

Mr. Yaple also reported that he received a flyer stating that the Violet Festival is using Pickerington This Week to do the advertising for the Violet Festival Brochure this year. The last 2 years we have taken the back cover. They asked if we wanted to take the back cover again this year. The cost is \$2200. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to advertise on the back page of the Violet Festival Brochure for a cost of \$2200. Mr. Yaple stated along with that there will be an interior page and this brochure is approximately 8½ by 11. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2007-0516 is passed.**

The Pickerington Senior Center is having trouble getting mowing done. There is a man in the area who will mow it for the year for \$1400. Mr. Weltlich suggested having our people mow the property at Mr. Butcher's discretion.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0516-02 - Purchase Model MH7 Sweepster, Truck Mounted Sweeper for Existing Road Dept. Truck. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0516-02 is adopted.

Mr. Yaple had proposals from Keller Farms for an estimated cost of \$8896.00; Klamfoth Landscaping proposed a price of \$2,000.00; Melissa Hoover proposed \$5,000 - \$7,000 plus \$1500 for planting; and Dills Greenhouses has estimated \$900 to install flowers and leave the existing. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to use Dills plant the flowers for \$1100.00. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Motion B2007-0516 is adopted.

The Trustees decided on Friday, May 25th at noon to drive the roads with the Shelly Company.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel had the last paid payroll for the Trustees signatures as well as the bank reconciliation.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0516-01 - Transfer of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0516-01 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0516-04 - To Increase Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0516-04 is adopted.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap presented a letter the Trustees received from the Violet Township Women's League thanking the Township for our donation. He also mentioned that on May 24th at 5:45pm and 7:15pm at the Pickerington High School Performing Arts Center there is a free dinner. At 7:30 pm Tribute to Patriots, which is a very impressive program. Mr. Dunlap also reported the Bicentennial planning is going along fine.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

There is a Prayer Breakfast on May 3rd at the Senior Center. There will be two Trustees in attendance.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

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New Business

Mr. Weltlich inquired when the Records Retention comments needed to be back. There was a question on the number of years for personnel records issue. It might be 50 years after retirement or separation. Mr. Yaple will interject the comments and this has to go to the AG's office and the Historical Society for approval first.

Mr. Yaple will look into getting a fire proof safe to store the minute books.

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session to meet with the architect to consider property as allowed in ORC 121.22G. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Weltlich explained they would take a 5-minute recess and go into executive session at 9:16 p.m. They will make no decisions when they go into executive session. When they come out of executive session, they will adjourn.

Mr. Yaple noted for the record that the Executive Session will include Mr. Yaple, Director of Operations, Mr. Butcher, Township Engineer; Rich Pontius, Architect and his associate Kevin.

Mr. Myers moved to come out of Executive Session at 10:12 pm. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 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: _____