

**Violet Township Board of Trustees**

**October 6, 2010**

**Regular Meeting**

Chairman 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: Fire Chief John Eisel; Assistant Chief Doug Barr; and Greg Butcher, Township Engineer and Director of Operations, Bill Yapple.

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 meeting of September 15, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. September 15, 2010 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3- 0.**

**Recognition of Guests:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department**

Chief Eisel reported there will be an article in the Pickerington magazine regarding smoke alarms. He reported we received special recognition from Senator Sherrod Brown's office in regards to Fire Prevention Week.

Open House is this Sunday, October 10 at Station 592 from 1 – 3 pm.

The Tahoe that was ordered will most likely be in by the next Trustee meeting.

Last Saturday was the first annual pizza challenge with the Pickerington Police Department. Our Fire Department won this event.

We are hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive again at Station 592 on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Work continues on receiving quotes for paving the lot at Station 592. The best quote was from Armor Paving. Chief is working with Greg to get this scheduled.

Chief is still working with Greg Bachman on the Pickerington Road intersection.

Chief is still working with Greg on improvements to Station 591 to lift some of the slab. The quote from B-Level was very reasonable.

Chief Eisel passed on Resolution 2010-1006-04 for now.

There was a gentleman present to speak about the Blacklick watershed.

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Kurt Keljo of 1306 N. Jackson Avenue in Reynoldsburg. He works with Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission and he is the Watershed Coordinator for Blacklick Creek Watershed. He etched the boundaries of Violet Township as it pertains to Blacklick Watershed. He talked about land development, water quality, bacteria problems, farm runoff, and storm water issues. They want to find ways to restore the creeks. They have developed a monitoring crew to monitor the creeks.

Mr. Keljo wants the Trustees to be aware of the work they have done and the plan would suggest the things that would be helpful for the Township would be to check the corridors along the creeks that are going through Violet Township, to develop storm water practices that maximize infiltration rather than running all the water off land and pay attention to construction practices. The hope is that Violet Township continues to protect the well being of the creeks.

Mr. Weltlich recommended that Mr. Keljo sit on the next Land Use Plan Committee. With that Mr. Weltlich asked what specifically did they want us to do with the property that is already developed. There would be two possible things with the land that is already developed. 1) To create setbacks around the creek and there are different ways to do this. 2) There are storm water basins within the watershed that are not really functioning as basins unless there is a huge rain event. This would wash the water through and they would be retrofitted. This would be a big challenge for a township.

Mr. Dunlap suggested Mr. Kelji get with Mr. Yaple and put some things together to put in the Pickerington Magazine.

We need to preserve what water we have according to Mr. Weltlich. Mr. Yaple added that we are trying to get the community more involved to help get the message out.

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported closure for the Busey Road Culvert replacement was to end today. We should have it open by Monday and no later than Tuesday.

Mr. Butcher reported today was international 'Walk to School' day. The Safe Routes to School in Pickerington have identified 4 or 5 days of walking. October is 'Walk with a Cop' month. We have expanded this group to now include a representative from every school. Mr. Butcher has met with some PTO personnel from the elementary schools in regards to Safe Routes to Schools and they are excited about this. Still waiting on final plans from ODOT. Mr. Butcher will let the Trustees know when the walks will take place.

Mr. Butcher has completed the Issue 1 applications. He believes there were about 88. We hope to get at least one project funded. In January we should get information back.

Mr. Butcher attended a dedicated planning group with Fairfield County EMA about natural disasters. The plan is updated every 4 years. The last plan had discussion on the purchase of sirens and that was executed. Mr. Butcher explained that as we look forward if the Trustees want him to bring mitigation forward he will.

Plants were delivered for the retention basin at the Service Center rain garden.

Waterline is being installed today for the Dog Park.

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The Fairfield County Rodeo was today for truck maneuvering. Jim Smith finished first and Bruce Miller finished second.

We received a letter from the PUCO railroad division. There was a concern at the Bloom Carroll schools at the Lockville railroad. The road right of way is clear of obstructions and vegetation of trees. Mr. Yapple spoke to the coordinator and they ordered Indiana, Ohio to do their clearing. They are now asking their area representative to go back and look to see if it is satisfactory. There is a lot of grant money available for this kind of thing around the state.

Next week we will be out mowing right of way.

The City of Pickerington's backhoe is back in their possession.

**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple reported there is an existing book created about 4 years ago that we have on file and that will be redistributed when the mitigation plan update is completed. This is what we are to follow in the case of a disaster.

The county CAUV values have gone up. This will affect anyone who has CAUV.

