

Violet Township Board of Trustees

February 4, 2009

Regular Meeting

Mr. Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Menningen called the roll in the absence of Fiscal Officer, Chris Smith who was out ill. Mr. Myers, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Bill Yaple, Director of Operations and John Eisel, Fire Chief.

Mr. Myers 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 here at home.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of December 17, 2008 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Trustees meeting of December 18, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Trustees meeting of the December 29, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of January 7, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Special Trustees meeting of January 27, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

None

Fire Department

Chief Eisel presented Resolution 2009-0204-02 – Appoint New Volunteer Firefighters. Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0204-02 – Appoint New Volunteer Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll Call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0204-02 approved 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked about investigating sensors on trucks. Chief Eisel stated he hoped to get the information this week.

Mr. Weltlich also asked if Chief had a chance to re-write their guidelines to have a spotter when they tow. Chief Eisel stated they had not but they will.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported on the salt usage to date. They have ordered 950 tons of salt. This is almost 200 tons more than we ordered last year. Mr. Butcher is

projecting we will use an excess of 1000 tons. Last year we purchased a total of 2000 tons. The 2000 tons gave us a full barn going into this year.

Mr. Butcher commended Mr. Yapple, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Myers for helping out with the snow plowing last week during the big 'snow event'.

The County Commissioners have issued their annual resolution on weight limits on Township roads. As of right now there are no roads that need posted but they will keep their eyes open. Mr. Butcher did not have any to propose.

As a courtesy Mr. Butcher gave the County a set of plans for the Jefferson Road Culvert. Mr. Butcher just wanted to let the Trustees know he was keeping them 'in the loop'.

The CDBG Project will be re-bid within the next few weeks.

Mr. Butcher stated there have been several projects 'out there' that have been identified as 'Economic Stimulus'. He wanted the Trustees thoughts on what we should do as far as planning. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Yapple suggested contacting someone at MORPC.

The Trustees thanked the road and fire guys for all the hard work they put in for the snow event.

Mr. Yapple suggested working with PUCO to get things resolved regarding the gas line issue. This is the only way to resolve it because information is not getting to the supervisors. Mr. Weltlich suggested putting a note with the check stating that this check is being issued without precedence or without prejudice for future events. We have had concerns with some of the service capabilities in where their lines are located. They ran a gas line on top of the culvert rather than underneath the culvert. Mr. Weltlich suggested going to meet with them face to face to establish a better working relationship.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the meeting with the Fairfield County Engineer's office is scheduled for February 26, 2009 at 7am.

We have a 'permission to vacate' request for a road in Waterloo. It will be viewed on Feb. 17th. The township deeded an easement to the property owner to the west of this roadway. Mr. Dunlap will attend the viewing and the hearing.

Mr. Yapple spoke to Jim Church at ODOT regarding salt purchase for 2009-10. The purchase minimum will be enforced of 80% of your order and the purchase maximum of the order will be enforced this time. We have been purchasing 1000 tons the last two years. They will be enforced from now on because of shortages they are having. They will go to bid early next year. Illinois bidded 1 million tons of salt and that is why Ohio got shorted.

Mr. Yapple showed a slide presentation on creating a Port Authority. Mr. Yapple explained this will help us with grants and allows us to finance revenue bonds, project incentives, a central point for procuring local state and business retentions, we can get grants (which we have already proposed to do one for a fiber project or make connect ability within the township better and provide a higher and faster speed, provide capital for small medium size business whether they are new or not. It also provides ownership of capital assets such as fiber. There are conversations with other public entities such as the school system. We can sell improved property to desired investors, finance projects for investors by bonding and loaning them money with guaranteed back income. It allows projects coordination, expedites zoning issues because you could get your zoning in advance. Most places don't want the hassle of having to deal with the hassle of re-zoning properties. It is good for us because It is an economic development tool. We are considering doing a public private partnership to develop the fiber connectivity within the township and make an entire loop.

Gahanna has done this with New Albany, Dublin has done this. Long term this could provide wireless connectivity with towers with school buildings, fire dept. instead of using the phone cards they are using in the fire trucks today. This could be available to the citizens. It would enhance assets for the JEDD area. It could be brought into the City of Pickerington and Canal Winchester. This Port Authority is not limited to Fairfield County.

It will create a sustainable competitive advantage for Violet Township and economic Development Arena by providing 'out of the box' opportunities for incentives for financing and incentives to new businesses.

If we approved this tonight we will be a Port Authority subject to referendum. There has to be a 5 member board appointed. They have 60 days to meet.

We will have to buy our right of way since this is not a county utility. The total loop is about \$1.2 mill to install the fibers and make the connections.

Mr. Myers asked about the sub station roof leaking. Mr. Yaple reported

Mr. Yaple had a proposal from Day Night Sign Company for a solid aluminum sign with no backside. Mr. Weltlich would prefer having lights shining on the sign.

Mr. Myers reported they received a quote to level the mezzanine floors for \$10,978.00. It will still not be level.

Mr. Butchers issue is that it is not level and it is causing a functional problem.

Mr. Yaple stated that the Foreman from Cincinnati Floor said we would be able to run a pilot jack on it and you can shelve on it but it will not be perfectly level. It will look smooth.

Mr. Dunlap expects to see the humps out and smoothed out looking a lot better than it is. Mr. Weltlich expects to say I am proud of this and it functions very well.

There are still punch list items to be completed.

They will get some references on Cincinnati and if they are satisfied they will do the west side of the building. Later on possibly the east side.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0204-01 – Natureworks Grant. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0204-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0204-03 – Authorize Director of Operations to Hire Keytel Systems for Consulting Services. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0204-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0204-04 – Update Employee Policy Manual. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0204-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0204-05 – Establish the Composition, Roles, Responsibilities and Duties of the Violet Township Port Authority. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0204-05 is adopted 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Menningen had nothing to report in Mr. Smith's absence.

Mr. Myers stated they did receive the copy of checks and financial statement.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich reported he attended a City Council meeting and they had the first reading and approved the annexation of the swimming pool on an **explained** basis.

Mr. Dunlap stated he will be on Stan Robinsons Town and Country tv show in Lancaster. Established a port authority and the JEDD passed in Canal Winchester.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Saturday, February 7th at Hickory Lakes at 7pm there will be more than one Trustee in attendance.

On February 5th there could be more than one Trustee attending the OTA Conference.

Old Business

Mr. Yapple reported he was asked about residential and the JEDD because the State of Ohio that now permits residential inside of a JEDD. The purpose of this change was to put a Wesley Ridge type of operation in the JEDD area. It was set up for one county because the income tax that would be received from the nursing facilities in the JEDD. If you live in a JEDD your income cannot be taxed, however if you are an attorney or public accountant and you do someone's taxes you could be taxed. It is not designed to put a large residential single family subdivision. It was intended to put a high density unit in. It was also intended that they guy who owns 80 acres has to carve out his residential property. Now he can put the whole 80 in live, there and not pay income taxes to the JEDD. He could sell the whole thing and the residential property can stay until it develops.

Mr. Weltlich added that Heidi Fought got legislators considering the ???

Tabled Business

Move to leave on the table....Resolution 2008-1119-11 – Agreement Between the Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security & Violet Township. Mr. Yapple recommended we leave this on the table as we have not received our answer from our Law Director. **Not sure what they did...**

New Business

Mr. Dunlap moved withdraw warrant number 41724 Columbis Gas of Ohio for \$996.84 until Mr. Yapple and Mr. Butcher has a chance to negotiate with them further. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion A2009-0204 is passed 3-0.

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

Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 7, 2008

Regular Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Approved By:

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____