

Violet Township Board of Trustees

May 4, 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 Yaple 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 special prayer went out for our Navy Seals.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of April 20, 2011 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. April 20, 2011 Regular Trustee meeting minutes approved. 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Sonya Phillips of 13854 Cobblestone Lane, Pickerington, Ohio was present. She reported the contractor that gave her an estimate for work in her basement has been refused two times for a permit. She has had water in her basement and had hired a contractor. He has been refused a permit twice to do the work. She explained that when she talked to Mr. Yaple, that he was rude and very belligerent towards her. She wanted to know why her contractor was being refused. She said Mr. Yaple did not want to listen. She was told by Mr. Yaple that she did not need any kind of a permit. Don Day, our Building Inspector came out to her house to inspect the mold. Mr. Weltlich was trying to understand what transpired. She had a contractor (Kingdom Contracting) to mediate some water damage. It was not done to the satisfaction of her or the insurance company.

Issue No. 1 is the insurance company told Ms. Phillips what contractor they wanted her to use. She knew nothing about that contractor. That is between her, her insurance company and the contractor. We have no involvement with this. She said the insurance company told him to get off the job because of poor workmanship. She went out and found another contractor that the insurance company did not bless. So basically she had to go out and find one at her own risk and expense.

Issue 2 is – Don found the original repair was out of code. We don't have any mechanisms to address this because we did not know what is being done.

Ms. Phillips wants to bring in another contractor and wants to get a permit. Under the code today you would have to put treated lumber on the treated walls.

Ms. Phillips read the letter that she received from Don Day. The question was whether or not the letter he sent out was applicable. She just wants to bring her room up to code so nobody comes back on her.

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Mr. Weltlich felt that in his personal opinion there had been a miss application of the codes in the case of mitigation of the water damage. Remodeling would be a whole different issue. If she is going to 'mitigate' the damage then she would not need a permit.

Mr. Weltlich requested Mr. Yapple meet with Mr. Day and a witness and address the issue accordingly. Also address if a letter of apology needs to be sent. Mr. Yapple said that Mike Asebrook even said that we don't have an issue in this.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department:

Chief Eisel reported he was in Washington to attend the International Fire Chiefs meeting last week.

Chief Eisel reported there will be a press release coming out regarding information on national trip warning system. It should also be on the city and township website to get this information out to the public. Mr. Weltlich asked since we only have two levels are we always at level one and Chief said he would think that we are.

Chief Eisel had two resolutions for consideration. One was for the upgrade the fire escape and stairs at Station 591. Mr. Myers has been working with the City on the Historical Society in sharing the costs. The other resolution was for reclassifying volunteer to part time status.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0504-03 – Repairs at Fire Station 591. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes, Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-0504-03 is adopted 3-0. Mr. Yapple added that when they caulk the steel lintels above the openings to make sure they put some inserts in and put a weep through the backer rod so the moisture can get out from behind the brick when it hits the steel.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0504-04 – Reclassify 3 volunteers (Chad Smith, Patrick Redd and Eric Simpson) to Part Time Status. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked how many this would give us. Chief said 22. This should really help us get through the summer months with vacations and all. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0504-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers asked if the Chief had a date on the return of the Rescue unit. The Chief did not have a date yet. Last week when Chief spoke to them they were still waiting on door parts.

Mr. Dunlap reported Hocking Township got their levy passed. They will be starting up their own medic unit. He asked if Doc had a chance to look at our medic and see what it needs. Doc did tell Chief it would be about \$3000 of work that needed to be done but Chief did not have detail. This might be something we could look at as an offer to them or include in a price and we could take care of repairs.

Mr. Weltlich asked about a MECC presentation. Chief should have something in June timeframe.

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Mr. Weltlich would like to get the data on the performance pay data when Chief gets it.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported last week construction was started on Fairfield Elementary Safe Routes to School. Mr. Butcher has worked hard at keeping our constituents apprised as to what is going on. He feels there has been a great deal of communication. Mr. Weltlich asked if he has had neighbors call. Mr. Butcher said he has had neighbors call regarding the road right-of-way.

Maybe at the next planning session or even before we could have a formal document that says when we have this project going on and we have conflicts that the work supersedes the objects in the right-of-way. Mr. Weltlich doesn't think that is even an item for discussion.

Mr. Butcher reported we are getting emails regarding the Dog Park just about every day asking when the Dog Park is going to be opened. It may be June or so as the new seed is not growing. Mr. Yapple has ordered the fountains.

