

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 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; Doug Barr, Assistant Chief; Bill Yaple, 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 July 7, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. July 7, 2010 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3- 0.**

#### **Recognition of Guests:**

None

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **County Authorities:**

Carrie Woody, Public Transit Administrator, City of Lancaster was present. She thanked the Trustees for their involvement in the Transportation Summit. Ms. Woody went over the quarterly updates with the Trustees. The tracking is based on origin. To determine if the riders originate in Pickerington or Violet Township, she said they have a map and the operations manager determines this. The ridership is from children up to elderly and everything in between.

Ms. Woody wanted to know if the Trustees wanted to continue this service. They would need a commitment either by Resolution or on letterhead by no later than October when they apply for Federal Funding. Mr. Dunlap asked how they were promoting their services. They have done things through Zip Pac mailing and personally attending county wide meetings and meeting with present sponsors.

#### **Departmental Reports:**

##### **Fire Department**

Chief Eisel reported he met with the folks at Diley Ridge. The first year projection was 25 patients a day. They are up to an average of 55 patients a day. Their record base patients a day has been 85.

It is the time of the year to purchase the turnout gear. The Fire Department want to purchase 15 sets at a cost not to exceed \$26,895.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0721-01 – Turnout Gear Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0721-01 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported the committee is recommending four individuals to join as volunteers. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0721-06 – Firefighter Resignation. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr.**

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**Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0721-06 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief reported they had a meeting with the Pickerington Police Department regarding planning for the upcoming Violet Festival.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Chief spoke to Heather regarding flexibility Chief said she was good with it and she is actually going to conduct a test that deals with agility and helps measure flexibility.

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher has been working on a letter to ODOT regarding our support for the Far East Freeway Study. The City of Pickerington has already sent an email from the City Engineer to District 6 out of Delaware. Mr. Butcher emailed the letter to the Trustees for their comment. Mr. Butcher advocated that I-270, I-70 and Brice and I-70 be analyzed heavily.

Mr. Butcher reported we have had requests from Liberty Township and Walnut Township for Road Grindings and this is why our stock pile has shrunk.

Mr. Butcher has a few curve signs up on Waterloo Road. He has finished the traffic and speed counts and has passed on the information to resident Shawn Haughn.

Mr. Butcher has gotten with Chief Eisel and looked at the slab to repair the ramps at Station 1.

Paving is completed. The only thing left is Wagram Road and Harmon Road striping.

Busey Road Culvert Replacement showed our work is complete in the middle; however the easement extends from 25 feet on one side to 25 feet on another side. Columbia Gas is interested in what we are doing and want to be out there when a 'shovel is turning'. Mr. Butcher thinks there is room for negotiation about extending rip rap to the south and they want to do an inspection of the pipe. Mr. Butcher met with Columbia Gas and talked to the contractor. We have not done a formal resolution to hire them. **Mr. Butcher asked for a motion C2010-0721 to hire Rock River Construction to Perform Busey Road Culvert Replacement at their bid Price of \$95,072.50. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Motion C2010-0721 to Hire Rock River Construction to Perform Busey Road Culvert Replacement at their Bid Price of \$95,072.50. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion C2010-0721 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Butcher had any luck in contacting the ODOT Director in Lancaster with regards to Taylor Road. Mr. Butcher advised that he had.

Mr. Yapple asked if there was any conversation with this gentleman regarding the signage on Kings Crossing about Columbus straight ahead. Mr. Butcher said we have had consistent trucks getting turned around on south side of SR33 back on Diley and Waterloo Eastern. He thinks their directions say they are going to Diley Road and they take the turn to Diley and Mr. Butcher met with ODOT foreman and explained the situation and asked for some directional time to keep the semi trucks out of our residential neighborhoods. More importantly, there are no real roads or a place for these trucks to turn around. Mr. Butcher had asked him to look at the whole global interchange and had mentioned concern on Kindes Crossing and had asked him to look at it. Mr. Butcher thinks they will help us out and he pledged to get back to Mr. Butcher on the issue.

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Mr. Weltlich asked if we were done with the Glenshire pipe. Mr. Butcher said the installation is done and he has spoken with both residents. He also explained we may have to come back next year they will and he will be sending a letter about future maintenance. They are happy.

Mr. Butcher was to write up a letter to residents of Countrywood about the August 3 hearing. He has not done that yet as he is not sure what they are doing. The majority of the residents have Shenandoah Circle addresses. We have to figure this out and will ask the County Engineer to put it in simple terms. Mr. Butcher just wants to make sure what is going on. Mr. Yapple said it probably won't be discussed at the Auditors office until it gets re-mapped.

Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Butcher was going to get with Columbia Gas to find out if they are going to charge us or wait until the end of the job. Mr. Butcher said our grant is for \$108,000. Columbia Gas wants our contractor to uncover their pipe.

Mr. Weltlich asked Chief Eisel if he had gotten an update on Tim White. Chief said they received a final letter accepting the offer. He will be retiring effective August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Mr. Dunlap returned to the 'Public Comment' portion of the meeting as a resident had just come in. Mr. James Blair of 9268 Circle Drive East NW in Mingo wondering when his street would be paved. Mr. Dunlap explained that every year we evaluate the streets and determine which streets need paved. We are done with this years paving. He asked if his street would be re-considered next year. Mr. Blair said he has lived here since 2003 and his street had never been paved. Mr. Dunlap explained we have to pave what really needs it worst first. We would like to pave every street but we just can't. Mr. Dunlap said we would evaluate each street that is not been paved this year again next year and see which ones need attention.

Mr. Blair added that he is concerned about a large number of dogs and the noise at a residence near to him. Mr. Dunlap will check it out.

