

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 21, 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: John Eisel, Fire Chief; Assistant Chief, Doug Barr; Bill Yapple, Director of Operations and Greg Butcher, Township Engineer.

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 March 17, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. April 7, 2010 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3- 0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Diana Kassouf of 11250 Red Tree Court in Pickerington was present on behalf of Pickerington Food Pantry. She attended the last Trustee meeting and asked if the Trustees had any questions. Mr. Dunlap said they would address her in the 'motion' portion of the meeting.

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. He shared that on May 15th they will have their Awards Dinner and on that same day will be the Pharmaceutical Drop off from 10 am to 2 pm at the Township Service Center on Center Street. We will post something on our website regarding this. Chief Perrigo had passed out a report to the Trustees. Also Detective Scott Irvin will now be stationed at the Sub Station in Pickerington. The idea is to coordinate more issues in Violet Township and Liberty Township with Reynoldsburg Police Department and Pickerington Police Department.

Mr. Myers asked about Silverbrook Drive as referred to in the report. It appeared that SR204 was blocked and motorists began traveling through the subdivision. Some neighbors got upset. Some deputies were assigned to monitor the speeding. Some residents decided to barricade the road with trashcans. The Prosecutor may file charges for blocking the right-of-way.

Mr. Weltlich said he had received a phone call from an irate Ashley Creek resident that it took the Sheriff's Department 2 and a half hours to respond to a call. Mr. Weltlich asked the resident for specifics.

Mr. Dunlap had spoken to Mr. Decker, one of the residents who put up the barricade. Mr. Dunlap said that Mr. Butcher did contact ODOT on Monday of last week (not knowing any of this was coming down) and asked them to add detour signs to get the people to go down Milnor Road instead of cutting through the sub divisions. ODOT did say that they 'dropped the ball' on this by not having press releases in sufficient time or enough signs.

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Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported on the new Diley Ridge Medical Center. In the first 30 days they saw 1102 patients which is an average of 42.2 patients per day.

Chief Eisel reported he would like to reclassify Volunteers Andrew Vargo, Brian McQueary and Joseph Holland from the position of Volunteer Firefighter to Part Time Firefighter. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2010-0421-01 – Reclassify Volunteer to Part Time Status. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0421-01 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported that in going through their roster they have noticed areas of inactivity from several members. Priorities have changed; therefore, the following Part time/Volunteer firefighters have resigned: Robert Barcus, Errich Taylor, Jason Roshon and Kyle Trout. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2010-0421-02 – Firefighter Resignations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2010-0421-02 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel said the time has come to replace the hot water tank at Station 592. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2010-0421-03 – Authorize Purchase of Hot Water Tank (not to exceed \$5,600.00). Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked who would be putting the tanks in. Chief Eisel said installation would be in-house. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0421-03 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel attended a meeting for preemption immediate response prior to us to ever getting any federal access. The goal is to get a minimum of 30 people on a team in 30 minutes.

Chief Eisel reported he will be in Washington next week.

Mr. Myers asked about an email he had received. Chief Eisel said this was for the funding that we applied for. Chief said this was the stimulus package we had applied for and unfortunately we did not make it and this was our thank you for applying. There was an interesting clause at the bottom to contact them in the next 30 days. Chief Eisel will contact them.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the lifting device. Chief Eisel said the design has been given to a guy in Akron and it is there to be evaluated and 'hopefully' fabricated.

Mr. Dunlap went back to County Authorities as Ed Laramee who is running for Deputy Auditor was present. Lancaster has established a \$247,000 contract for 2011 with the County Health Department as opposed to \$294,000 in 2010. The Village of Canal Winchester in all likelihood will become a City and will therefore have the obligation to either form their own Health Department or contract with Fairfield or Franklin County. Once the Budget Commission establishes what the allocation will be those allocations cannot be raised once they have been set. The allocations that have been established for 2011 can only be lowered and not raised. Therefore the figures that are out there are subject to reduction.

The biggest thing that people don't understand is that the overhead did not go away when Pickerington dropped out. The contribution that Pickerington made to the overhead dropped out.

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A proposal was made to consider a levy for the Board of Health that would give them operating funds and DAC members general fund would increase by eliminating that need for allocations.

Mr. Myers said that as far as the City of Pickerington, the District Advisory Council, they met Monday and City Council did a final reading on Tuesday so we did not really have time to tell them to hold off. It would not have done any good anyway.

The clinic will be a separate entity and will have no connections whatsoever with the Board of Health.

They are now waiting for the tax designation coming up for the 501-C3.

