

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 6, 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 March 16, 2011 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. March 16, 2011 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3-0.**

**Recognition of Guests:**

Jen Dear of 451 Pruden Drive, Pickerington; Jessica Seipel of 3989 Brightgold Lane, Canal Winchester and Chris Schweitzer of 119 Lone Elk Court, Pickerington were present representing the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce 2011 Leads Class. The project they are doing is called Play-A-Palooza and focus of this event is to offset some of the costs for Pay to Play for Pickerington Local School District will face. The event covers all high school and junior high in the Pickerington Local District. Their goal is to possibly eliminate these fees maybe next year or the year after. They need the support of the community. Ms. Seipel added that they would like to have the support of the Township by also using our logo showing they have our support. Mr. Myers asked about the monies and if it would go through the Chamber. Ms. Dear said a fund has been set up through Fairfield National Bank for any donations, but it would go through a 501C3.

Mr. Weltlich asked what kind of prizes they would be giving away. Mr. Schweitzer said they would be taking 'in kind' contributions. Mr. Weltlich said he would donate plaques. Mr. Weltlich told the group the Trustees would get back to them with their decision.

**Public Comment:**

None

**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department:**

Chief Eisel reported Wasserstrom will be moving the old stove out of the Grange and install it at Station 591 at a cost not to exceed \$850.00.

Chief Eisel presented a Resolution to purchase 20 heart monitors. The Fiscal Officer has a letter ready to go to the other entities who will be participating in this purchase. Chief Eisel touched on some highlights of this purchase; 1) when you are monitoring the patient all of the data is recorded and captured 2) there is a considerable savings on our maintenance agreement as well as upkeep. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0406-01 – Authorize**

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**Purchase of Heart Monitor/Defibrillators. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0406-01 is adopted 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported the committee has gone through their screening process for hiring volunteer firefighters. They are ready to appoint (7) volunteers. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0406-02 – To Appoint New Volunteer Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap said this was the biggest number they have had on volunteers (7) this time. Chief said they normally do about 5 but the committee assured him that all 7 could be handled and are totally committed. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-0406-02 is adopted 3-0.**

**Chief Eisel reported the repairs and enhancements for the Rescue Vehicle No. 592 would come to about \$15,900.00 over and above the insurance company cost. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0406-03 – To Authorize Repairs and Enhancements to Rescue 592. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0406-03 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked about security and times when the bay doors are open and there is no one around. Mr. Dunlap feels we need to have something in mind and would like everyone take a look at this to see what we can do to not have to shut the doors every time but at least have some type of warning that lets us know when someone is coming into the building. The Trustees asked Chief Eisel, Bill and Greg to come up with a plan that might work at all of our locations.

#### **Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported on Safe Routes to Schools. The only update he had from ODOT was they would like to complete the project around Fairfield Elementary by start of school this fall.

Mr. Butcher report his staff has been doing a lot of equipment maintenance transitioning from cold weather/winter activities to warm weather/spring activities such as mowers being serviced for the parks, office and cemeteries. There is some storm sewer and ditch work clean up.

Mr. Butcher reported he has spent a good deal of time in the last few weeks with asphalt emulsion suppliers. Mr. Butcher said we had a lot of conversation at our planning session regarding this and where we have been in the past and where we want to go in the future. We are all concerned about where asphalt prices are headed and in the next few weeks Mr. Butcher wants to make the Trustees aware that it may be time to think 'outside the box' a bit more than we have in the past with some of the technology and things being done in other jurisdictions outside of central Ohio such as northern Ohio, Indiana, southern Michigan. He feels we are to the point where we are not getting as much coverage with our road paving then we have in previous years due to the increase of the materials.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Doty Road had been completed. Mr. Butcher said our part of Doty Road was complete. Liberty Township officials are all on board with what we did.

From Bickell Church south there is not real established drainage. Several years ago we had talked to those owners (some agreed, some disagreed) and we will continue to talk with them and will continue to explore getting the trees on the west side removed and some drainage repaired as we have other tile that is blocked. We are getting standing water in various locations on that road.

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Mr. Yapple added that Mr. Butcher received two letters from District 17. One letter talks about applications for round 25 which will be forthcoming later this year. A date has not been established yet. The other letter talks about last year's round. They did submit the application for Waterloo Road. We should hear something in the next 60 days.

