

Violet Township Board of Trustees

December 2, 2009

Regular Meeting

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

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

Mr. Myers asked the audience to join with him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee's meeting of November 18, 2009, and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. November 18, 2009 Regular Minutes approved. 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Trustees Special Meeting of November 25, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. November 18, 2009 Public Hearing Minutes approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

John Ricketts and John Price were present. Mr. Ricketts of 430 Hill Road North, Pickerington, Ohio. He spoke about their plans of the memorial that was in the contract for the Grange Building. They have a tentative design for approval. They went to the city and got their blessing.

The committee designed a marble or granite memorial. They felt this would be something the community would be very proud of. They explained the emblem would stand for Faith, Farm, Family and Community.

The City has approved this, the Grange has approved it and Mr. Ricketts' wanted to get the Township's approval.

Mr. Weltlich asked how far back from the memorial they would put the flag pole. They intend to keep their agreement to have a 10' by 10' foot area. This would still be 5 or 6 feet back.

Mr. Myers asked Chief Eisel about his long range use of the building. Chief Eisel said they had discussed possibly using it as a training facility for their fire personnel. At some point it could become additional parking.

They will have to work something out with the electric as far as a light near the flagpole. Mr. Dunlap said we could work this out.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported he had no resolutions. The new radios came in. Holiday safety tips were posted on the website.

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Chief spoke at the last Chamber Luncheon. On December 9th Max & Erma's will be doing a fund raiser for the Toy Drive. Using a coupon they will donate 20% of the proceeds to the Toy Drive.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief had talked to anyone at the Food Pantry. They asked if they would put lights up in the plaza.

Mr. Myers mentioned the County 211 system. This is an information resource for people who are in dyer need of food, clothing, transportation, medical help, etc.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported he had nothing to report.

Mr. Yapple asked if he had talked to Mike Donley. There are some trees that have to come down and have to be treated. We have one right outside our office. He will have more information on this later.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported our Law Director does not feel we need to do a resolution to re-hire him as the contract continues as written.

Mr. Yapple spent time with Capital Copy and looked at the Doculux for scanning and record retention issues. He also looked at their copier/scanner which is a SAVIN. This will eventually replace our Xerox machine. Our contract does not run out until November of 2010 but the proposal is to bring this in January so we can start scanning documents and download them to the main server. This will be approximately to buy the equipment. We hope to do some of the scanning with staff but we may have to bring someone in later this next year to help.

Mr. Weltlich recommended we purchase the machine outright and ask them if they would consider 90 days the same as cash. Mr. Yapple will bring a resolution to the next meeting to proceed.

We have spoken about purchase of acoustical equipment for the new Service Center lunchroom and Mr. Butcher's office. He had two different quotes. They both have similar insulation. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to authorize not to exceed \$1,700.00 to purchase acoustical panels from Ketchum and Walton. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion 2009-1202-A is approved 3-0.**

We have been looking at some issues with the folks from the Dog Park and Mr. Rafeld has revised his quote and we are in the process of removing the bridge and putting a culvert in. Trees are being donated. We added in some site work worth about \$10,000.00 for working dirt and getting ready to seed. The estimate is about \$81,000.00 to do this. He would like to turn this over to the Dog Park people and discuss with them. There is thought that they will pursue a lot of donations with the chain link fence. This should reduce the \$80,000.00. There is a meeting next Tuesday at the City to present a new drawing to them. If we can find someone to do the plowing this year it would be a good idea. We need to plow, grade and seed it.

ODOT and the Ohio Rail Commission are going to install crossing gates on Pickerington Road south of Route 33.

We have been notified by the Ohio Liquor Commission that all the permits for the

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Township again are due next year. If we object to any of those permits we need to have back to them before the first of the year in writing. Mr. Dunlap said we need to check with the Sheriff's Department to see what they have.

Mr. Yaple asked if the newly elected Trustees planned on doing anything special for their 'Oaths of Office' other than Mr. Smith doing the oath. Mr. Dunlap said they would let Mr. Yaple know.

Two Trustees and the Fiscal Officer will be together on December 13th for the County Trustees and Fiscal Officers Banquet.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Loveland had written the letter to the residents regarding the buffer zone. Mr. Yaple will check on this.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith said he will be in a conference all day December 10th for public investments and different strategies.

Mr. Dunlap said we had discussed additional funds that we need to create and asked if they will be forthcoming at our next meeting. Mr. Smith said the vast majority are done already in the last two months. We do need to set up a fund for the parks and cemeteries.

Mr. Weltlich said he noticed we still have the same amount in the checking account balance for National City and wondered if they were still not cooperative. Mr. Smith said he was still waiting on one more person from National City to sign off for him to transfer the money internally on their part.

Mr. Weltlich asked if he ever talked to Heidi about lobbying for less restrictions on outside investments. Mr. Yaple spoke to her and she wanted him to check with the Attorney Generals Office. She knows of nothing there.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting. He also attended the County Public Transit Authority meeting.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

December 13th at 6pm – County Trustees and Fiscal Officers Banquet

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Pay Bills

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Executive Session

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session after a five minute recess to discuss Personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22 G-1 & G-4 – to include Director of Operations, Fire Chief and the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0 at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:10 pm. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Being no further business to discuss Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Approved By:

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____