

Violet Township Board of Trustees

May 18, 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. A silent prayer was optional.

**Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of 05-04-2011. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. 5-4-2011 Regular Trustee minutes approved 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Trustee meeting of April 28, 2011 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. April 28, 2011 Special Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3-0.**

**Recognition of Guests:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department:**

Chief Eisel reported this week the Central Ohio Response Team (which we are a member of) has been training over on Diley Road at Babberts.

Chief Eisel reported that Rescue 592 should be back on the road by Tuesday or Wednesday. Doc said they were very impressed with the repairs.

Chief Eisel reported the second round of Drug Free Training was today and the last one will be Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Chief Eisel reported the Lifepak 15's are in and on the trucks in service. He has been working with Chris Smith on the reimbursements from the different entities.

We are 'gearing up' for what used to be termed as 'stand down week'. This will begin the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be three days full of exercises and activities.

Chief Eisel was invited to be a guest speaker at the Convention Center for the Ohio Health 'kick-off' Medical Services Week. He got to speak to the Grant Paramedics School Alumni breakfast on behalf of Central Ohio Fire Chiefs. We have not had anyone from Hocking Township but we did have representatives

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from Shawnee Township with Perry County that came to look at the old Medic today. It is Chief Eisel's understanding that they are going to make us an offer. The other surplus pieces are a trailer that we had. The cost is being discussed. Chief Eisel received a letter asking if we would consider donating that cost to the Central Ohio Strike Team. We would need to discuss this further and at some point resolutions would have to be prepared. There are eight or 9 other departments in Central Ohio that are active in the Strike Team.

Chief Eisel reported we still do not have a definitive solution yet to station security. Chief Eisel has three people working on this.

Chief Eisel continues to work on the MECC presentation. He has a meeting tomorrow. This group is meeting weekly to review this plan that has been put together by Chief Grossman. A 'comprehensive' draft is done that is about 80 pages. Chief Eisel would like to see it down to about 5 pages.

Mr. Weltlich asked what the fair market value of the trailer was. Chief Eisel didn't know but a few years ago the price on it was around \$4000. Mr. Weltlich suggested he prepare a resolution for the next meeting. Chief Eisel also suggested preparing a resolution to declare the Medic surplus and get that out of the way for when we do get proposals.

### **Township Engineer**

Mr. Butcher reported he met with Jeff Baird last week at the Waterloo Road Bridge site. Mr. Baird showed him a schematic preliminary design he had done. Mr. Baird told him he was behind on the project. Mr. Butcher followed up the meeting with a phone call to him expressing his desire to continue to follow the schedule they agreed upon with the grant application. Mr. Baird's response was that it was not time to panic but he has sacrificed some staff people to other responsibilities within their organization and that he is confident that the design can be done this year and can be bid this year. He is not as confident that it can be built this year. Mr. Butcher said that from his standpoint he doesn't know that it is a huge issue to wait until next year. Mr. Yapple feels that because Franklin County may be closing Lithopolis Road the following year to redo that bridge that may create emergency response issues. Fairfield County is going to re-surface Winchester Road this year and they have a culvert they need to replace. Mr. Dunlap added that if Franklin County closes the bridge at Lithopolis Winchester Road it will be a real danger. Mr. Weltlich said his concern is the County Engineer's office has been procrastinating for eight years and this is just another approach. There is no guarantee nor can they ever give him any assurance that it can happen next year. Mr. Weltlich is of the mind to make an issue out of this. Mr. Dunlap suggested we draft a letter with carbon copies to the County Commissioners that they said they were going to get it done and explain the dangers. Mr. Dunlap feels that they are going to tell us that since we are the lead on the project why don't we go ahead and pay for someone else to design it. This is where it seems to be heading. Mr. Butcher said that we have an agreement to execute it the way it was discussed. Mr. Myers asked if it was stated anywhere that if we get the grant it will be the following year. Mr. Butcher said that he is not concerned about losing the grant. Mr. Butcher said that as it relates to will it be funded this year or next that if it done within this fiscal year's budget which is July 1, 2011 to July 1 of 2013. Mr. Myers said he didn't care who we sent the letter to that it comes down to the fact that the County Engineer's office works at their own pace. Mr. Weltlich has heard that the new commissioners might make a difference. Mr. Yapple reported that in his dealings with Mr. Davis, (new County Commissioner) that he wants to deal with things right now. He gives you some feedback. Mr. Myers said he didn't think the

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Commissioners had any authority over the County Engineer. Mr. Yaple asked what was said in the application. Mr. Butcher will draft up a letter. Mr. Dunlap suggested also writing a separate letter to the Commissioners with an attachment stating they are the owners of the right-of-way and talk about the safety issues.

