

8Violet Township Board of Trustees

**October 3, 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 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 September 19, 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 September 19, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 03-ZC-2007 without reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 05-ZC-2006 without 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

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

None

Fire Department

Chief Taylor noted that their Open House is coming up on October 14th at Station 592 and Fire Prevention Week was that week.

Chief Taylor also had a resolution regarding the MECC Center and the need to be re-located. The Mifflin Trustees wanted to make sure the Trustees were all in support of this. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-03 – Relocate MECC (Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium). Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1003-03 is adopted.**

Mr. Weltlich presented the Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week to Chief Taylor on behalf of the Trustees.

Mr. Myers asked how the re-model was coming at Station 1. Chief Taylor reported the drywall is most of the way up as of today and the goal is to have one operating shower by Friday evening.

Mr. Myers asked if they were doing any roof penetrations. Chief Taylor stated there was already a roof penetration in.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported that two weeks ago the Trustees authorized a resolution for the Busey Road realignment project. He had a resolution to hire an engineering firm for the design and consulting services. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-06 – Authorize Hiring of ADR & Associates to Provide Engineering Design and Consulting Services for Busey Road Realignment Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1003-06 is adopted.**

Mr. Butcher stated the Shelley Company started the 2007 pavement maintenance. Mr. Dunlap asked if they were going to do anything to widen the turnaround or making the turnaround at the end of Mueller. Mr. Butcher said they were.

Mr. Butcher announced the County Engineer's office had their annual 2007 Rodeo today for Road Department personnel. We finished first again in the Township division. Based on the scores, we did very well in the overall division. Will Yapple is the township class winner this year.

Mr. Myers asked if there was any word on the cross bars at Allen Road railroad crossing. Mr. Butcher stated he had not heard and it was running behind.

Mr. Weltlich congratulated Mr. Butcher on all the hard work on the Safe Routes for School program.

Mr. Weltlich also asked if Mr. Butcher had heard any more regarding Stonecreek Drive culvert from the County Engineer. Mr. Butcher stated he had not but he and Mr. Yapple were going to set up a discussion with Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the CDGB Grant. Mr. Butcher reported we will be moving forward with this. The county will participate.

Mr. Weltlich asked when Mr. Butcher might have the bid go out for the new Maintenance Facility. Mr. Yapple stated the goal is first part of December. They will have a meeting sometime next week to establish that date.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the log house project. Mr. Dunlap explained they were working out the tagging of the logs and waiting to hear back from their advisor.

Donald Smith of 11876 Pickerington Road asked what kind of poles are coming up Pickerington Road and are they on the east or west side of Pickerington Road. Mr. Yapple explained it was a three phase feeder line to feed from the sub station that is at the corner of Refugee Road and Pickerington Road, back into the City of Pickerington as they are short a feed. Mr. Dunlap stated it is a county road and we have nothing to do with it.

Mr. Weltlich mentioned that the cable company is being forced to put 5 foot higher poles wherever there is cable overhead from the utility service in the road to the house.

Mr. Dunlap moved to recess the regular Trustees meeting and go into the scheduled Public Hearing for Case No. 02-ZC-2007 at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Dunlap made the motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting and reconvene to the Regular Trustees meeting at 8:05 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 stated he had put information in the Trustees boxes regarding projection for 2008 population counts for the Township for MORPC. The projection is 19,528 in the unincorporated township area.

Mr. Yapple reported we have a proposal from Volunteer Energy, which is located in the City of Pickerington to do an aggregation program with our township buildings. They work with municipalities to help negotiate price for natural services to the buildings. They are proposing an agreement where they would do the aggregation for us and quoting us less than .85 per hundred cubic feet of gas. We are currently under an agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, which we can get out of at a cost but including the cost to get out of this contract Mr. Yapple believes we can still save over \$2500 a year in gas costs if we sign with them. This is a fluctuating quote. This is a month to month agreement or a year agreement and if we drop it there would be no drop out fee. Mr. Dunlap would like to get feedback from other municipalities that have done this. Mr. Weltlich suggested reviewing this again at the next Trustee meeting so that Mr. Yapple can do his homework on this.