Mr. Weltlich asked about an email the Trustees received from the City of Pickerington about our support for a project on SR256. Mr. Butcher thought there was an argument that this road is traveled by city and township residents. He is not sure this project will even be funded but he feels we should have active conversation about this (particularly the intersection of Stonecreek Drive and SR256). Mr. Weltlich recommended we have discussion with Mr. Bachman and ask him what he wants from us and keep the dialog going.

**Director of Operations**

Mr. Yapple reported the Violet Township Women's League has requested funding as well as Pickerington North After-Prom Committee is asking for funding. The Trustees decided not to contribute at this time.

The Pickerington Lions Club has invited the Trustees to an Open House on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 830 pm.

Mr. Yapple had information that came out from Columbus legal counsel on a Home Rule Handbook. It looks more like a solicitation. The Trustees decided not to request this handbook.

Pickerington Central Athletic Boosters has asked us to advertise again this year in their sports program by doing a half page colored ad. The Trustees authorized advertising the same as last year.

The State of the Region MORPC luncheon is coming about at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Yapple will be attending.

Mr. Yapple reported we received \$17,000 from OTARMA for the water damage at Station 2.

Old Towne Tavern is requesting a modification to the permit they currently hold by going from dual ownership to single listed ownership. The Division of Liquor Control is asking if we want a hearing. We need to say yes or no to a hearing. The Trustees decided not to have a hearing.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to advertise with Pickerington Central Athletic Program. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2011-0406 is adopted 3-0.**

It is time to renew our insurance with OTARMA. The insurance is about \$55,923.50 this year. Last year the cost was \$45,000.00, however we had a 14-15% credit because of longevity with them over so many years. This year there were no reductions.

The City of Canal Winchester has signed off on the Busey Road Park changes.

Mr. Yapple has been in contact with the Dog Park folks regarding the fencing. Pickens will be there within the next ten days to put the fencing in. There are still some trees that need planting. Mr. Yapple is waiting on information from the committee on rules they would like to see so he can get the recommendations for the dog park rules to the Trustees for comment. We still need to buy two water fountains. We have the benches in stock. We will set them once the fences are

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in. There will not be a grand opening until the grass is substantially rooted, the fence is complete and the trees are planted.

Mr. Yapple has asked Mr. Morehart and Ms. Vandervort to set the meeting and when they can meet with us and the deputies and the sheriff's office to discuss the noise ordinance. Mr. Dunlap would like to see a process that every deputy handles when he goes to a 'noise ordinance' call.

Mr. Yapple received the permit back from the County to set the siren on Pickerington Road. EMA and South Central have been notified. Violet Meadows is trying to combine lots. Two of the lots 82 and 83 they are trying to sell. The Trustees will be seeing things from Regional Planning coming through on this.

After June 1 we will look at some final census figures and if it is not right we will have to question this and ask for a resolution to repair our complaint.

Mr. Yapple received notice they will hold a viewing on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the bridge on Tussing on Taylor Road north of interstate 70 at 9am on site viewing and 11am is the hearing at the courthouse.

We received an agreement from the Prosecutor to cooperate with the County Engineer for replacement of the Waterloo Road Bridge. We will handle the loan process through our office. Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher recommend that the Trustees approve this agreement and sign it and forward it back to the County Commissioners for approval. Our share is \$43,000.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept the agreement with the County Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2011-0406 is adopted 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to call the road that is going into Busey Road Park and out the back 'Doug Barr Drive' in memory of Doug. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2011-0406 is adopted 3-0.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith reported since the last meeting the insurance committee interviewed another potential broker for our health insurance.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the committee has discussed how Senate Bill 5 would affect any contracts we may have for insurance. Mr. Smith said that we have asked our current broker about information about Obamacare and how that affects us.

### **Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Weltlich reported he attended a meeting with the Fairfield County Route 33 Alliance. He would like to discuss this in the future with the Trustees.

### **Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

### **Motions to Be Considered:**

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

Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Myers may be attending the Pickerington Lions Club Open House on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **Tabled Business:**

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None

**New Business:**

None

**Pay Bills:**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. 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 8:55 p.m.**

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., Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

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