

Violet Township Board of Trustees

June 16, 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 June 2, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. June 2, 2010 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3- 0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Shawn Haughn of 6976 Waterloo Road Northwest was present. He has informally talked to Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher over the past few years. He is concerned about the speed limit of 50mph on Waterloo Road Northwest between Winchester and Hill Road there is a 0.8 mile stretch with three curves that you cannot see around. It has become very dangerous.

Mr. Haughn wanted to go on record that he asked the Trustees to look at this 0.8 mile stretch of road to see if they can get the speed limit reduced because there have been too many accidents that have occurred and he said there have never been any accident reports done. Mr. Haughn said they did do a road study a year ago and there were over 2000 cars per day.

Mr. Dunlap said we can take a look at this and do a preliminary count again and see what the speeds are before they go ahead and do an official speed study. If they go ahead with an official speed study, whatever it shows is what they have to post.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Haughn if the curves were posted. Mr. Haughn said not every curve is posted. There are three curves and there is also a one lane bridge that is being replaced by the County. Mr. Weltlich said we will put out the counters that will tell you the speed limit and the time of day. Mr. Weltlich also asked if Mr. Haughn was being passed on the right, the left or both. He said they were passing him on the left.

Mr. Butcher said he is confident the speed limit between Waterloo and Winchester is 55 mph and south of Winchester is 50 mph. Secondly when they met for the replacement of the bridge they had passed a resolution asking the County Engineer to review signage and give us guidance. It has been about a year and we have not gotten it. Mr. Butcher suggested the "ball bank" test needs to be done. Mr. Yapple will check on this. The Trustees asked if Chief Perrigo would have a problem with doing a spot check in that area around 2:30 am when the Tavern closes. Chief Perrigo replied that he would arrange this.

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County Authorities:

Chief Perrigo reported they had an all time record high of 253 inmates. Meetings are still going on for the fireworks at Buckeye Lake.

Mr. Dunlap said if they were considering that northwest corner of Main and Memorial Drive and south of the Marathon Station they need to do some testing to check soil stability because from 1800 up through about 1930 this was the Lancaster City Dump.

Chief Perrigo said they are looking for a new jail. Mr. Weltlich asked how much they spent last year on prisoners. Chief Perrigo said they are on target for one million dollars.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported he had just returned from the 3rd trip to the Command Training Center.

Chief Eisel reported the new medic has arrived and is being equipped right now. The new vehicle maintenance truck has arrived as well. Doc is working on these.

Chief passed out the May accident report. We did have a training accident with one of our people in June.

Chief Eisel said we reviewed all the quotes for the fire alarms that were given to us and the lowest was provided by South Central and we feel this would be the best 'bang for the buck'. We would like to upgrade the fire alarm system at station 2 which is the original system and still has all the original devices in the building. This will now be an addressable system. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-03 – Installation of a Fire Alarm System at Station 591 and Fire Alarm System Upgrade at Station 592. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-03 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported the next resolution was for replacing our mobile unit computers in our vehicles. They budgeted \$25,000.00 this year to do this. This year we are able to do 5 of the Itronics general dynamics computers, which we switched from Motorola last year and they have held up very well. The price for the 5 includes docking stations and a 3 year warranty on them. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-04 – Mobile Vehicle Computer Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-04 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel will be traveling with our IT consultant to Orange Township in Delaware, Ohio. They have the Smart Board system in place and before we move forward with that we want to ask questions. They have multiple stations as we do and they have done some things with their monitors throughout their station that we want to look at.

Jim Holcomb is in North Carolina now. His last official date won't be until August. We have posted the vacancy for his position. We had an internal candidate that is very interested. Chief Eisel will communicate a recommendation to the Trustees.

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Also Tim White had brought in a letter from OP&F that his case is supposed to be heard the week of June 30th. Hopefully this will be wrapped up as well. He is continuing to go through rehab and he is in good spirits.

Mr. Myers reported he and Mr. Yapple had attended the Flag Burning Ceremony at the Grange. They asked Mr. Myers to say a few words. Mr. Myers told the crowd that next year the 'Grange' people may not be here, but the Township will figure out a way to help the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts do a flag burning ceremony. Mr. Myers wanted to turn this duty over to Chief Eisel. Mr. Yapple said he had spoken to John Price and he said they would still like to coordinate this but they just need a location to do it.

Mr. Yapple said that they are having some problems with their insurance company. We will pick up the insurance no later than July 1 and they will reimburse us for this to get through the year.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief Eisel had spoken to the broker regarding the MECC combination on insurance. Chief Eisel said he had communicated with him and explained to him that we had just renewed and we would get with him for next years cycle. We would need to have a meeting with the players to determine if there would be interest to move forward. Mr. Weltlich suggested a meeting with the MECC entities.

