

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 20, 2010

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; Bill Yable, Director of Operations; John Eisel, Fire Chief and Doug Barr, Assistant Fire Chief.

Mr. Dunlap 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 our public safety officers here at home.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee's meeting of January 6, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. January 6, 2010 Regular Minutes approved. 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Melvin Spring of 7843 Meadow Lark Lane in Reynoldsburg was present representing the Pickerington Community Theater for continued use of the Grange Hall. Mr. Spring said they would apply for a grant with the idea of being a teaching facility as well as a Performing Arts Center and would seek a grant for \$500,000.00 to \$800,000.00. Mr. Dunlap said we would discuss this at the Trustees Annual Planning Session in February. Mr. Weltlich said we cannot take possession of the Grange property until sometime in the future. Mr. Spring said he has spoken to Mr. Price who has control of the Grange for the remainder of this year.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported they are holding another Red Cross blood drive and the H1N1 shots are back on. The final round of shots will be delivered to the schools on February 1st.

Chief Eisel passed out the Grange Contract.

Chief Eisel and Assistant Chief Barr will be handling the City of Lancaster on Friday, January 22nd 2010 to cover for the funeral of Lt. Joseph McCafferty, who suffered from a fatal brain hemorrhage while on duty.

Chief Eisel received word that the reimbursement from EMA for the Louisiana trip in September 2008 is about 6 weeks away.

Chief Eisel reported a few of the collapse rescue team met with Paratech to discuss equipment needed for the Trench Rescue Truck. They sat for several hours. They are getting not only what was originally proposed but a set of

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medium pressure air bags for the trenches and a lot more equipment than what was originally proposed.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he received an email stating we had been funded nearly \$90,000.00 for the Busey Road Culvert Replacement project. Mr. Butcher would like to do replace this culvert this year. He is asking if we can bid it now and hold the awarding of the contract until after the funds have been transferred.

Mr. Butcher reported he has asked to put a note on our website for residents to report potholes to the office. They can either call it in or fill out an online contact form.

Mr. Butcher reported he and Mr. Yaple have been working on sidewalk maintenance standards. We have asked for models and format from Canal Winchester and the City of Pickerington. Mr. Butcher would like to bring this to the Trustees at the Planning Session.

Mr. Butcher reported Mingo Estates design is on-going. Mr. Butcher had a project meeting with the City, County and the consultant. This project is about half of the remaining Mingo Estates (possibly Phase 2a, 2b and 2c). We are moving forward.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple had passed out information on the District Advisory Council Meeting. Mr. Dunlap asked if we can we contract for the Board of Health or do we have to go to the County since we are a Home Rule Township. Mr. Yaple implied it would not be pretty before everything is all said and done. Mr. Yaple said he would ask the question. Again Mr. Dunlap's question was - can we contract with a municipality to provide that service to us if we are home rule?

Mr. Dunlap will attend the Township Trustee and Village Administrator Session on Tuesday, March 20, 2010 from 3-5 pm.

Mr. Yaple attended a meeting with Pickerington City Council for the Dog Park Re-Zoning. Staff and Consultant are talking about what kind of a building permit we will have to apply for.

We have the final agreements back on the snow and ice control back from the County for Wright Road and Allen Road.

We are working on the articles for next month for the Pickerington Magazine.

The Service Center building retention pond (which we had to put in) we have been discussing putting in a bio-retention pond and dress it up to what can be done with a retention area. It will be done as an educational project with the high schools. Mr. Weltlich suggested investigating how to purify the water naturally. Mr. Yaple said Soil and Water is seeking grants for this already.

Mr. Yaple has several things in front of Mr. Morehart. Mr. Morehart has been tied up with a trial for the last few weeks.

Mr. Yaple would like to have the driver's license documents filled out and returned by the end of the month.

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Mr. Yaple had a meeting with PYAA. Mark Hiner is now the new Director, replacing John Pysarchuk. Their proposal is they are going to move forward for private financing to purchase 30 acres of the Ruma property.

Mr. Yaple passed out a proposed resume for the Port Authority. There are 5 positions to be appointed.

