

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 19, 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 Yapple, Director of Operations; Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief; Kelly Sarko, Zoning Inspector and Bill Loveland, Township Attorney.

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 5, 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 5, 2007 Public Hearing for Case No. 05-ZC-2007 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:

None

Public Comments

Gary Peterman of 8871 Charington Ct. wanted to address how to improve communications between the residents and the township. He hoped that when matters come before the Trustees that they are open minded, aware of all the issues the residents are trying to make about a particular issue and that they are not in a hurry or timeframe to get it done and make the right decision and make it based on fact and not their personal opinion. His suggestion was that in future, residents and representatives from the township get together to talk about important issues in the township.

Rocco Sabatino of 8919 Chevington Chase followed up on Mr. Peterman's comments. He stated that for citizens to try to be involved with their local government and follow directions of the Trustees and then be treated as unintelligent people without a life; to be treated like they have been treated is disgraceful.

Mr. Weltlich stated it was not our intent to treat any resident with disdain and he personally believes the other two Trustees share the same feelings. Moreover, that he has a heartfelt philosophy that they are public servants and are representatives of the residents. He recognizes there would be areas and times where they might disagree but should they disagree, they should be able to disagree in a professional, dignified and objective manner. If anyone has been offended, he apologizes on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Weltlich explained that there are two classifications. One is legislative and one is administrative in most of the matters they deal with. He feels uncomfortable talking about any administrative area that is currently before a Board in the Township. In the legislative area, he will facilitate future meetings with staff and residents where the residents express significant dissent.

County Authorities

Chief Deputy Perrigo stated he attended the County Budget Retreat. A site analysis was done for the new public safety facility. They looked at four sites. They recommended the Liberty site on Fair Avenue. Mr. Weltlich asked what the public safety building consisted of. Chief Deputy Perrigo stated the plan is that it would consist of the whole office excluding the Violet Sub station, Canal Sub station. They attended a dispatcher's banquet. They had a disaster exercise in Millersport that went ok.

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Mr. Myers inquired about the site study and the radio issue and if we were going to get the problem fixed. Chief Deputy Perrigo stated they had a radio study done and an estimate to upgrade. It is very expensive. The Sheriff talked to the Commissioners and they did add a deputy for the Citizens on Patrol. He heard they would add one more for 2008.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Safe Routes to Schools grant application had been turned in a few weeks ago to ODOT District 5. Several committee members from the City, the Township, the Police Department, Parks and Rec. and the School District have been working on this application. He stated this was a model group effort between the City of Pickerington, Violet Township and the School District.

Mr. Butcher stated they have begun 2007 pavement maintenance. He pointed out that Refugee Road from Milnor to Pizza Hut is not the Township's. Refugee Road is a county Road. Our township program is about half done. Weather permitting he hopes to recap at next meeting how it turned out.

Mr. Butcher stated that any thoughts on mosquito spraying should be directed to him. Mr. Yapple stated the Board of Health found there are two ponds contaminated with the mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus and several birds that carried this virus. He suggested they spray one more time. Mr. Weltlich stated there was an epidemic in Nebraska of the West Nile Virus. He recommended spraying at least once and maybe even twice.

Mr. Butcher reported they have worked very hard to try and reduce some of the site costs to re bid the project for the maintenance facility. He thinks they are pretty close to the final elevation.

Mr. Butcher reported they have been asked to look at the Eichorn Log House on the northwest corner of Diley and Busey. The intent is to strip the inside and outside to expose the logs and see what condition they are in. They have started doing that and have about 75% of the outside exterior done. He has caution tape around the site. Mr. Dunlap asked if they could get some 'No Trespassing' signs from the Sheriffs Department tomorrow. Chief Deputy Perrigo said they would deliver to the site on Thursday.

Mr. Myers asked about the timeframe for the Safe Routes to School. Mr. Butcher said they should hear something back this year. (End of 2007.)

Mr. Myers asked if Mingo Estates had been re-seeded. Mr. Butcher stated it had been re-seeded.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any more clarification on the CDGB Grant. Mr. Butcher stated he was told that they want to fulfill their obligation for the grant and they want us to revise what we want to spend the money on. Mr. Butcher hopes to hear something within the month.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mingo Estates was complete as far as the punch list goes. Mr. Butcher stated the punch list was done. The City of Pickerington's punch list is done. He did notice a few items that need repair. Mr. Weltlich, along with the other Trustees would like Mr. Butcher to write a letter to the other entities involved saying thank you for your hard work on a project well done.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the Busey Road S-Curve Project. Mr. Butcher stated that the field portion of the survey is complete. Mr. Butcher will have a resolution for the next phase of this project.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had heard any more word from the architects at the school site as to whether they are or are not going to put in the S-curve road. Mr. Butcher stated yes it would be there. The issue has been resolved.

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Mr. Myers moved to recess the regular Trustees meeting 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 8:13 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap moved to reopen the regular Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes.

Rocco Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase, Pickerington commented that there are hundreds of residents are interested in the issues of PD's in general. The citizens feel that once something is a PD it should remain a PD. We should not create a new developer technique.

Mr. Sabatino stated the Township has done a great work and effort in doing the CEDA agreements and the Land Use Plans. The citizens want to be able to rely upon these things.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Sabatino was aware that there had been PD's that had been modified and separated in the township. Mr. Sabatino stated they were told by Regional Planning that there had not. He stated it is a high potential of abuse to do this. The citizens do not want to see PD's being broken up after they have been approved.