Mr. Myers and Mr. Dunlap had asked Mr. Butcher about a hole on Busey Road just west of the new culvert that was put in. There was a hole where water was coming out of it and going across Busey. He looked at it today and found out that the hole is actually over a grate inlet to a tile. The tile goes to the ditch north of the culvert. He was confident we had not cut any tiles off when we were doing the culvert excavation. If we excavated on the east and west side of the driveway to line the tile up then we know it is a perfect line to the guardrail posts. Basically, we will have to put a new piece of tile in.

Mr. Butcher spoke to the fence installer for the dog park today. He indicated he would have the fence complete by Monday. Mr. Dunlap recommended having some signs put in saying 'Dog Park Closed'. We have one fountain to be delivered and six more trees to be donated and installed. The grass needs heat and sunshine.

Safe Routes to Schools first concrete pour was last Thursday. The second pour (weather permitting) will be tomorrow.

Mr. Myers reported he was traveling on Tollgate Road as you cross Sycamore Creek heading north and noticed a good size bump coming off the bridge. Mr. Butcher said this would be the County's to repair. Mr. Butcher will contact someone at the County.

Mr. Weltlich asked if the 'bond issue' had been solved. Mr. Butcher reported he did not. Liberty Township has a \$100,000 bond for Stemen and Doty Roads. Mr. Butcher reported there was no need to obtain one.

### **Director of Operations**

Mr. Yaple reported the Grange will be having their annual Flag Burning Ceremony on June 13 at the building on Lockville Road. Mr. Yaple will find out the correct time on this.

Emergency Management Association placed a sixth siren in the Township on Pickerington Road. The sirens did not go off today.

David Hughes has been by the 4 E. Columbus Street building. Mr. Yaple should have a cost analysis from him sometime this week to give to the Trustees.

Mr. Yaple needs to speak to Craig Maxey about the signs and the trees for the Dog Park.

Mr. Yaple passed out a drawing of a proposal from Asebrook for the front of the administrative building. Mr. Asebrook has extended a piece of the canopy about 6 feet over the front door. They will come up with some figures based upon something similar to the drawing. Mr. Yaple and the Trustees want to keep the flagpoles in the ground like they are now.

Mr. Yaple passed out information on construction projects for Columbus in 2011. I-70 from Fairfield County line to 158 will be re-surfaced this summer. Mr. Butcher added that the bid will be in June and has to be done by Halloween. This is a 7 million dollar project.

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Mr. Yaple found out today the Play-a-Palooza event is this Sunday at Pickerington North.

Mr. Yaple has received information that the theme has been picked for the Fourth of July event. We will be filling out the information for the parade.

We did part of the tie from our new service center to the old service building across the street to bring power underground to the new building and eliminate the existing electrical drop at 491. We didn't have the electrical fixtures and the finish to the conduit and switching inside our existing building. Mr. Yaple has some numbers for this. The total cost to pull the wire, feed it, install the conduit inside and tie in to our existing switch panel which would then be on the automatic generator at the new service facility so that gas pumps and so forth would run if we were out of power would be \$5900. There is also some extra conduit which we have talked about doing underground in the future. The one contractor will be Kenny Rienschild (the underground guy) and the other is Evans Electric who will be doing the actual pipe work. One is \$3566 and the other is \$2375. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Motion A2011-0518 to approve \$5900 for the electrical drop to the new service center. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A011-0518 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked about a siren on Diley Road where the water plant is. Chief Eisel thought it was in. He also said that originally we had talked about putting one in at the water tower. It is not there. Mr. Yaple or Chief Eisel will check on this.

Mr. Weltlich asked about a plaque for South Central Power Company. Mr. Yaple is trying to get the correct text and spelling of names and is working through this.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Smith continues to work with the committee on the health insurance.

Mr. Smith reported they continue to monitor tax revenue. Mr. Smith will be making a phone call to the County to find out what our revenues going to look like as we do our budget June 1. We will continue to estimate our revenues to be low and estimate our expenses to be high to make sure we can take care of the projects we have approved.

Mr. Myers asked if the latest handout the Trustees received on property taxes was the worst case scenario. Mr. Smith said it was. The lower number or kilowatt hours is part of House Bill 3 and the other part is changeable personal property that is part of the proposed budget that is awaiting approval. Mr. Smith said if the budget is passed as it has been presented then that is what they will receive.

### **Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Weltlich reported he and Mr. Yaple attended the Athena Banquet and attendance was about half of what it has been. Mr. Marx is the new Prosecutor for the Republican Central Committee.

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Dunlap has had the meeting with the prosecuting attorney and others regarding the noise resolution. Mr. Dunlap has not yet.

### **Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

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**Motions to Be Considered:**

None

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings:**

May 25, 2011 – Annual Drug Training for employees at station 592.  
The Directory Advisory Council (DAC) meeting is June 6, 2011 at 7pm – Court House 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Mr. Myers will be attending this meeting.

**Old Business:**

None

**Tabled Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Pay Bills:**

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

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss personnel issues per ORC Section 121.22 G4 after a 5 minute recess. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, 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 9:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer      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

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