The Lifestyle program to where the employees can use the lifestyle gym is still in Chief Eisel's hands and he is working on this.

Employee Recognition luncheon is coming. We would like to have it December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. We would like to proceed and use Blue Moon Catering for \$1 more per person than it was last year. The Trustees agreed to this.

Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Walnut Creek Plan will be worked on for the next 18 to 24 months for a balanced growth plan. The next meeting is the first part of November.

Due to overcrowding in the jail there has been discussion on having a work release program for serving part of the sentence. They would bring a prisoner to the Township and drop them off at the Fire Station or Service Center or the Administration doing various things. There would be a deputy with them all day. They will be taken to the jobsite and supervised. Mr. Yapple said he thought it would be based on a one on one basis. They have done this before and would charge so much for the deputy. This could be something that would be useful and asked the Trustees to think about this.

We had 7 single family permits to date this year. We had 19 other permits for the quarter and 1 residential permit for the quarter and a total of 7 commercial permits for the year.

There is a resolution to adopt a new employment application for use within the Township. This would cover all departments or positions. It has been approved by Legal Counsel. We still need to get letters offering the job to the person so we are consistent and do not violate the employment manual. Once we make a selection of who to offer the job to a formal offer of employment letter will go to the person. This will be a separate resolution once this has been developed.

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

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The caulking of the administrative building needs done at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the Dog Park was a go now. They now have funding.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1006-01 – Resolution of Intention to Participate in a Watershed Planning Partnership to Develop a Balancing Growth Plan for the Walnut Creek Watershed. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked what this is going to be costing us if any associated with this. Mr. Yapple said there will be at some point. We are under the Federal Clean Water Act to do certain things in this timeframe. We do the reporting now; we do retention and try to identify point sources. We can utilize with this plan to help us and it will help us in the future. This plan will help us in the future with our land use planning as well. There will be a cost at some point. There has been a per capita cost in the Blacklick Watershed. They asked for money and we did not give as it was rather high. They want to hire a watershed coordinator and Mr. Yapple has told them they will not get this done in Walnut's watershed because there is too much rural area. Townships can't afford it. Municipalities have afforded it in the Blacklick and Big Walnut to offset the grant money. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes'; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1006-01 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1006-02 – Application for Employment. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1006-02 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to hire Angelo's Caulking to repair the caulking on the administration building and reseal the skylights at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2010-1006 passes 3-0.**

**Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported he received communication back from Heidi Fought and she said if we want to draft something on our letterhead that they would lobby on our behalf to make changes regarding our restraint policies.

Mr. Smith reported the current amount for the Health Department for our budget for 2011 is \$157,720.00.

Mr. Smith met with the Treasurer of the Senior Center and the meeting went well.

We are almost all the way converted over to our new banking institution. We still have some stale checks that have not cleared from our last meeting. Calls have been made.

We have a small transfer of funds in order to pay for some engineering for EMH&T, the workers compensation and some advertising.

Mr. Myers commended Mr. Smith for the audit report received back from the State of Ohio and told him he did his job well.

Mr. Yapple added that either Joni or Greg will pull up the report regarding findings for recovery from the Auditor of State to attach to the future contracts.

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**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1006-03 - Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1006-03 is adopted 3-0.**

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Myers said he received a call from Gary Taylor from the Historical Society had a problem keeping records retention is very poor and they need to get them on computerized discs. Peggy Portier is working on it and since she worked on the Bicentennial she thinks she can get this done. Mr. Taylor wanted to know if she could come in and work on the retention for the Historical Society at the Township offices.

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

Fire Department Open House on 10-10-10 from 1-3 pm.  
There may be one or more Trustees in attendance.

Mr. Yapple reported the Drug Drop off on 9/25 they took 67 computers, 25 monitors, miscellaneous printers, copiers, cell phones, keyboards equating to 1300 pounds of miscellaneous materials. Total for electronics recycling was 2185 pounds of computers. There was over 110 vehicles came through that morning and it was steady. Mr. Yapple reported they had two large boxes of nothing but empty containers. They had a few boxes of inhalers and insulin needles over and above just the pills. It was a good turnout. They are already trying to look at another one in the spring to continue this process.

**Old Business:**

None

**Table Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Pay Bills:**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked about the bill for Loveland and Brosius. Mr. Yapple explained we had three cases in court; Wright Road, Schoff and we were back again to court this last week with the Wright Road Case. He also asked about the Al Schrader. This was older material and from the Port Authority. Mr. Myers asked about Sara Rose. Mr. Yapple said it was from the new application and part of it was for some applications with the BWC. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer      Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

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