Mr. Yapple mentioned the property that Mr. Dunlap had mentioned earlier in the meeting that had been donated to the Township. It looks like this is moving forward rapidly.

Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher went to the Brine demonstration in Lancaster. With the liquid calcium tanks we currently have and purchasing the slide in unit, we can get by this year to do a trial test and this would cut our cost down to about \$6300 to get into this operation. We will have to analyze if they can do this without using salt then it may be something where we can replace the salt spreaders and use this material instead of salt. With this liquid material you may add the corn gluten, beet juice or liquid calcium to increase the effectiveness of the brine at lower temperatures.

The Fairfield County Commissioners had their hearing on the Tollgate Road realignment. They have not made a decision yet. Mr. Yapple expects a decision to be made within the next ten days to two weeks.

There may be more than one Trustee at the Taste of Pickerington on Saturday, October 6th.

Mr. Yapple asked Mr. Butcher if he knew what the timeframe was now going to be for the Stonecreek closure because of the waterline problems they had. They took about two more weeks than they had anticipated.

Mr. Yapple placed a note in the Trustees boxes on the Ohio's Pay to Play Law from the prosecuting attorney in respects to the mandate to that bill that were straightened out June 26th of this year. The bill was passed late last year and has to do with donations and doing business with contractors in the amount of \$500 - \$10,000.00 to the Townships or any municipalities. These forms do have to be filled out and maintained. This is also for elected officials.

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We have secured two sites from the County Commissioners for the tornado warning devices. One of them is the park area on Huntington Way towards Stemen Road and Huntington Hills and the other one would be the water tower site in the Violet Meadows subdivision. Ohio University in Pickerington will also get one. We are confirming with Ohio Univ. We are trying to get one in Chevington Woods or Ashley Creek area as well. Mr. Yapple explained that he would get into the GIS System and do a 750 foot buffer and pick out the addresses and send them a post card to let them know that the device would be going in there.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-01 – Adopt Records Retention and Destruction Schedule. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich.

Mr. Dunlap questioned 07-082 and 07-083 on page 3 regarding the tape recordings of the hearings and Trustee meetings. Mr. Dunlap wanted to keep them for awhile and then destroy them. Mr. Dunlap moved to amend Resolution 2007-1003-01 specifically on Item – Schedule No. 07-02 and 07-083 to retain those for a period of 6 months before they are then destroyed or reused. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Amendment adopted.

Roll call vote on Resolution 2007-1003-01 as amended: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Resolution 2007-1003-01 as amended is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-02 – Adopt Public Records Policy. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1003-02 is adopted.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-05 – Grant Easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Mr. Yapple explained this is to get it to our building so it wraps our building and goes to our property line on the east side on Stemen Road so they can extend it out Stemen Road in the future. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1003-05 is adopted.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-07 – Authorizing the Township Board of Trustees to Enter into Annexation Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1003-07 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. VanKannel presented the latest paid payroll. Mr. Van Kannel presented Resolution 2007-1003-04 – To Increase Appropriations & Make Supplemental Appropriations for consideration. Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-1003-04 - To Increase Appropriations & Make Supplemental Appropriations for consideration the bank reconciliation for September. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-1003-04 is adopted.

Mr. Van Kannel reported he attended a Round Table discussion regarding the 'Play to Play Issue at some of the larger Townships regarding. He stated that they are ignoring this and that it was a waste of time and effort. Mr. Yapple recommended sending all of our contractors, etc. Certified Mail so that we have proof it was sent to everyone the law requires us to contact.

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Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial is coming along well. There is still a need for residents who are interested in becoming a part of the Bicentennial Commission. They meet the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Weltlich mentioned there is an Open House on October 14th at Station 592 where there may be one or more Trustees attending.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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

Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer
Secretary

Joniann Goldberg, Zoning

Approved By:

Gary P. Weltlich, Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Date:_____