

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 17, 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 Yapple, Director of Operations; John Eisel, 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 February 3, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. January 20, 2010 Regular Minutes approved. 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Emergency meeting of February 5, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Special Emergency meeting minutes approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Mark Hiner, Commissioner of PYAA, 12307 Butterfield Drive was present to introduce himself to the Trustees. He oversees about 4,000 youths. The Trustees commended him and his team for their dedication and effort.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. He said the road crew has done a great job with all the snow.

He reported that there was a big presentation on a reverse 911 a system that Homeland Security System is going to pay for.

The Sheriff's contract has gone back to Mr. Morehart and Mr. Yapple hopes to get it back so we can have it signed.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported they discontinued their snow operations this morning at 7:30 am.

Mr. Weltlich wanted to know what the accident was in January. Chief Eisel reported it was the 'trashcan'.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported on a snapshot of where they were in terms of overtime from the recent snow events. The first few weeks in January were a bit rough, then we had a two week lull and then we have been slammed the last week and a half. Year to date we have 250 overtime hours. We have been putting in a lot of overtime hours on people and vehicles. The trucks have really hung in there.

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Doc has helped out as far as keeping them on the road. Salt update – through last year we used 1000 tons of salt; the year before we used 2000 tons and this year we used 1500 tons. We are between the two and the snow is not over yet.

Mr. Weltlich asked about Joy Ave. Mr. Butcher stated Mr. Yaple had all the information and he would talk about it in his report.

Director of Operations

MORPS State of the Region luncheon is May 4, 2010. Mr. Weltlich will be attending.

Canal Winchester Chamber annual event will be March 12, 2010 at Cheers Chalet on Coonpath Road.

Mr. Yaple has officially been appointed the designee for the ORC training for Mr. Myers and Mr. Dunlap.

The Township convention starts tonight at the convention center. Everything is in the Hall C at the north end of the building.

We will be reporting on building permits quarterly.

We will be transferring funds for the Senior Center so they may purchase chairs and tables.

We hope to finalize the cemetery funds in April so we can get thru this transfer to the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Yaple passed out information about a memorial for the Violet Cemetery. He will be approaching folks for donations in the community.

Carrie Woody is asking about a public hearing. Mr. Weltlich said she is trying to get a date. It has to deal with the grant language.

Mr. Yaple reported on Joy Ave and the reason it was given a Joy Avenue address was because it corner touches to Joy Ave. today. An easement was granted to the property for access across the front of it off of Joy Ave. Joy Ave has never been developed to that point so that access cannot happen. The right of way is there but not improved to that point. One person owns the 7 lots. With this right of way he may propose to abandon some of the right of way and we do not know if they can. We don't think they can get any public sewer today. Those lots don't meet health dept requirements for onsite systems. They would have to meet the onsite systems requirement. They might be able to double them up even though they are already platted. At the most it could be developed into 5 lots. The access to the property today is totally to a private driveway. This was not the intention when the lot was split off. The easement is truly in the City of Pickerington today. Mr. Yaple will check on the two houses on Joy Avenue and report back. Mr. Weltlich opposes the address change. Mr. Dunlap requested that Mr. Yaple set up a meeting with Mrs. Clause and the Violet Township Fire Department to discuss the ramifications of not changing her address.

New England Acres has spoken to Mr. Butcher regarding putting up Community Watch signs. He suggested they call utilities before they do any signs. Mr. Butcher will verify where the signs are now.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0217-02 – To Appoint Five Members to the Newly Created Violet Township Port Authority.

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Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0217-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0217-03 – Authorize Director of Operations to Hire SZD Whiteboard. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0217-03 is adopted 3-0.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported that starting this month we will be making payment direct to Anthem instead of Ohio Insurance Services.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0217-01– Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0217-01 is adopted 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap reported he attended the first meeting of the Vietnam Veterans. The American Legion is bringing in the Viet Nam wall memorial in November on Veterans Day at the VFW. They will be looking for some financial assistance. He said they are looking at having over 3000 motorcycles help escort the wall in and there will also be law enforcement and other safety forces involved. He will keep us involved as to what is happening with this to see what kind of involvement the Township will have.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

OTA Winter Conference from February 17 to February 19.

Old Business:

None

Table Business:

None

New Business:

Carl Reedy from Med 3000 presented an extensive overview of EMS Revenue Recovery and EMS Transport Billing for Violet Township.

The OIG (Office of Inspector General) ruling in 2001 revolutionized EMS cost recovery across Ohio and Nationally.

Mr. Reedy shared reasons for implementation of the cost recovery program such as:

- reduces burden on taxpayers
- provides additional revenue for service enhancements
- returns currently available insurance premium \$'s
- educated citizens are expecting local governments to find alternative funding sources

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Some benefits of EMS Cost Recovery are:

- increased funding for Fire/EMS staffing needs
- increased funding for equipment needs
- increased funding for training needs
- increased funding for facility improvements
- maintenance of excellent service delivery

Cities, villages and township departments that are supported by taxes, levies and donations benefit from the OIG opinion. Cities, villages and townships that contract with private EMS providers must continue to bill for uninsured patients and insurance co-payments.

Competitive rates will allow the VTFD to take full advantage of Medicare reimbursements as well as private insurance reimbursements.

There is no charge for any training whatsoever from MED-3000.

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.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. 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: _____