Mr. Weltlich said he had held a second training accident reenactment of the accident with Heather. Mr. Weltlich and Heather both agree that the uneven concrete surface condition was the root cause. Mr. Weltlich said that Chief Eisel owes him a containment, corrective action and preventative action. Mr. Weltlich did not get an official accident report.

Mr. Dunlap reported he read a nice article in the paper about Battalion Chief Taylor where they rescued 9 little ducklings out of the sewer.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Shelly Company has called him saying they want to start the pavement repairs. They will start with finishing the second half of Chevington Woods north and what they had started last year.

Mr. Butcher will meet with Columbia Gas on the Busey Road Culvert Replacement to make sure we are both on the same page.

MR. Butcher reported Kokosing has started some of their intersection work on SR204.

Mr. Butcher reported he had some traffic counts in Woodsfield. The average speed over a one week period (from Wednesday to Wednesday) ranged from about 24 to about 26 mph average. The 85th percentile speed was (what the traffic engineer theorists with what the public feels safe) was about 32 mph. He has not taken this data any further as he wanted to get input from the Trustees. He intends to get more traffic counts on the circle closer to Butterfield. He and Bill had a discussion about target enforcement. Mr. Yapple said the Sergeant would participate and send a cruiser out when she could and target enforcement and do what we ask for.

The question came up about target enforcement. Chief Perrigo said they try to leave it up to the Deputy's discretion.

Mr. Butcher said they will identify target enforcement areas on the existing target enforcement signs and then get with Sergeant Duval.

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Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher could do an individual data points. Mr. Butcher said no but he could get a range.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Butcher looked at the drainage issue in Glenshire. Mr. Butcher said he had received a call about a storm sewer collapsing. More times than not this is a small sink hole but here we have a 3 foot diameter plastic pipe that has totally collapsed midway between the inlet and the outlet. It is totally collapsed from the top. The full pipe runs about 100 to 120 feet and Mr. Butcher said there is about half of that that needs replaced. Mr. Butcher asked for a motion for authorization of his department to move forward and get this replaced. This is not the county maintenance drainage district. Mr. Butcher said the path runs between the houses and the creek and there is a headwall on the house side of the path. It jumps over the path and then down into the creek. This is directly between two houses and close to a beautiful blue spruce and right through a beautifully landscaped area. There are two pipes coming in to a manhole and a big pipe coming out. The big pipe is what has failed. It is about 25 ft. inside the sidewalk (is where the manhole is). Mr. Butcher said the cost should not exceed \$5,000.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion A2010-0616 to authorize Mr. Butcher to repair the drainage issue at a cost of up to \$5,000. If he needs more than that he can come back and ask for it. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: None. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2010-0616 is approved 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich went back to the 'speeding issue' and asked if there were any 'caution children playing' signs in the township. Mr. Butcher said that we do have some of those in inventory and we do have some in other sub divisions. Mr. Butcher said the State does not recognize these anymore and the Ohio Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices and he is not sure why but they say 'slow children at play'. Mr. Dunlap said the State discouraged those signs because it could encourage the children to play on the street and created more of an issue.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported he attended a public hearing for Lancaster Public Transit. Ridership of the bus has been increasing since the first of the year. They will keep monitoring those numbers. They are looking at changing some things. Carrie Woody will be back with in late August to see if we want to participate again. Mr. Dunlap asked if Ms. Woody was tracking the numbers are they tracking how many are City of Pickerington versus Violet Township. Mr. Yapple did not know but he will ask the question.

Mr. Yapple reported there was a meeting about workers compensation costs for 2011. We went into a special program this year to reduce our costs. We should be down \$40,000 over next year under where our costs are this year. We need to continue to monitor the rest of this year. There are some issues as to how we get into the program next year.

There were several legislative updates from MORPC. They won't be back into session until about November 15th at the earliest.

The hearing for the July 7 budget will be advertised. It will be available for the public on June 28th.

Mr. Yapple handed out information regarding a liquor seminar on liquor control. Mr. Yapple will be attending on June 30th to help communities understand on what to do on permit withholds.

Mr. Butcher has had a phone call from the property owner, Mr. Price, regarding the tree issue on Waterton Drive. Mr. Butcher referred him to Mr. Morehart. Mr.

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Dunlap suggested that if anyone gets any calls regarding this to refer them to our Law Director.

