

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**October 17, 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; Greg Butcher, Township Engineer and John Eisel, Assistant Fire Chief. Also present was Kelly Sarko, Zoning Inspector and Bill Loveland, Township legal council.

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 October 3, 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. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Dunlap to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 02-ZC-2007 for Planned Mixed Use Commercial District without reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Steve Gould from Laborer-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust was present to offer his services for anything pertaining to prevailing wage. He left some information for the Trustees.

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. He passed out a report to the Trustees on a male student from Pickerington High School showing two felons. Chief Deputy reported there is a county wide auction Saturday at the Fairgrounds and there will be about 14 of their old cruisers in the auction. He reported they will be applying for an EMA Grant for radios (800 megahertz). There is a good possibility they will have a Violet Fire channel as well as a Columbus channel.

Mr. Dunlap had asked what it would cost for the township to sponsor the Citizen's Watch Program. They are still looking for volunteers to be a part of this. **Mr. Dunlap moved to donate \$2500.00 to the Fairfield County Sheriffs Department to sponsor the Community Watch Program specifically in and for Violet Township. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Chief Deputy Perrigo stated there were 111 people who have volunteered. Eleven are with Violet Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2007-1017 is passed.**

Fire Department

Chief Taylor was not in attendance. Assistant Chief Eisel was present. The Open House on October 14th at Station 592 was well attended. There were about 300 children who came through in two hours. Assistant Chief Eisel has been attending the Center for Public Safety Education. They are the international accrediting agency for Fire Departments.

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Assisted Chief Eisel elaborated on what happened when a crane had collapsed into the building next door to the new MECC building. He was covering Mifflin Township and Gahanna while all this was happening.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the pavement maintenance for 2007 was complete. Mr. Butcher mentioned there are some 'drop-off' areas in Summerfield where there is pavement and you get to a point where you have a pretty good difference between the pavement surface and the adjacent ground elevation. In the past they have tried different techniques. Many of the areas are on the radii of the intersection. Mr. Butcher feels it would be easier to use limestone aggregate. Mr. Dunlap suggested putting some dirt where there is more than two inches. Mr. Butcher recommended doing areas that exceed some thickness of about 2 inches.

Mr. Weltlich asked Assistant Chief Eisel if everything was on schedule with the OP&F as there was a November 6 deadline. Assistant Chief Eisel stated there was a conference call 2 weeks ago and in talking with their legal council it can all be taken care of procedurally. They are waiting for them to draft the language to submit to OP&F for their approval and then present it to the Trustees for approval.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had any feedback about Stonecreek/Summerfield walking area. Mr. Butcher stated he had a tentative meeting set up with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Yapple on October 25th at 8am so they can walk down and look at the site.

Mr. Butcher reported the log house demolition was done. Mr. Dunlap reported they will be meeting with Mr. McGill at the big pole barn behind the old house. Mr. Weltlich explained to the audience that they were speaking of a log cabin that is being torn down and will be preserved. We have one that was built in 1808 on Carroll Northern Road and there is a gentleman from the Historical Society doing research to determine when that was actually built. The plan is during the Bicentennial to start reconstruction of those two cabins into a historical location and a historical park.

Mr. Myers moved to recess the regular Trustees meeting and go into the scheduled Public Hearing for Case No. 03-ZC-2007 at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap made the motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting and reconvene to the Regular Trustees meeting at 9:18 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we have 4 locations in the township now for placement of emergency warning sirens. He is working on two more locations; Violet Meadows subdivision at the water tower and one at Huntington Hills where the old well site used to be. There is one going in tomorrow at Refugee Road and Pickerington Road. We are working with Ohio University to acquire a site there. There will be sirens placed within the Township in the next three to four weeks.

We had 5 single family permits for the month of September at \$1.7 million in construction evaluation. We had 39 new permits for the year for a total of \$14.7 million for construction evaluation. We had 9 other permits for the month. We

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had 2 commercial permits for the month for a total of 14 commercial permits for the year. Through September 2006 we had 53 single family permits.

Mr. Yapple had given the Trustees information on some meetings he attended at MORPC which allows us to participate in the Regional Connections Growth Strategy for Central Ohio, promote and monitor state legislation, provide for transportation infrastructure funding for the Metropolitan Planning area and conduct research and studies on numerous topics. There will be a MOPRC summit in November which some of our Zoning Commission members will be attending.

Mr. Weltlich went on record to say that he has read these MORPC documents and he supports the Regional Connections and the goals for Central Ohio Green Compact and developing but he does not support the hiring of a Watershed Coordinator for the development of the Blacklick Watershed Plan. Mr. Yapple stated this goes back to the EPA requirements and they have pushed this down to local level. Mr. Weltlich feels this is creating more taxes for the tax payers without their knowledge.

