

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 15, 2010

Regular Meeting

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

Fiscal Officer, Christopher Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Assistant Chief Doug Barr; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher, 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 December 1, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. December 1, 2010 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Barr was present as Chief Eisel was out ill. Chief Barr reported things were going very well with the Toy Drive and they had a good turnout last Saturday. The Fire Department helped out the Food Pantry and were able to donate money to feed 35 families.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1201-05 – Volunteer Firefighters Dependent Fund. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1201-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the Smart Boards were in use yet. Chief Barr said they were up and two of the three were hooked up and running. Mr. Weltlich wants to see what it can do once it is all 'tweaked'.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he received a call this week from District 17 regarding grant money. All the grant money has been exhausted for this round for all the projects. They have come back to us and asked if we would be willing to take a one quarter share loan in the form of \$36,000 and then \$108,000 grant combined with the \$50,000 share. He spoke to Fairfield County and they thought \$108,000 of grant was better than nothing. There is no action necessary he just wants feedback. Mr. Butcher said essentially there is an \$86,000 loan/local share cost and that would need to be handled somehow. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Baird talked about them picking up the 50,000 local share and us picking up the \$36,000 loan or splitting the \$86,000 two ways. In talking with Mr. Smith he did not think it was

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worth dilly dallying around with \$18,000 over 30 years. Mr. Butcher recommends we pursue accepting the \$108,000 grant and the \$36,000 loan and come back with what he thinks will be an equitable share between the Township and the County. Jeff Baird told him that perhaps they could pick up the \$50,000 local share.

The Trustees said to pursue it but we need to get this in writing from Mr. Baird.

Mr. Butcher had some photos of decals he ordered that will identify the back of the trucks that say something like 'caution, stay back 200 feet' or something thereof. Mr. Butcher came up with the idea of putting decals on the back of the salt spreaders. Some of the accidents that we and other townships have had over the years have involved backing up of trucks. Mr. Butcher feels we are 'as illuminated if not more illuminated than what ODOT is doing. Mr. Weltlich suggested Mr. Butcher investigate Whelen Engineering's product lists.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we received notice from the Ohio Board of Liquor that Kingy's is transferring names on his license. The question is do we want hearings for Kingy's Beverage Drive-Thru and Kingy's Pizza Pub? We need to get back to the board of Liquor Control before our January meeting. Do we want to object to any of the other renewal of permits?

The Trustees voted on OTARMA board members.

The Trustees have received the recommendation of the Zoning Commission for amendments to the Zoning Code. There is a resolution to schedule it for January 12th, 2011 which is not a regular scheduled meeting night.

Discussed issues regarding Storm water Utility and January 18th at 7:30 pm there is supposed to be a meeting held at the Township to begin discussion of presentations of why a storm water utility is needed in the Township and try to help recoup some of the money the Township and County has spent to date. Maintenance fees would do this. Mr. Dunlap questioned whether or not the Township would have a big enough venue for this meeting. Mr. Yapple said he did not know. Mr. Dunlap said this is a County meeting and a County administered program and it will be held where every citizen that wants to attend can do so. By having it at the senior center it will give the County a better venue to explain the Federal mandate on them and us. Mr. Yapple went over a list of all the subdivisions that are covered under the drainage maintenance district. There is a huge exposure as we are beginning to see and the other side of this issue is that some of the oldest subdivisions in the Township are not covered. Mr. Dunlap felt that since there would be a lot of publicity on this he didn't feel our building would be big enough. Mr. Yapple has spoken to Mr. Sherman about this. Mr. Yapple explained that this first section will only involve Violet Township and will not involve any other portions of the County. Mr. Weltlich said to look at the issue and the issue is storm water and dollars. Someone will be assessed for the storm water. Mr. Weltlich agreed with Mr. Dunlap that this meeting should be held in a bigger venue. Mr. Dunlap stated he would rather 'error' on the side of having too much room then making people mad because we did not have enough room. Mr. Yapple will check on the availability of another facility. Mr. Weltlich asked who would be administering the funds. Mr. Yapple said it would be the County Storm Utilities. It will be assessed on the taxes once a year. Mr. Yapple said that we are the only ones today that is tied to the EPA along with the County. Mr. Dunlap said that if they assess us here first then for two or three years then that money might be used somewhere else. This money needs to be set aside the way it is for other storm water maintenance districts. The criteria to include us in the phase 2 federal requirement because we touch a city of more

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than 50,000 residents (Columbus) and we have populations of more than 1,000 per square mile in portions of the Township. This is a federal unfunded mandate that started in 1986.