Mr. Yapple met with the Engineer and the Architect yesterday on the Dog Park. Mr. Yapple took plans to the City of Pickerington on the culvert and the handicap walkways for them to look at. He will have the information back by the first of next week. Mr. Yapple reminded Mr. Butcher that we need to keep track of what was spent and charge it to the Dog Park as far as equipment and such.

Mr. Yapple took back comments from Canal Winchester to the architect on Busey Road Park. We will not get something back for about 3 weeks and then we will submit back to Canal Winchester for final drawing.

The Service Center retention pond has all its soil in it. We plan to plant the plants the last week of June depending on the weather.

Mr. Yapple needs to discuss some issues with Chad on the NPDS permit which will be filed next year. We need to do a few outreach programs and it needs to be started before we get much further into the fall season.

Mr. Yapple passed out information about FEMA and the CERT training that was done in Violet Township. There is also a nice article about the heavy rescue equipment.

Mr. Yapple received a handwritten letter with no name or address on it. There was a complaint about a truck on Silverbrook in the Ashley Creek sub division. There were tags on it and it was legally parked so there was nothing we could do about it.

Mr. Dehlendorf has an option to purchase on the Bickel property on Stemen Road which was a zoning PD that was taken about 4 and a half years ago. The PD time runs out in October of this year. They will request an extension that will be heard on July 21st.

Karen Mantia and Mr. Yapple have agreed to help with the reception for Bill Vance, the new City Manager for Pickerington on July 15th from 4 – 6 pm at Park Alley.

There was a request from Canal Winchester for a donation for Labor Day. In the past we have stayed at about \$500 for this event.

Mr. Myers asked where we are at on Mamie Drive. Mr. Yapple said notices have been sent and we have all the information back. They have never contacted us. One bank notified us that they sold the loan to someone else. We have all the certified green cards back. The next step is to hire someone to go in and clean up.

Mr. Weltlich asked if anything was new on the broadband project. Mr. Yapple said we have still not heard from the Grant Request. We do have an interested financier at a ½% on the total cost. He may be able to get us some local funding that we were told we could not get.

Mr. Weltlich asked the gentleman in the audience (Rob Little of 12263 Butterfield Drive) if he had a chance to do some surveying in his neighborhood to talk about rumble strips. Mr. Little reported that three people said they did not like the noise but they would get used to it. Two people said they did not care either way and one person said they did not want it. He had intended on going around to his entire circle but has not had the opportunity. He will continue to make it a point to get to each one of his neighbors. Mr. Dunlap said there were specific uses

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that these rumble strips are for and he wants to find out if they can even put them down in this area before they go further. The majority of the people in his subdivision want to make it a safer place. Mr. Dunlap suggested looking into putting in reflectors on those curves. We still need to get another traffic count.

Mr. Yapple explained we just changed our health insurance and this quantifies what we have done to date. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-01 – Health Insurance Coverage. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-01 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-02 - Authorize Director of Operations to Declare 1998 Taurus Excess Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this would be sealed bid. Mr. Yapple said we will not put a minimum on it. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-05 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Vacant Lots in Winding Creek owned by DBI Land Company. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-06 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Vacant Lots in Winding Creek owned by Diyanni Brothers Inc. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Yapple explained this is a vacant lot and the neighbors asked for it to be mowed. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-07 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds on 9205 Cotswold. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-07 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-08 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds on 9670 Schoolhouse Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-08 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-09– To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds at 10095 Wright Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-09 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0616-10 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds at 6945 Pickerington Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0616-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Yapple announced that of ten noxious weeds resolutions passed at the last meeting, there were only two that we ordered mowed; so, the weed notices have done some good.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

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Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported we it is budget season. He said the county told him that our income would be flat for 2010 and will be steady to slightly increased next year. They will not decrease. We will be using this year's numbers when Mr. Smith puts the budget together this year. Mr. Dunlap asked if anyone said anything about State money. Mr. Smith said he spoke to someone and they said the information flow is not as good. They won't start talking about the budget yet. Mr. Smith said if he doesn't hear anything he will just cut ours in half and we will roll with that.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Myers attended a DAC meeting – District Advisory Council. They turned down the contract proposal with the City of Lancaster because it was figured per capita instead of per valuation. They want everyone to pay by the same method.

Mr. Yapple said there is a group of folks in the state of Ohio that is an association of all the health departments. Their comments were basically if the DAC goes away and we don't pass their budget the State will come in but they may put us with another county. It will get funded. Mr. Yapple said the people that voted for the DAC have been involved for the last five years. Those that voted against it have not been involved in the last five years.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

July 4th Parade at 6pm on July 4th. All three Trustees and the Fire Trucks will be in the parade.

Old Business:

None

Table Business:

None

New Business:

None

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. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 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: _____