Mr. Yapple presented a proposal at the last Trustee meeting to sign up with Volunteer Energy for a gas aggregation program for the Township buildings only. Projected savings could be as much as \$3,000.00 a year in gas costs. Mr. Yapple spoke with five different locations around the state that had used Volunteer Energy and all of them had been with Volunteer Energy over three years and they all had nothing but good things to say. Their cost guarantee this year is .99.

The Pengwyn system for the Brine solution has been ordered. It is expected sometime the first week in November.

Mr. Yapple attended a meeting on the Pifer property. This property is now in the hands of the Canal Winchester school system. It will be recorded and will apply the parcel numbers that will then come back to us. Then we can finish up the approval of the lot split process. There is a resolution before the Trustees to sign the purchase agreement for that parcel and to authorize the Chairman to sign all paperwork after approval of legal council.

Under Senate Bill 117 states that if the Cable company comes to the Township and serves more than 15% of Insight customers currently under their notification we would only have 10 days to enact legislation to put a franchise on their cable service as is on Insight Cable service. Therefore, if we act now the bill is in place and when they notify us that they are going to serve more than 15% of Insight customers then it automatically goes into place.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1017-01 – Property Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1017-01 is adopted.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1017-02 – Cable Franchising. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1017-02 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1017-04 – Cable TV Advertising Fees. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-1017-04 is adopted.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1017-03 – Hire Economic Development Director. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers,

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yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1017-03 is adopted.

Mr. Yapple introduced Joy Davis, the new Economic Development Specialist for the Township.

Gary Peterman of 8871 Charrington Court asked what the pay was for this position. Mr. Yapple stated it was \$40,000.00 a year.

Mr. Weltlich explained that Ms. Davis will be taking ground that 'has not been fertilized' or maintained for years. We are seeking new professional businesses as well as light manufacturing. He explained we are working primarily around the Rt. 33 corridor. We want to present a regional approach with the JEDD program.

Mr. Dunlap commented that the group that the township used originally as consultants, before they became developers themselves and stepped away from us were very instrumental in being, on our behalf on being part of the group that convinced Fairfield Medical Center and Mount Carmel partner to bring the medical facility to Hill Diley and in that CEDA this will be significant funds coming to the Township from that endeavor because we did invest in Economic Development to help us. Once they were gone it put the burden on our staff. Now we have a dedicated person and we will be able to benefit from her activities on our behalf.

R.D. Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase commented he remembered years ago hearing about the new consultants the Township was getting and to this day have never heard from anyone to help him develop any kind of business. He welcomed Ms. Davis but wanted to know that she will look at the whole spectrum of things. Mr. Dunlap explained some of the things Ms. Davis would be doing for the Township.

Mr. Myers made a motion to accept Volunteer Energy as our gas aggregation. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2007-1017 is approved.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we had scheduled the OTA Public Records meeting. Mr. Yapple stated they had not but will be in the near future.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the status was of the fire system at the Senior Center. Mr. Yapple stated we are still working with Ohio Fire to see what needs to be done.

Mr. Weltlich also asked if the schedule for the Maintenance Building bid was still on schedule. Mr. Yapple and Mr. Myers met and have set December 18 for a bid opening. It will go to bid mid-November.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1017-05 – To Establish, Appropriate & Fund a Capital Projects Fund. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1017-05 is adopted.

Mr. VanKannel presented the bank reconciliation for September as well as the latest paid payroll.

Mr. Van Kannel has explained that any contracts we have sent out we have sent out the affidavit with them. We have the affidavit updated. Mr. Weltlich stated he

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had been told by several people that the County Auditors ext. have chosen to ignore utilities, fuel companies and so forth and have gotten an 'unofficial' nod from the Attorney Generals office. He suggested calling the County Auditors office to find out before we go any further.

Mr. Yapple attended a public records meeting and there was discussion on the training and the designee of the official by the elected official. They want us to do it by resolution. It is the belief of the OTA that there needs to be one designee for each elected official, not the same person. Mr. Yapple will draft a resolution.

Mr. Yapple reported that another issue that has come up is he received a letter from a Fairfield County Prosecutor stating we could not spend General Fund money for Road and Bridge. Violet Township is asking the question through the Prosecutors office, the Attorney Generals office and the OTA to address the right paperwork that has to go to the Attorney Generals office to clarify in the tax code what they are looking for.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich attended a Pickerington City Council meeting. They tabled all the impact fee waivers.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial was moving along well and volunteers are still needed for this committee. The next meeting is Monday, October 29, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Yapple reported there will be a Trustees meeting on October 23, 2007 and all three Trustees will be in attendance.

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.

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.

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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: _____