

Violet Township Board of Trustees

**February 6, 2008
Regular Meeting**

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

Mr. Van Kannel called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Bill Yaple, Director of Operations and Kenn Taylor, Fire Chief.

Mr. Dunlap 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 asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Weltlich moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2008 Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Weltlich to approve the January 16, 2008 Public Hearing meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Dunlap joined the Trustees in honoring Conner Gerenzcer and Catherine O'Brien with proclamations. They were both nominated by Congressman Hobson and Senators Voinovich and Brown. Conner has received his offer of acceptance to West Point and Catherine received her offer of acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Dunlap asked to deviate from the agenda and move the 'Public Comment' and 'County Authorities' to follow the 'Township Engineer' section. There were no objections. The Chair moved to Departmental Reports on the Agenda.

Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2008-0206-07 – Part Time Firefighter Resignation for Tim Cooperrider. Mr. Myers moved to adopt with regrets Resolution 2008-0206-07. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-07 is adopted. 3-0.

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2008-0206-08 – Thermal Imaging Camera Repair. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-08. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-08 is adopted. 3-0.

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2008-0206-09 – To appoint John Schwinne to Full Time Firefighter. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-09. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-09 is adopted. 3-0.

Chief Taylor presented Resolution 2008-0206-10 – To Promote Kevin McFarland to Lieutenant. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-10. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-10 is adopted. 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap swore in Mr. Schwinne and Mr. McFarland.

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Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported we have used 800 tons of salt to date. Comparing year to date we are slightly above last years use. Mr. Butcher stated that the brine used last Thursday in advance of the ice that came in was very helpful.

After conversation with the County Engineers office Mr. Butcher reported they have to do some additional surveying for the Busey Road S-Curve Realignment Project because of the right-of-way changing hands from the owner to the County. Mr. Butcher will have a motion at the next meeting to advertise for that project.

Traffic counts have been done on Busey and Diley roads. These were shared with the Village of Canal Winchester to assist in the evaluation of the timing of a signalized intersection. Traffic counts are also being done on Harmon and Tollgate Roads. Mr. Butcher would like to get some baseline traffic count data on Tollgate in advance of the new schools at the corner of Tollgate and Refugee Roads. Mr. Dunlap reminded Mr. Butcher that at the intersection of Busey and Diley the east, north and west portions are in the Township and only the south side is in Canal Winchester.

Mr. Butcher had a meeting with the Safe Routes to School Committee. Mr. Butcher does not understand the evaluation of our submittal. They are meeting with ODOT tomorrow afternoon to ask some questions.

Mr. Butcher had a request to do a vibration survey to have this identical survey done on Allen Road from the railroad tracks south of SR256 and US33. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to authorize Mr. Butcher to execute an agreement and approve the application for a Geophysical study and vibration with the area of Allen Road from approximately the railroad tracks south to US33, Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2008-0202 passed 3-0. Mr. Dunlap suggested that as long as the applicant meets all of the township requirements that Mr. Butcher just handle future such requests as normal right-of-way permits and just advise the Trustees of his actions. All agreed.**

Public Comments

Rocco D. Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase NW, Pickerington asked to defer his comments to the 'old business' section of the Agenda. Mr. Dunlap asked him to bring his comments up now. He had a problem that came up a few weeks ago. He had a person who was running for public office call him to ask permission to put a sign up on one of his properties. Mr. Sabatino stated it was the first time in 30 years he saw the Township take actions they took against this individual running for public office. He was told he would have to fill out an Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance and provide a list of every location that he would have to put his signs on. He wanted to know when the Township started doing this. Mr. Sabatino stated that a resident was given a zoning code that was obsolete for he did not know how long ago it was superceded. The certificate for Zoning Compliance was totally inappropriate.

Mr. Weltlich explained that after Mr. Sabatino had called him he called Mr. Yapple to discuss the issue and he agreed this was totally inappropriate and it did not apply. The sign was under 40 x 48. Secondly it was off the right-of-way. Mr. Weltlich called the candidate and apologized to him for the inappropriate advice that he received.

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Mr. Myers stated that in the City of Pickerington they do have a size requirement for signs. He said the City of Pickerington had no requirement if it meets their size or less.

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road was present. He thanked the Township for responding to his requests for information on a timely basis. Mr. Hopkins stated it takes a lot of time to get information from the County Commissioners office. Mr. Hopkins stated he appreciates getting information from us the day of or the day after the request. He was also curious about the protective services levy and asked for citizen support.

Cristie Hammond of 540 Oak Tree Ave, Pickerington was present. She announced that the City of Pickerington has purchased a swimming pool. They are excited they are able to do this without using any of the citizen's tax dollars.

Lennie Male of 213 Blue Jacket Circle, Pickerington was present on behalf of Pickerington Magazine. She thanked the Trustees for passing a resolution adopting their magazine as the 'official' magazine for Violet Township. They also wanted to address the Bicentennial Committee. They had discussed the purchase of an ad in the first few issues of the magazine for the Bicentennial Celebration. They wanted to know the status of this. The deadline for the April issue is March 1. The Trustees will review this and make a decision at their next meeting.