Mr. Yapple said they had a meeting about a month ago to establish or approve the proposed budget that the DAC voted down. Mr. Laramée said that everyone remains confused about the role of the Budget Commission vs. the District Advisory Council. The DAC does not have any authority whatsoever in terms of the budget on the Board of Health. This is the only place where the Budget Commission gets into setting appropriations. Mr. Laramée is hoping that the circumstances with the DAC that gave rise to the problems somehow get resolved so that a different outcome can be achieved.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported they had three prisoners out of Fairfield County jail with a special deputy to pick up trash in the Township and they did an excellent job. Mr. Butcher hopes to be able to continue to partner with the Sheriffs office on this.

Mr. Butcher has a pre-construction meeting tomorrow with Fairfield County Engineers office for the Fairfield County American Recovery Reinvestment Act i.e. stimulus funding for Harmon and Wagram Roads. Shelley Company was awarded this contract. Another one is SR204 from 256 E. This is tied in with ODOT 204 culvert replacement project. This paving will start within the next month. There is another culvert at 310 and Blacklick Eastern that should be done by Saturday.

Mr. Weltlich asked that Mr. Butcher get with the paving contractor and make sure the radius get worked out.

Mr. Butcher said they have done some drainage work at the Pickerington Senior Center and hopes to complete that work within the next few weeks.

Mr. Butcher said they did some testing at the Busey Road Park bid sharing of the information has been communicated on to the architect. Will continue to follow this.

The resident in Mingo estates issue has been resolved.

Mr. Butcher has reviewed the roads with the Shelly Company. They did tell him they want to start in May this year. They may be out there while school is still in session but we should be ok. Mr. Butcher told the Shelly Company the sooner the better.

Mr. Butcher reported they received the first round of funding for Safe Routes to Schools project for 2009 which was \$292,000.00. We received a 2010 notice for \$330,000.00 of safety upgrades, federally funded for our school district. We will continue to move forward on this.

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Mr. Yaple said he met with the group and discussed timeline for a grant for \$202,000.00 which affects a lot of our subdivisions in Fairfield Schools. This work is proposed to be done in 2011. Mr. Yaple would like to get the public meeting side of it going sometime in August.

We installed a few community watch signs in New England Acres.

Busey Road culvert replacement bids are next month and the goal is to get this under contract after July 1, 2010.

We are planting some new trees at the shop as part of the building design construction.

We received a letter regarding a tree in the right of way on Waterton Drive. Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yaple are doing some research on this.

The Rain Garden in the storm water detention area that was talked about for the new shop is coming together as we are partnering with Fairfield County Soil and Water. The goal is an educational component to be used.

Weight limit reduction signs have been taken down in accordance with a resolution by the Fairfield County Engineer's office.

Mr. Laramée asked what was happening with the SR204 project and when would the paving be done. Mr. Butcher said he heard it was awarded to Kokosing and will start in mid-May. They will go from SR256 to 158.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported there was one single family permit to date this year. We had 16 other permits for residential and 2 commercial permits for the quarter. Construction values totaled about 1.2 million. We are still falling off and hopefully it will level off soon with new homes.

There was information in the packets from Lancaster Public Transit showing ridership has increased pretty steadily in the first three months of operation.

CERT Training is available in May and June at Station 592 if any of the Trustees are interested. The training has to do with disaster preparedness.

Mr. Yaple received information from FEMA that there may be one or two more outdoor sirens available. They are in the \$10,000.00 range to acquire them. South Central will put them up for us if they do get acquired. Chief Eisel and Mr. Yaple need to look further into this to see where they are at with this.

We received a quote from the contractor for mosquito fogging. The quote was for \$110.00 per hour to do it. Mr. Yaple believes this is the same price as last year. We will have a resolution for the next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Yaple reminded everyone of the Drug Free Workplace training on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week for employees and supervisors.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to the Pickerington Food Pantry now and consider another \$5,000.00 at a later date. Seconded by

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Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2010-0421 is adopted 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported the state has been auditing us. They are winding down with their audit and told us not to move any files in case they want to come back. They have communicated to us that everything looks good and we hope to wrap this up within the next few weeks.

Mr. Smith had resolution for supplemental appropriations to take care of a copier and a computer for the office. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0421-04 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0421-04 is adopted 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

None

Old Business:

None

Table Business:

None

New Business:

None

Pay Bills:

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked what we had done to the Salt Barn. Mr. Butcher said over the years we have had issues where it was time to have some work done to the roof. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:44 pm to discuss sale or purchase of property (according to ORC Section 121.22 G-2) to include the Trustees, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fiscal Officer and the Director of Operations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes and Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap explained they would take a 5-minute recess and then would go into executive session and would conduct no further business at the end of the Executive Session and will adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:18 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

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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: _____