One of the high school students asked what a PD was. Ms. Sarko stated it was a Planned District where everything is laid out at the time of zoning. Mr. Weltlich took a 'step back' for a moment to explain that everything in this township is an overlay; it was originally zoned R-1; residential 1 or R-2; residential 2, which specifies the number of square footage in each plat or section of land. This gives you a specific density or how many houses per acre.

Fire Department

Chief Taylor submitted Resolution 2007-0919-01 for the resignations of Nathan Buskirk and Kyle Strahler, with deep regrets. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0919-01 - Firefighter Resignations with regrets for Nathan Buskirk and Kyle Strahler. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0919-01 is adopted.

Chief Taylor submitted Resolution 2007-0919-02 - Reclassify Volunteer to Part Time Firefighter Position for John Schwinne. Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0919-02 - Reclassify Volunteer to Part Time Firefighter Position. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0919-02 is adopted.

Chief Taylor submitted Resolution 2007-0919-03 - Upgrade EMS Protocol. Chief Taylor sees this as ending up with a MECC wide program. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0919-03 Upgrade EMS Protocol. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2007-0919-03 is adopted.

Chief Taylor reported they are still working on the exact pinpoint locations for the tornado sirens. The county will be ready to install the six sirens in about two weeks. Mr. Weltlich encouraged Chief Taylor to do another press release. Chief Taylor also mentioned talking about the cooperation from all the other agencies involved.

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Chief Taylor reported an internal conference call would take place tomorrow on the police/fire pension issue.

Open House is October 14th from 1 - 3pm. Mr. Myers complimented the letter.

Mr. Dunlap congratulated Chief Taylor as he has been named a CFO (Chief Fire Officer - one of only 506 in the world. He was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He is the president of the Great Lakes Region (which is 11 states). There is another prestigious called Institution of Fire Engineers and this comes after many years and experience. This encompasses members of over 23 different countries in the world. We are pleased that we have such a dedicated, honored and respected Chief in our community.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported that information had been placed in the Trustees boxes regarding some Pengwyn Brine Equipment such as storage tanks, applications and pumps. It appears that to buy a truck unit and storage system it may end up being about \$13,000 . We have a meeting next week with Pengwyn to include Bloom, City of Pickerington and Canal Winchester (who is already using Brine). Mr. Weltlich asked that "lease" versus "buy" be considered in case this equipment and technique does not pan out.

Mr. Yapple reported he, Mr. Butcher and Mr. Myers attended a viewing for the Tollgate Road relocation. About 15 residents attended. They viewed the proposed new roadway and the old roadway. Comments were heard from the field and they agreed to have the public hearing the same day with the exception that there were residents that could not attend that hearing. They then agreed to continue the hearing to September 25th at 9am at the Courthouse. Mr. Yapple will be in attendance.

We had 3 new single-family homes for the month of August, 2007 for a total of \$1,289,000 in construction evaluation for a total of 34 for the year with a total construction cost of \$12,943,628.00. We had 6 other permits for the month. We had 2 commercial permits for the month for a total of 12 commercial permits for the year. Through August of 2006. we had 46 single-family permits.

Mr. Yapple reminded the Trustees of the Taste of Pickerington Community Showcase on October 6 from 11-3pm.

Mr. Yapple stated he would have a resolution to adopt the proposed Retention Destruction Schedule for the Township so we may send on to the state to start the approval process. The Trustees should have received some information in their boxes from OTA and the State. There will be some speakers from the State Auditors office attending the Fiscal officers and Trustees meeting on September 22. They will be speaking on records retention.

Mr. Yapple presented Resolutions for the Trustees consideration.

Mr. Yapple still has nothing from legal council regarding the injunction and stay for the hearing from the Thornton/Snider properties.

Mr. Yapple commented on the bridge going in on Stonecreek Drive. Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher have been in touch with the County Engineers office about trying to put in a paved patch of some sort along with their work. They are working through these issues. Mr. Anderson does not want it within 6 feet of the traveled area. Mr. Yapple asked some other township counterparts what they have done. They have put a guardrail or barrier at the edge of the pavement to keep the traffic from getting to the sidewalk and put in the sidewalk behind this. They are trying to work through this for the safety of the residents that live near and on Stonecreek.

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Mr. Weltlich asked if we have to spend \$13,000 just to get into a 'trial' situation for the Brine Equipment. Mr. Yapple explained that the applicator is almost \$7,000 of the \$13,000. Mr. Weltlich asked that he would explore some other Vendors.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0919-04 - To Purchase Dell Computer Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2007-0919-04 is adopted.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0919-05 - Authorize Hiring of Bird and Bull to Resurvey Building Site moved to adopt Resolution 2007-0919-05. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2007-0919-05 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. VanKannel presented the last paid payroll. He also had the bank reconciliation for August. Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any move for them to do the bank reconciliation via electronic means to go live. Mr. Van Kannel stated there was not.

Trustees Reports

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

September 22 at Station 592 the three Trustees and Fiscal Officer will be at the County Association of Trustees and Fiscal officers hosted by Violet Township

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 5-minute recess after this motion and the motion would be to then go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried.

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 come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 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: _____