

Violet Township Board of Trustees

March 4, 2009

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll. Mr. Myers, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer, Bill Yaple, Director of Operations, 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.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comments

None

County Authorities

None

Fire Department

Chief Eisel had the 2009 accident report and record stats for 2009. The blood drive was yesterday at Station 592 and they exceeded their goal.

Mr. Weltlich reported that last evening Mayor O'Brien made a public commendation commending the Chief and his department for their assistance in the van burning and their prompt response.

Township Engineer

At the last meeting the Trustees authorized design services for the Stonecreek Drive improvements. This has been completed.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Dunlap attended the Fairfield County Green Space and Bikeways plan meeting. This is in conjunction with MORPC and Fairfield County Regional Planning.

Mr. Butcher presented some drawings and thank you notes from the children of Heritage Elementary thanking them for the presentation.

Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Butcher had heard from Brian Bosch from ODOT regarding Taylor Road. Mr. Butcher had not. Mr. Yaple stated he ran into him and he stated he would get back to him and he planned on doing what he had promised.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the Mezzanine floor. Mr. Butcher stated they were grinding and feels the Trustees will be very happy with the work thus far.

Mr. Butcher stated he believes they will be in the building prior to April 15th.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the gantt chart. Mr. Butcher still did not have it.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported we had gotten a request from the Pickerington Senior. They are asking for a \$10,000.00 grant. We received a written opinion from Mr. Morehart on what they can do with the funds. The question was could they use the funds to expand the center or for salaries? Mr. Yaple feels the best way to handle this is they present us with a budget, we pay the bills that can come out of that budget and we reimburse them for salaries. It would be a bookkeeping

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process through our office so we can keep track for the auditors. Mr. Weltlich would like to discuss this at the planning session. Mr. Smith has requested a written opinion from the State.

We have received our information back for the weather siren at OU. Mr. Yapple has also received the deeded easement (15 year easement) that needs signed.

Mr. Yapple has spoken to Wanda regarding the 387-acre annexation. Wanda has spoken to Pickerington and Canal Winchester's attorneys and they are filing a motion to dismiss the court actions and drop the case.

If anyone would like to attend MORPCS 40th anniversary celebration let Bill know. We will share a table with Canal Winchester.

At the Fairfield Regional Planning Commission meeting the County Engineer announced his half mill bridge and culvert levy will be on the May ballot. This will be a renewal.

We received the grant information for natural resources for the park. We are seeking up to \$40,000.00.

We had an issue with Liquor control. We did not receive our normal renewal notice which we should have received in November. They do not have record of sending us the information. They could not answer why they did not use certified mail. It supposedly went out November, 2008. Mr. Weltlich suggested writing a position letter. Mr. Yapple will talk to our legal counsel to see what we can do since we were not notified. Mr. Dunlap suggested asking for a court order to compel them to redo those permit hearings.

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0304-01 Deeded Easement for Weather Warning Sirens at OU Pickerington Campus. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0304-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2009-0304-02– Employee Compensation Packet for Non-Bargaining Unit. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked about Section 1 and why the Administrative Assistant, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Mechanic was going to receive a higher amount than the others. Mr. Yapple stated this was the agreement that was made in 2007. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0304-02 is adopted 3-0.

The Trustees voted on the District 17 Representative. Mr. Yapple reported that Donna Kirkbride is no longer working for the Public Works Commission in our district.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith stated one of our pension boards has kicked off online filing. There were many woman hours wasted. We received a CEDA check from the last quarter just over \$60,000.00. We also received our first tax advance.

More than 50% of the bills this time were for the building fund.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Myers attended a Board of Health meeting. The \$40 fee per year was voted down effective January 1, 2010. this is for the private sewage system inspection fee. Mr. Dunlap suggested making hepatitis shots available for the road crew.

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Our apportionment of the District Advisory is under \$116,000. The Board of Health wants to start negotiations with the City and municipalities. Pickerington is researching the option to pull out.

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting and the third reading of the resolution to annex the pool. Secondly the Pickerington Mayor attended the DAC and he was thoroughly disgusted. They are having a meeting tonight with the finance committee. They will meet with Fairfield County and Franklin County Board's of Health.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

On March 14th the Trustees will be at a meeting for the County Trustees and Fiscal Officers at Rushcreek Township. Also, March 18th at 6pm at Pickerington Central is the State of the School District meeting – there will be more than one Trustee in attendance. On March 19th at Pickerington Chamber is the State of the Township, County and City of Pickerington. There will be more than one Trustee in attendance and on March 5th at 9:30 am is the Planning Session in which all three Trustees and the Fiscal Officer will be in attendance.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to remove from the table Resolution 2008-1119-11 – Agreement Between the Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security & Violet Township. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked what terms. Mr. Yapple stated that we would be responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Dunlap stated that sometime back the Trustees had discussed maintaining them ourselves for the township knowing that we were going to maintain them. He doesn't see that we are doing anything that we had not anticipated doing anyways. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Resolution 2009-1119-11 is moved from the table 2-1.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1119-11. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, no. Resolution 2009-1119-11 is adopted 2-1.

New Business

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. Weltlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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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:_____