**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple reported there will be Damage Assessment class FEMA will put on for Fairfield counties on September 15, 2010 from 830 to 10 am. Greg will be attending.

NIMS testing is coming back around again and all Trustees will have to take the test again.

Mr. Yapple reported we did some non-maintained status for Joy Ave. After investigating there were some changes to the ORC and they are saying we have to have two public hearings. They have been scheduled for August 4 and August 18.

The Violet Festival Parade is Friday, July 30th. The Fiscal Officer, and Trustee Dunlap and Trustee Myers will be in the parade. They will just have the pickup truck in the parade. They will use the other trucks in September.

Mr. Yapple talked about the Green Pack of Central Ohio. If we would sign to be a green pack member, there are no membership fees. If we would sign to be a green pack member we could get carbon footprints of the Township building at no cost to the Township and there is no membership fees. It also looks at ways we can reduce our electricity and natural resource uses.

Mr. Yapple met with Mr. Rafeld regarding the Dog Park. A few more changes were made such as the location of the water hydrant and fencing. One of the

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Trustees can sit down with them to see if they concur with what we are doing. Mr. Yaple received comments back from the City of Pickerington on the Dog Park. They have been sent to the Engineer. Brenda wants us to go to a single culvert.

Mr. Yaple received the engineering changes back to give to Mr. Butcher to review on the Busey Road Park so he can forward on to Canal Winchester.

Mr. Yaple reported we had one single family permit so far this year at an estimated construction cost of \$800,000. We had 21 other permits for residential and 4 commercial permits for the quarter.

Starting August 2<sup>nd</sup> Basil Western Road will be closed for 3 weeks. Allen Road will not be passable at that point.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0721-02 – Resolution Requesting the Auditor of Fairfield County, Ohio to Certify to Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Subdivision and the Dollar Amount of Revenue to be Generated by a New Levy. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0721-02 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Yaple explained the following paperwork was to file for the August 1 deadline for putting a levy on the ballot. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0721-05 – Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Yaple explained a survey will be run this weekend and results should be back by next Wednesday. If the survey comes out negative it may not be put on the ballot. You would have to come back for a new certificate if you go up or down on the millage. Mr. Weltlich commented that to him the survey will tell us whether we have a negative receptivity or a positive receptivity by the citizens. **We can either continue to vote or by agreement we could table to a special meeting to be held either on July 30 or August 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on when the survey is done. Mr. Myers moved to table. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Dunlap moved to amend Resolution 2010-0721-05 that would continue with the vote but it not be authorized to be submitted to the Board of Elections until we have the result of the survey. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pass Resolution 2010-0721-05 subject to the results of the survey being obtained on or before the first of August and having a special meeting on the first of August so we can take action if we go to the Board of Elections. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0721-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion that the Resolution 2010-0721-05 not be presented to the Board of Elections until the results of the election have been completed either on July 30<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup> and we hold a special meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm to review the results of the survey and either send it down or not send it down. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion D2010-0721 passes 3-0.**

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to hire Thomas C. Sawyer, Ph. D to do Survey of Violet Township Residents at a Cost not to Exceed \$7500.00. Seconded**

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by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2010-0721 passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to Accept Bid from Harold J. Becker at a cost not to exceed \$5200 for Snowguards. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2010-0721 passes 3-0.

Mr. Smith asked the Chairman to take care of the meeting minutes before he spoke since it had been delayed.

Mr. Weltlich had made the motion to adopt the minutes of 7-7-10 Budget Hearing Minutes without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made the motion to adopt the minutes of the 7-12-10 continuation of the Budget Hearing Minutes without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

**Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported he took the 2011 Budget down to Mr. Laramée last Tuesday. Our Budget Hearing is on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm.

We will transfer some money into Mingo Estates and also into the building fund in order to fund some additional improvements and tie up some loose ends.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0721-03 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0721-03 is adopted 3-0.

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting. Mr. Weltlich also reported there were discussions regarding the annexation objection. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion that we authorize Mr. Yapple to pull back the Objection when and if appropriate at the time of commissioners hearing. In other words if the annexation agreement works out and the issues we objected to are corrected then Mr. Yapple would have the authority to pull the objection. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked who was doing the negotiations. Mr. Yapple and Wanda Carter will be doing negotiations with the City of Pickerington. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Motion E2010-0721 passes 3-0.**

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 – 11:00 am Public Hearing (Countrywood) Lancaster. There will be more than one Trustee at the Violet Festival Parade on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

**Old Business:**

None

**Table Business:**

None

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**New Business:**

Mr. Myers respectively asked to be excused from the meeting during this discussion on Resolution **2010-0721-04 – Request for Extension of Development Plan for Woodland Ranch PD.** Mr. Yapple explained this plan was approved 5 years ago. The owner sent in a letter and asked for an extension as by record if he has to. It does not take a hearing to approve the extension. The normal extension in the past has been five years. Mr. Dunlap recommended we stay with the five year precedent that we have already established. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0721-04 – Request for Extension of Development Plan for Woodland Ranch PD. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0721-04 is adopted 2-0.**

Mr. Yapple reported we have seen a tremendous amount of the blue pools or (temporary type) pools going in the Township. Our code currently says if it is 15” in depth and 15 ft. in diameter has to have a fence around it period. It also says they have to have a permit to have that pool because even though it is inflatable it still has several things that need to be checked. We are trying to get an article about this in the August run of the Pickerington Magazine. This is an enforcement issue right now. Mr. Yapple said that this office is not discouraging or encouraging this type of pool. The most the Township can do would be to adjust the fees. The fence is required in the zoning code. The Trustees will address the fees on this issue after the Board of Zoning Appeals has addressed it.

**Pay Bills:**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_