The motion to Waive Fees for MakDrew Development to apply variance application fees to rezoning application for Makdrew Development – 8230 Benedum Road was denied because the Trustees felt if they waived his fees this would set a inappropriate precedent. The BZA felt Mr. Baker needed to go to the Zoning Board. There would be tighter controls put on him in a planned district as opposed to having the M-3 zoning. BZA recommended he go to the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0120-01 To Reappoint Susanne Brennan to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yaple for attendance records for Ms. Brennan. Ms. Brennan attended 5 out of 9 meetings for 2009. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0120-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Yaple reported we received some good news regarding fiber optics. He feels with this new application we will have a good shot of getting money. We have also made contact with another server. The other side is that Blue Mile who furnishes to other users like AT&T can buy service through them and serve customers. They provide a group of services at wholesale. They are working on numbers and we should have final numbers back on the recoupment of cost if we build it up front. Grant from Fed. Gov will require about a 30% match. Our numbers are between \$750,000.00 or \$800,000,000 that we may have to finance. Fairfield County has a 2 mil allotment for that recovery. It is a taxable bond you can borrow but the government pays 45% of the interest back to the local entity. We have the \$2 from the Recovery act Funds if they qualify. Now we have till the end of the month and then it goes to the state. We are helping this process. Joy is working on this now. You have to do the paperwork now to get any part of it. Chris Franzman has to look at if there is a purpose that we can borrow the money because it is like a public private partnership. We need to move forward with the Port Authority no later than the last meeting in February.

Mr. Dunlap asked if FEMA county wide reverse 911 would be a stumbling block to this. Mr. Yaple did not know. This was a proposal written by John Kochis to commission the Mayors and Trustees if they want to do this. The system is capable of calling 20,000 numbers a minute. Call every landline in Fairfield County in just over two minutes. Chief Eisel said he would go back and check his notes but this was an ineligible grant component that is being paid for by that emergency notification system. He did not know if Violet Township would encumber any expense for this. Mr. Dunlap said they are having a webinar to go over the system on February 9th at 2pm at EMA. He thinks Mr. Yaple and Chief Eisel should attend. Chris Franzman has to look at if there is a purpose that we can borrow the money because it is like a public private partnership. We need to move forward with the Port Authority no later than the last meeting in February.

We have made all the reservations for the Township Convention to be held February 17 – 20th.

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Home Rule Resolutions:

Motions to Be Considered:

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported 2009 books are closed and available for public viewing. Mr. Smith said 2010 is now open and the Township is in good shape.

Mr. Yaple said we need to advertise that 2009 financials are available at the Administrative offices for public viewing.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0120-02 Advance Payment out of Current Tax Collection. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0120-02 is adopted 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Myers reported he and Mr. Yaple attended a District Advisory Council meeting at the Fairfield County Board of Health.

Mr. Myers also said he had heard there had been several homes being broken into again. Mr. Yaple said he spoke to Sgt. Duvall and she said there have been 7 homes in the Township that were broken into. Four were in Winding Creek this last week. There are several detectives around in plain clothes. It is a group that has hit Canal, Pickerington and Reynoldsburg. Winding Creek seems to be the hardest one hit. Mr. Yaple will call the Sheriff to find out exactly what is happening.

Mr. Weltlich attended the Public Transportation of Fairfield County's Advisory Committee. They have adopted the bi-laws. They are now going to establish a mission.

Mr. Weltlich also commented that he read the contract on the Grange. It does not expire until January of 2012. Chief Eisel said he had it figured that we would potentially take possession January 8, 2011. Mr. Yaple should have the key from Mr. Price tomorrow.

Mr. Dunlap received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and on March 18 they will have the State of the Township. He will need some information so he can put together a speech. He would like some input.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

Old Business:

Table Business:

New Business:

Pay Bills:

There were no bills to pay. Mr. Smith said he would send the register to the Trustees tomorrow and if they are good with it email back and they will process them all at once.

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Mr. Myers made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:48 pm to discuss Personnel issues according to ORC Section 121.22 G-1 and G-4 to include the Director of Operations, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes and Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dunlap explained they would take a 5 minutes recess and then would go into executive session and conduct no further business.

Mr. Myers made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 pm. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____