

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 18, 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 August 4, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. August 4, 2010 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 2- 0.**

**Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing for non-maintained Joy Avenue meeting of August 4, 2010 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. August 4, 2010 Public Hearing minutes approved. 2- 0.**

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

None

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **County Authorities:**

Postponed until later in the meeting.

#### **Departmental Reports:**

##### **Fire Department**

Chief Eisel reported on the storm that came through last week. They had two working fires simultaneously within 45 seconds of each other. The most significant one (size wise) was the one at Toll Gate Middle School. Chief Eisel gave everyone credit for stepping in. He also credited the MECC Center for they had their Station 132 at our Station 592 and they did actual runs for us.

Chief Eisel will be leaving next Tuesday to go to the International Chief Conference in Chicago.

Chief Eisel had three resolutions to present to the Trustees. The first one is to officially accept Jim Holcomb's retirement and to keep him reclassified to part time status. He would like to stay on the State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Board and to complete his term up till the first of the year he still has to actively be employed. He will be back once a month for those board meetings.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0818-01 – Jim Holcomb Retirement/Reclassification to Part Time Status. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, sadly yes. Resolution 2010-0818-01 is adopted 3-0.**

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The second resolution was for a Smart Board System purchase. One of the stations does not have a multi media camera and Chief Eisel reported this would allow you to track certain areas (in a time of disaster) and track progress. The cost is \$7850.00 for all three stations. The largest one would go in to Station 2. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0818-02 – Hire Firefighter/Paramedic. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-02 is adopted 3-0**

Chief Eisel would like to attend the Train the Trainer program starting September 15. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0818-09 – Fire Department Training. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-09 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked Chief Eisel to pass on our sincere appreciation and commendation for the way his staff handled the fire at the school.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any progress made at the intersection of Pickerington Rd. and Basil Western Road.

Busey Road where the accident to our Battalion Chief's vehicle occurred. Chief has not heard back from Greg Bachman.

Mr. Dunlap returned back to County Authorities so that Chief Deputy Perrigo could speak.

Chief Deputy Perrigo reported there had been some excitement in the jail. Someone had a lighter and started a small fire.

Detective Ervin will be leaving and the Sheriff's Department is working on replacing him.

Mr. Yapple asked if everyone was automatically in the reverse 911. Chief Deputy Perrigo said it has all the phone numbers in Fairfield County from the phone system in it. There will be an ability to sign up for your cell phone or it will also send text messages if you sign up. It will call 20,000 in 20 minutes. Chief Eisel said there should be a link on our website for wireless for people to call.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to recess the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for non-maintained Joy Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.**

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

**Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported he received a call regarding renovations to the schools due to the fire and access to the newly configured buildings.

Mr. Butcher had sent an email to the Trustees about signs for speed control. Mr. Dunlap thought we had asked Mr. Anderson to get us signs when they had them made.

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Mr. Butcher reported he met with Greg Bachman last week on bike trails.

The front slab at Station 1 is completed.

We have been mowing road right-of-ways this week.

There was a pre-construction meeting last Friday for the Busey Road Culvert Replacement. Mr. Butcher, Mr. Yaple and Mr. Dunlap all attended. A lot of questions were answered. Scheduled start date is after Labor Day. Mr. Butcher has contacted Peterman to let them know this would be happening.

We are working on finalizing signs for Safe Routes to Schools.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution to increase the clothing allowance for the Road Department to \$250 per employee. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0818-05 – Clothing Allowance – Road Department Employees. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0818-07 – Reimbursement to Columbia Gas Transmission for Inspection Services – Busey Road Culvert Replacement Project. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-07 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked about ODOT and the Blacklick Eastern Road off ramp. He said they had not done anything and wondered if that meant there is no hope that they will ever do anything? Mr. Weltlich said he did not see any change and feels ODOT 'renege'd on their commitment. Mr. Butcher said he did not see anything that would prevent them from completing the work they had promised to complete that has been ongoing. Mr. Butcher will continue to 'fight the fight'. Mr. Weltlich wants to build a paper trail so that when there is an accident there we can say that we did give them the opportunity to prevent this and they did not.

**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yaple reported he put a letter in the Trustees boxes from a resident regarding pools and the permit costs. Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yaple to respond to the resident.

We have a motion to move the charges for the Mamie Drive nuisance.

Mr. Yaple reminded the Trustees that Carrie Woody from Lancaster Public Transit would be coming back to the Trustees in September/October timeframe to talk about dollar amounts for her grant application. Our usage is about half of what the usage is in the City of Pickerington. Mr. Weltlich had told her we were very disconcerted that monies are the same as the City of Pickerington but yet we only have half the usage. The return is not counted as a trip. Only one way is counted. We need consider what number we are going to give them this year.