County Authorities

None

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported the Trustees had a copy of the Wright Road annexation letter from council extending the terms. This has been re-signed. The dating was wrong on the resolutions and has been re-signed by the new Interim City Administrator at the City of Pickerington.

We have an annexation petition for 6070 Lithopolis-Winchester Road. There is a resolution for consideration objecting to this annexation.

There was a letter from Frank Anderson regarding the obstructions in the right-of-way at 9525 Refugee Road. We have a block wall in the right-of-way on Refugee Road. This is one of our residents. It has transferred and the resident will take the wall out of the right-of-way.

We had a notice that a hearing was scheduled for February 20th for the permit for Club 33. We received another notice this week that the hearing has been continued. We do not have a continuance date yet.

We received a letter that the County is putting weight reductions on the County and Township roads. Mr. Butcher, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Yapple have discussed this issue and do not feel a need to impose any weight restrictions upon our right-of-ways this year. Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to keep an eye on Busey Road as he has observed increased truck traffic on Busey, especially west in the Hill Road intersection.

Mr. Yapple reported bids were opened today for the maintenance facility. Bids were under budget. We hope to have a full report within two weeks.

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We have our annual meeting with the Engineer on February 14th at the County Engineers office at 3pm.

Mr. Yaple has the deeds for the Pifer property. He spoke to the school today and the attorney is out of town. They will set a closing date upon her return.

There is no answer back from the Attorney Generals office on our issue of expenditures on general funds for road and bridge that they have questioned.

There is no news on the fifth district court issue with the Snyder Thornton annexation.

Mr. Yaple presented Resolution 2008-0206-01. We are rolling in to what we did last year into Road Worker 3 and we are adding one more classification. Mr. Dunlap asked about the tank and whether that needed a special CDL license with salt brine and the tank. Mr. Butcher has asked the question and he was told by two agencies that they do not interpret it as a tanker. Mr. Dunlap asked him to check with BMV and if this is a requirement then can we incorporate this in the job description and not have to come back and revisit. **Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-01 – Establishment of Road Worker 1, 2 and 3 & Job Descriptions within Violet Township Road Department. Motion died from lack of a second.**

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-02 – To Establish a Special Meeting for the 2008 Bicentennial Celebration. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-03 – Purchase Cabinets from TruTech Cabinetry. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-04 – Reassignment of a Position. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-05 – To Accept Tax Incentive Review Council Recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, abstained; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-05 is adopted. 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-06 – Resolution Objecting to Petition to Annex 6.11 Acres, More or Less, In Violet Township, Fairfield County, to the Village of Lithopolis. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-06 is adopted 3-0.

Motions to Be Considered: Mr. Dunlap explained that the Bicentennial Commission is having throws or quilts made up. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to have one permanently in our lobby and permanently in the Trustee meeting room; and make a gift to the Senior Center, one to the Library, one to the City of Pickerington and one to the Historical Society that would cost \$300 to purchase 6 of these throws. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Mr. Weltlich suggested also putting throws in the Main Fire Station and one in the new maintenance building. Mr. Myers moved to amend the motion from \$300 to**

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\$400. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion B2008-0206 passed 3-0. Roll call on motion as amended. Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion C2008-0206 passed 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to donate \$3000 to Central High School Theatre for an upgrade to the projector system. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Mr. Myers asked if the school was charging us for the meeting on 2/13/08. Mr. Dunlap stated there were no fees and we can use the facility any time during the year at no charge for bicentennial functions. Mr. Dunlap explained they have already committed to our Bicentennial picnic which is on September 7th. It is an outdoor event and if it rains we can move inside and use the field house and tarp the gym floor. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion D2008-0206 passed 3-0.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel reported he would get the Trustees the latest paid payroll for signatures. All requirements for year end reporting were submitted to the County and State Auditor.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-0206-11 – Establish and Appropriate a Capital Projects Fund. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-0206-11 is adopted 3-0.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Commission is diligently working. February 13th is the kickoff meeting at Pickerington Central.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Weltlich stated he attended the City Council meeting and they bought a swim club.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned our kick off meeting next Wednesday evening, February 13th and encouraged everyone to attend.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday, February 12th at Pickerington High School Central and it will be at 6:00 pm. This is a full dress rehearsal as pictures will be taken. The Trustees will be at the dress rehearsal. Also, the Bicentennial opening ceremony is February 13th. The reception starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons Area. The program starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer will also be attending a meeting at the County Engineers office on February 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Old Business

Mr. Yapple stated there was discussion on Case Number 05-ZC-2007 – Application filed by Alec Land to rezone property located at 7190 Babbert Place regarding the property and access. It is the belief of the County Engineers office that the access was acquired when ODOT purchased the property and ODOT did buy the .3 tenths of an acre in question. He is checking with the prosecutor to make sure that is true. He is also checking with the realtor. They are contemplating possibly donating this to the county to get it off of their tax property. If they do they will have to have a legal description. This will come before the Trustees in two weeks.

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Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Myers moved to pay the bills. Mr. Weltlich asked what XMO was. Mr. Van Kannel explained this was for the newsletters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Zoning Secretary

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____