

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 20, 2011

Regular Meeting

Chairman Weltlich called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer, Christopher Smith called the roll and Mr. Weltlich, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Myers were present. Other Township employees present were: Township Engineer, Greg Butcher, Director of Operations, Bill Yapple and Fire Chief John Eisel were also in attendance.

Mr. Weltlich 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. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of April 6, 2011 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. April 6, 2011 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Gregg Marx of 301 Scott Drive, Lancaster was present. Mr. Marx explained he is a candidate for the Prosecuting Attorney of Fairfield County.

Public Comment:

Dean Irish of 8110 Blacklick Eastern Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He asked Mr. Marx about a meeting they had specifically he had said he was going to assign alleged violations that they believed were committed in 2006. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap clarified that Mr. Irish needed to address issues to the Trustees and not direct them to Mr. Marx. Mr. Irish explained that Mr. Marx came to the Trustees asking for their support as he will be running for Fairfield County Prosecutor. Mr. Irish said he had questions and hoped that the Trustees had questions as well as to his ability to perform based on the information they have received on the lack of performance they have witnessed on his part. Mr. Weltlich stated this was not the right 'venue' to be addressing this as the appointment would be made by the Central Committee of Fairfield County. Mr. Irish stated that the best he could state at this time was that he would have to refute Mr. Marx's comments in terms of his ability to perform as our Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney.

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. There was discussion on the old SCI building to take care of their 'overflow' prisoners. The idea is instead of sending the prisoners to seven different counties to keep them all in Fairfield County. The building should house from 70 to 85 prisoners.

There was discussion about GIS cost. Mr. Yapple explained that the county wide overall project went from \$97,000 to \$330,000 from 2009 to 2011. However, our portion of the cost will only be slightly increased.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department:

Chief Eisel reported they honored firefighter Brett Bowen at the annual Blue Coat Award dinner as the 2011 Blue Coat honoree.

Chief Eisel will be out of town for a few days in Washington to attend the International Fire Chiefs meeting.

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Chief Eisel stated he had heard many comments regarding last night's weather events and the sirens going off/not going off and the weather events that had occurred. These are outdoor warning sirens and were designed strictly to alert you if you were outdoors hence the name 'outdoor warning siren'. A lot of people in the community are disgruntled because it didn't wake them up. The decibel levels are not and have never been designed for that and the best line of defense you can have is one of the weather radios. The Fire Departments have them and they will even set them up for the customer.

Mr. Myers asked if the stove got moved today. Chief had not talked to Ron about it yet but Mr. Myers did see them over there.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported there was some damage in the south end of the Township from last night's storm. We only had two trees down in the right-of-way. One on Lockville and one on Allen Road between 33 and Carroll Northern.

Mr. Butcher reported he and Joy Davis met with the Deputy Director and the Planning Engineer Administrator at ODOT to find out what was going on from their standpoint and direct some previous concerns we have had here that perhaps had not been addressed by previous administration. We discussed Taylor Road, safe routes to schools, I-70 SR33 (various access points) and the Far East Freeway Study. They complimented the Township.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Dunlap were out last week looking at different paving surfaces throughout the County. Mr. Butcher will be putting together some options to give to the Trustees next meeting.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution with the Safe Routes to Schools Project. It is a standard requirement that ODOT needs. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0420-02 – Safe Routes to Schools-Violet-Preliminary Legislation. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0420-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers asked if Doty Road had been completed. Mr. Butcher said it was about 90% complete.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported Mr. Butcher met with the folks at the Dog Park. The minutes of that meeting were attached. They hope to have the fence done in the next few days. The only comment on the rules the dog folks didn't like was they were afraid the dogs might get entangled with each other if they are off the leash with the choker collars.

Mr. Yapple reported on April 30th from 9 till noon at the Maintenance Building on Center Street will be the prescription drug and electronics collection. There will also be shredding sponsored by Diley Ridge Medical Center. It was recommended that if anyone brings in a computer that they take out the hard drive first.

There is a rain barrel workshop that Fairfield County Soil and Water is putting on to help people understand more about conserving water. This will happen on May 14th at the Violet Township Administration building.

Mr. Butcher will be attending the viewing on the Taylor Road Bridge Replacement.

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We have had 3 single family homes and 3 for the year. Construction costs about 1 million dollars. We had one commercial permit and 17 other permits year to date.

We will have a chance to verify information in the next 6 months regarding the census count.

May 11th, May 18th and May 25th is drug training for all employees at Station 592.

Pickerington North asked us to purchase our ad as we did for them last year.

On April 27th is the annual tax credit review at Canal Winchester if anyone wants to attend. Joy will be going. Mr. Yaple will be there part of the day.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to advertise with Pickerington North Athletic Boosters as we did for Central High School. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2011-0420 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked where we stood with the last siren on the Boyer property off of Pickerington Road. Mr. Yaple has to hear back from Bob Clark from the EMA.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the signs on Allen Road. Mr. Yaple stated there was information in the ODOT letter that he has given the Trustees. ODOT is looking at it.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he has requested from our investment partners some state alternatives that are currently outlawed by the ORC. He has asked them to put it in writing.

If anyone needs any more information from Mr. Smith in preparation for our talks regarding pending legislation to let him know.

Mr. Smith reported he had a resolution as there are two supplemental appropriations to be made: 1) for engineering services in regards to Violet Elementary and 2) for our capital asset for road and bridge (to free this up).

Trustee Reports:

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

None

Old Business:

Play-a-palooza - They would like to have the Trustees support and the use of our website. The Trustees agreed to support them for right now and offer them a link to our website and the use of our logo.

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

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Mr. Butcher reported there were two silver maple trees on the north side of Busey Road just west of the culvert we replaced last year. They are in the road right of way and the owner has no objection of them being removed. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve removal of the two trees not to exceed \$4,000. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Additional Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Butcher was able to make contact with Hart regarding another tree on the north side of Busey near the intersection of Woodstream drive. Mr. Butcher said he had not. Mr. Butcher Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion B2011-0420 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Yapple gave the Trustees information about doing some things to the Sheriffs' substation. David Hughes has looked at it and would do a recommendation and suggestions for a fee of what he thinks the building needs to get it back into a condition for longevity purposes. **Mr. Myers made a motion to hire David Hughes to evaluate the Substation at a cost of \$2,000. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion C2011-0420 is adopted 3-0.**

Pay Bills:

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____