Next month Mr. Yaple will have a resolution for the lighting in Eastchester. The contract is up in December and the assessment is the same as it was a year ago.

Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Butcher will be attending the Damage Assessment class on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are still working on some things at the substation. Plumbing got done this week and we still have to put in some handrail.

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The culvert size for the Dog Park has been decided. Mr. Yapple has received opinions from the attorneys. If they buy the fence it can be however they want to do it. They can buy it for \$20,000. Mr. Yapple reported that he had heard that Carolyn Adams was in a serious car accident and she had back surgery. He did not know the prognosis. Mr. Dunlap said that we need to do some research on signage for the Dog Park.

Comments are back from Canal Winchester on the Busey Road Park.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-0818-04 – Clothing Allowance – Administrative Offices. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-04 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-0818-06 – Authorize an Agreement for Costs Concerning Safe Routes to School Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-06 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-0818-08 – Resolution Authorizing Township Board of Trustees to Enter in Annexation Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-08 is adopted 3-0.**

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to approve Motion A2010-0818 - Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87(C) the Board of Trustees of Violet Township, Fairfield County Ohio approves the expenses incurred for the abatement, control or removal of the nuisances at the property located at 6185 Mamie Drive. The Board agrees to pay such costs from the Township's General Fund. A written report will be provided to the Fairfield County Auditor which includes a statement of all expenses incurred for the abatement, control or removal of the nuisances and such expenses shall be entered upon the tax list and duplicate as a lien on the property and shall be collected as other taxes and shall be returned to the township and placed in the Township's General fund. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2010-0818 passes 3-0.**

In response to Mr. Weltlich's inquiry, Mr. Butcher reported on the storm sewer collapse on Waterton Drive in the Glenshire subdivision. He stated that camera work had been contracted and performed. The collapsed storm sewer is 30 inches in diameter. The collapse is likely unrelated to the utilities on top of the sewer as previously reported. Two manholes were discovered that had been covered with dirt. One has been uncovered. This has led to the conclusion that the sewer collapse is bigger in scope than first described. The collapsed sewer is part of a main line.

Mr. Butcher stated that he would meet with the respective utility companies to devise a strategy for repairing the sewer.

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Discussion ensued regarding the potential magnitude of future storm sewer repairs in Glenshire. Additionally, discussion involved the fact that a portion of the subdivision is within a County Drainage Maintenance District; the area of the current collapse is not.

Mr. Dunlap asked if once a subdivision's public improvements are accepted, who is responsible for maintaining them? He stated in his opinion, Township's are only responsible for maintaining the streets. Mr. Yaple will review and report back.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported they have sent out request for proposals for replacing PNC Bank.

We paid the Shelly bill tonight and it is just short of \$940,000. He and Greg and Bill have met on how to pay this. Historically we pay this bill much later which enables us to use more of the supplemental funds that we have. We are able to pay it tonight in full. He commended Bill and Greg for working together and making this happen.

Mr. Smith put a list of donations we have made. They stand at \$19,375. They will consider \$5000 at a later date for the Pickerington Food Pantry. He will not support unless they show them the financial need. They are doing very well right now.

Over the last 18 months we have carried a considerably high balance in our checking account. We actually make more money in our checking account with PNC. Star Ohio is the easiest to liquidate. This is why we carry a higher balance in our checking account. Mr. Weltlich recommended Mr. Smith meet with Heidi Fought of the Ohio Township Association because we need to apply pressure to legislatures to let us liquefy our investment. Mr. Yaple said that he has talked to Ms. Fought about this but doesn't know if they will pick it up.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-0818-03 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2010-0818-03 is adopted 3-0.**

### **Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Myers attended a City Council meeting last night and asked them about a donation for the wall for Central High School and they did come up with \$1400.

Mr. Weltlich had asked Mr. Yaple to ask Legal Counsel about impact fees in Warren County, Hamilton Township. The status is the court decided in favor of the Township and the conclusion came out 2 weeks ago. They have 40 days to file an appeal with the Supreme Court of The State of Ohio. They have not made that file. The Assistant Administrator thinks they will appeal. We don't know if they will come up with enough money to fight the case. In 2004 there was a gentleman from Baltimore, Maryland that spoke to us about impact fees and that is who Hamilton Township used.

Mr. Yaple met with a consultant that claims there is money out there for bike trails. We are lacking that we do not have a current written plan adopted showing what we plan to do. They will do a master plan for around \$7000.

### **Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

None

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**Old Business:**

None

**Table Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Pay Bills:**

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

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, 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: \_\_\_\_\_