Mr. Butcher reported on removal of the tree on Busey Road. He spoke to the property owner at the northeast corner of Hill and Busey and they agreed to removal of a hedge apple tree within the road right-of-way.

Doty Road – regarding the potential of obtaining a bond for future road damage that potential could occur from the contractor working on the dominion natural gas pipeline. Mr. Butcher would like to pursue this and Mr. Myers said he would need to be quick because he doesn't think they are going to be around that long. Mr. Yapple said the biggest problem we have is the county has taken the weight limits off. Mr. Yapple recommended Mr. Butcher contact Jeff Baird to find out what we can do quickly.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution for salt. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0504-05 – Authorize Participation with ODOT on Salt Purchase for 2011-2012 Season. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0504-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0504-06 – Authorize Hiring of ADR & Associates, Ltd. to Provide Surveying and Engineering Services for the Violet Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0504-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Butcher if there was any indication in his knowledge of saving salt by putting down brine. Mr. Butcher said that we have been at an 'upward' usage and started using brine in 2008 or so. If we didn't use brine where would we be? Mr. Dunlap added that we have had more events over the last two years. Mr. Butcher wants to take a look at the snowfall and see if there is anything that 'jumps' out. Mr. Dunlap suggested starting to build or track some of our own data.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we had done anything with a preventive maintenance program. Mr. Weltlich thought we had bought a program that would track this. Mr. Butcher said we can do it but we don't have enough data. Mr. Weltlich asked him to get the information for him because if it works then it is extremely valuable. Mr. Weltlich wants to know where we stand.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the Violet Festival wanted to know if we were going to support them this year. Mr. Yapple sent a letter back to the, stating we had sent a letter in 2009 stating that we would participate in 2011 for \$2000 and this would be the last year.

Next weekend Chad will have a rain barrel workshop at the Township offices. This has to do with erosion and EPA folks and is for educational purposes.

Next week is the hearing for the bridge at Taylor Road. They did core samples last week. Greg will be attending this.

Mr. Yapple would like to discuss 4 East Columbus Street with the Trustees.

Annual drug training starts May 11, 2011 for employees.

The Athena Banquet is May 17th at Hickory Lakes. Mr. Weltlich will be in attendance.

Mr. Yapple told the Play-a-palooza people that we would support them and they can use logos and those sorts of things. Mr. Yapple needs to discuss more with the Trustees.

We are still trying to get a meeting set with Terry Vanderhort, Mr. Morehart and Chief Deputy Perrigo regarding the Noise Resolution. Mr. Dunlap added that they did meet once and they had discussions and changed some things and now they need to meet again. We will sit down with the owner and tell them what they will do and how the deputies will handle it.

We have a resolution to continue spraying for mosquitoes. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0504-01. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2011-0504-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Yapple reported he and Chief Eisel met with OTARMA. Mr. Yapple had brought up issues a few years ago regarding cyber liability. OTARMA has stepped up to the plate. Originally they said because it was not excluded they felt it was included. Now this year up until July of this year cyber liability for us is covered for \$1 million. As of July 1st this year it will go to same as whatever limit liability we have which is \$8 million.

Mr. Yapple reported that Ron Metzger of the Fire Department has inquired a few times if they can use the property at the corner for a memorial situation for Doug Barr. It is the lot that we own on the corner. Mr. Yapple has questions that he needs to work through. They are proposing a Memorial Park. There has also been some talk about a shelter house. Mr. Yapple will ask Ron for more details.

There will be a flag burning on June 13th in the Grange parking lot on Lockville Road.

The tornado siren will be set on Pickerington Road on Monday. We have a County Engineers Permit. South Central needs to be recognized with a plaque for the service they have done for Violet Township. Mr. Weltlich will do the plaque.

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Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he and Mr. Yaple had a very productive meeting in regards to their work session. Mr. Smith stated he had done an upgrade analysis of the revenues portion of the Township but he has not done the expense side.

They continue working with the health insurance folks. There is a meeting tomorrow. We are also waiting on numbers from a second broker. Greg Eisenacher will be out of commission' next week. Mr. Yaple said we hope to bring something to the next meeting because our deadline is June 1. Our goal is not to extend the contract to do this. Mr. Smith said it would be his preference (with SB5 having not yet been in referendum) to have our contract done prior to June 1.

We need to do a Supplemental Appropriations for liability insurance as we did not have the exact amount at the first of the year to budget. One part is to take care of our payout and the second part is the liability insurance. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-0504-02 –Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2011-0504-02 is adopted 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings:

None

Old Business:

None

Tabled Business:

None

New Business:

None

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. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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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: _____