The doors should have been hung today at the Sheriff's sub-station.

The Dog Park is done until Spring. The fence is about 2 weeks behind.

The final payment to the Grange Board is due. The deed is in the process of being written. The check for approval is in tonight's check run. Mid year we ran into an insurance problem with them. They will be reimbursing us \$250 which we had paid.

Mr. Yaple had a letter from the Violet Township's Women's League. They are asking for donations. They do two \$2500 scholarships for two seniors in Pickerington. Mr. Smith will research if we gave them something last year and how much was given.

Mr. Yaple asked if Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 10:00 am would work for the end of the year meeting. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer all agreed.

Mr. Yaple reported that under Federal Law now we are required to provide health coverage up to the age of 26 years of age for employee's children. This is federal law. State law says they have to be covered till they are 28 and there will be a charge from our insurance company to cover these folks. Mr. Yaple wanted the Trustees to think about this. The charge for this would be about 40% of the single rate (which currently is \$290.72 per month plus deductible) until they reach their birthday at the age of 28. We need to make it available. Up to age 26 it is mandated that it is in the family premium. There is a gap between age 26 and age 28. The question is do we subsidize it or do we make the employee pay the cost of the insurance. It is similar to a COBRA plan. They would get the benefit of our group rate. Mr. Yaple suggested that, if the Trustees do not want to pay for this within the next month we come up with a resolution stating there will be a cost to the employee to pay for this.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there had been any response back from the Prosecutor on the Noise Ordinance Change. Mr. Yaple said there had been no response but he does know it is being worked on.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-01 – To Reappoint Cathy Schirtzinger to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-02 – To Reappoint Thomas Collins to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-01-03 - Reappoint Stephanie Brobst to Term on the Violet Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-04 - Reappoint Robert Bussom to Term on the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-04 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-06 – Retain Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an “As-Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-07– Retain Wanda L. Carter and the Firm of Newhouse, Propheter, Letcher & Moots, LLC as Legal Counsel to Advise and Represent the Township in Annexation Related Matters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-07 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-08 – Resolution Employing Township’s Attorneys for Particular Matters for the Year 2011. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-08 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-09 – To Retain Alfred E. Schrader, Attorney at Law. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-09 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-10 – To Change Status of Trish Preston to Alternate Member on Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-11 – To Change Status of Mark Decker to Fulltime Member on Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-11 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-12 - To Receive Proposed Amendments (Case No. 03-ZCV-2010) to the Violet Township Zoning Resolution to Establish Public Hearing Date. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-12 is adopted 3-0.

The Trustees selected two candidates for the OTARMA board elections. The Trustees will not be attending their annual meeting.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

Mr. Yapple had spoken to the Trustees about Joy Davis. When she was hired in they had asked her to do several things when she came here and she has completed these things. She was to become certified and to complete her college education which she has done and with very good grades. Her range is not par with her counterparts in the area. There is as much as 20% difference. Mr. Weltlich made a motion to increase (as per Mr. Yapple’s recommendation) the base salary by \$5,000 for Joy Davis. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers.

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Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith commended Mr. Myers and Mr. Dunlap for 'strong-arming' the folks at the annual get together for the Trustees and Fiscal Officers dinner to donations for 3 worthy charities.

They have figured out a way to efficiently track the EMS billing by bringing up a fund line to show us what is coming in. There is also a resolution for a supplemental appropriation.

His caution to the crowd is that they are talking about cutting things that they have never talked about cutting before. The budget and revenues and appropriations are all conservative. But if they come back and say this fund is now zero and so on and we will have to react accordingly based on real dollars.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Smith had received his certification on the Board of Health from the Auditors office. Mr. Smith said that he did get it and it was really good news for the township. Originally it was \$157,000 for the Board of Health and the new one was \$119,000. The bottom line is we save \$38,000.00.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-13 – Establishment of Fund. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-13 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1215-14 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-1215-14 is adopted 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich stated he had told the Pickerington Food Pantry not to come back for any money before the first of the year.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

All three Trustees and the Fiscal Officer will be attending the Employee Recognition Luncheon on 12-17-2010 at the Violet Township Service Center.

Old Business:

Mr. Butcher was asked by Mr. Dunlap to do some research on signs. Mr. Butcher reported that the Federal Government has mandated new reflectivity standards for 2015 to 2018. Effective Dec. 1 for 45 days the government has reopened the comment area for this as there has been a lot of objection to financial impact to smaller local government jurisdictions throughout the United States. Mr. Weltlich recommended Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher get together and write a letter.

Table Business:

None

New Business:

Pay Bills:

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Myers. 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. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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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: _____