

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**May 2, 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.

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 also asked the audience to remember Judy Gilliland in prayer as she just recently lost her father.

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

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the April 18, 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:

Sabra Kershaw with Fifth Third Bank who resides at 1010 Old Diley Road was present representing the Leads Program for the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce. Also present was Sharon Warden with Fairfield Savings and Loan who resides at 1515 Crosscreeks Blvd. They are asking for funding for the revitalization of the cemetery on the corner of SR204 and Hill Road. In the spirit of the Bicentennial, they would like to get this project ready for this. It would be a 'Gateway into the Community' with combined efforts with the City of Pickerington. The funding would be for an arch and some of the landscaping.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to donate \$4,000 to the committee contingent upon the City of Pickerington matching an equal amount of contribution. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Mr. Dunlap added that he would like to abstain from the vote as he is on the Cemetery Revitalization Advisory Committee. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap abstained.

Mr. Jim DeLucas of the Burnham and Flower Agency located at 6500 Taylor Road in Blacklick. They represent our association with OTARMA, which stands for 'Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority'. It is the 20th anniversary of OTARMA and he wanted to wish the Trustees Happy Anniversary. We will get a credit each of the next 3 years on our insurance premiums. In each of the next two years, 2008 and 2009, we will get 20% back based on the previous years premiums. The rate is guaranteed for three full years.

County Authorities

None

Public Comments

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2007-0502-01 - To Accept Part Time Firefighter Resignations of Aaron Vance and Richard Best. Mr. Myers moved to adopt with regrets, Resolution 2007-0502-01 - To Accept Part Time Firefighter Resignations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-01 is adopted.

Chief Taylor also presented Resolution 2007-0502-02, which is a reaffirming of what we have done with the traffic preemption control devices that have been installed throughout the City and the Township. Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 20070502-02. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-02 is adopted.

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Chief Taylor mentioned how grateful we were for the City of Pickerington for stepping up and helping us with the traffic preemption control project.

Two weeks ago, Christopher Doc Metzger was honored by the Knights of Columbus as the Blue Coat Honoree for the Fire Department. They had a nice dinner at Seton Parish.

Mr. Dunlap inquired about the tornado siren project. Chief Taylor stated all the parts had been ordered and were being assembled and they have run into something with the gear mechanisms.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Mingo Estates project main waterline is done. Pressure testing passed. Service connections to houses will be ready for next week.

Bids for the Pavement Maintenance are due May 15. We will see some increase this year but it will be more in line with what we have been accustomed to.

Mr. Butcher gave a summary of the last four years salt usage. Last year we used 975 tons of salt. The previous year we used 600 tons. The year before that we used 1250 tons and the year before that, we used 600.

Traffic counts were obtained for Haaf Farm Drive. Speed counts will be obtained next week.

We submitted a CDGB Grant on April 21st.

The new trailer for the lawn maintenance equipment transportation arrived. Mr. Dunlap asked if the old trailer would be converted to a sign and traffic barricades unit and Mr. Butcher stated that it would be used for that purpose.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the status was with the tile installation on the east side of Doty Road, south at Stemen Road. Mr. Butcher stated the contractor was finished with the work and he had spoken to Soil and Water and asked for better communication next time.

Mr. Butcher mentioned he met with Jeff Baird of the County Engineers Office regarding the replacement of the Waterloo Road bridge. Mr. Yaple stated we would probably take the lead on this project. The issue is replacement and widening. It is a wooden floored bridge on steel beam. We might obtain better point scores if the Township is leading the project instead of the County. Mr. Weltlich recommended a Memo of Understanding with the County Engineers office. Mr. Yaple stated we would before we move forward.

Mr. Van Kannel asked if we had gotten an update on the Stonecreek Drive bridge replacement. Mr. Butcher stated Mr. Baird indicated that there is a delay in getting easements from adjacent property owners. No updates since we met with Fairfield County Annual Review Meeting.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reiterated what Mr. Butcher said we did file for CDGB money to be used for handicap sidewalks. We have asked for \$58,000.00 of which \$29,000.00 would be the Township costs.

Mr. Yaple had passed out copies of the new Housebill 694 - The Ohio Pay to Play Law. Anyone we do business with over \$500 has to fill out this paperwork to guarantee they did not contribute 'x' number of dollars for campaigns. This bill became effective April 4, 2007.

Mr. Yaple attended a safety council meeting. We have been receiving a 4% discount from BWC and this year it will go to 2%. They did accept us into the Drug and Alcohol Program next year for a 15% decrease.

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South Central Power has asked for a 20' easement on top of the already 20' easement of the sanitary sewer along our property lines on Pickerington Road and Stemen Road. They are going to extend 3-phase power up our western property line along Pickerington Road and tie it into the Pickerington Road sub station to back feed into the City of Pickerington. The City of Pickerington stated they have no problem with the poles being there or the dual easement being on that area of the property.

Matt Keefe resigned as Director of Fairfield County office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Mr. Dunlap attended the viewing and Mr. Yapple attended the hearing for the vacation of Babbert Lane. It is on hold right now because of some property transfer issues created by the State of Ohio when they did the Hill/Diley Interchange.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve Resolution 2007-0502-03 - Accept Proposal for Mosquito Spraying for Unincorporated Area of Township. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-03 is approved.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve Resolution 2007-0502-04 - Authorize Director of Operations to Purchase Computer Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-04 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve Resolution 2007-0502-05 - Accept Proposal for Mowing of Noxious Weeds throughout the Township. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich requested that blanket reminder letters be sent out to residents. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-05 is adopted.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0502-06 - Authorize Director of Operations to Hire Affiliated Resource Group for Purchase of Software. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked about the backup system. Mr. Yapple stated that they would do backup every night offsite. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-06 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0502-07 - Authorize Director of Operations to Hire Affiliated Resource Group for IT Maintenance. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked what exactly the IT maintenance would entail. Mr. Yapple stated it would include phone support, review console log for network issues, verify processor utilization, follow on backup procedures, notification on backup failures, on site visits they will review critical resource for Microsoft update security patches, manage our hard drive space, general performance tuning as needed, verification of backup, hardware and software compliance, additional user support, network performance review & recommendations, log and changes to your environment, backlog of items that need to be performed, performance review that includes industry updates and trends. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-07 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0502-08 - Accept Bid for New Telephone Equipment for Township Operations. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap wanted to know if a live person would be answering the phones once we get the new voice mail system. Mr. Yapple stated there would be a live person answering the main lines. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-08 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0502-09 - Contract with Time Warner Communications. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-09 is adopted.

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Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0502-10 - Software for the Township. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0502-10 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve South Central's request for right of way. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A20070502 is approved.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel had the last paid payroll for the Trustees signatures.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported the photo contest is underway for the bicentennial calendar. The deadline is July 4, 2007. The gardening contest is also underway. Information is available online at www.violetbicentennial.com. Mr. Weltlich thanked Mr. Dunlap for his efforts for the Bicentennial Celebration. Mr. Weltlich reported that the City of Pickerington would donate \$5000 to the Bicentennial Committee.

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

New Business

None

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 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: _____