

Violet Township Board of Trustees

March 7, 2007
Regular Meeting

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

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

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. He also asked that we keep the Weltlich family in prayer.

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

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2007, Regular Meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2007 without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved.

Mr. Dunlap moved, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 27, 2007 with the Fairfield County Engineers Office without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

County Authorities

None

Public Comments

Keith Green of Circle Drive stated that there has been an increase in traffic of semis using Harmon Road as a cut through. He is concerned about safety issues with children and as the weather gets warmer.

Mr. Dunlap explained that where there is a thru street connecting a state route to a county road or other major roads you have difficulty in trying to reduce or eliminate truck traffic because to be prohibited it would have to be all trucks. There is a formula that we have to go through with the state through the Ohio Uniform Traffic Control Manual. We will take a look at it. Mr. Dunlap also told him that it is difficult for the township to ban semi-traffic because the state frowns upon 'prohibiting commerce.' Mr. Butcher stated that we would look into it. Mr. Myers asked that Mr. Myers keep us informed on the situation.

Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief John Eisel stated that Chief Taylor was not present as he was participating in a Statewide Emergency Response Plan Drill. This is designed as a test and to show our capabilities to the rest of the nation and beyond. There will be representatives here from 42 states and 8 countries to witness this drill. Their goal is to immobilize 90 pieces of equipment in 90 minutes. It will consist of 30 fire engines, 30 medics and 30 police officers. We have committed an engine and a medic.

The All of the Opticom UPS installs are done in Pickerington and are currently working on finishing up the rest of the County and state intersections. The SR 256 corridor is done and has been tested and signed off on.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported we received our Notice to Proceed from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Mingo Estates Infrastructure Project - Phase 2. We will then be forwarding our contract documents to the contractor to get this moving.

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Mr. Butcher reported he was working on a plan to control stream bank erosion along Sycamore Creek. He stated that a logjam is causing some trees to be undermined and is creating bank erosion in the direction of Allen Road. Mr. Butcher has spoken with the Army Corp of Engineers and the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Butcher has also sent letters to two abutting property owners asking for permission to come on to their property to stabilize the stream bank.

Mr. Butcher reported that when he submitted the Busey Road Issue 2 Project back in October, he submitted a resolution, as we have done in the past and are required to do with every Issue 2 application, which identifies the Chairman as the individual responsible for signing the application. We had failed to execute that resolution. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt Resolution 2006-1004-04 - Authorizing the Chairman of the Violet Township Trustees to Prepare and Submit Application to OPWC. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2006-1004-04 is adopted.**

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported that we would have a formulated policy and resolution at the next Trustee meeting for Records Retention.

We had 2 single-family permits for the month of February. Total construction evaluation was \$850,000. We had 5 other permits for the month for a total of 6 for the year with a construction cost of \$2 million. We had 1 commercial permit for the month for a total of 1 for the year. Through February of 2006, we had 13 single-family permits.

Mr. Yaple reminded the Trustees of the State of the Pickerington Area Chamber dinner on March 15 at 1pm at the Senior Center. Mr. Weltlich and Mr. Dunlap will be attending.

The Canal Winchester Chamber annual dinner is March 9 for dinner and Expo.

Mr. Yaple reported the hearing for Club 33, Inc. for renewal of a liquor permit has been postponed. No date has been set yet.

Mr. Yaple attended a 310 Corridor Study with Pataskala. There were representatives from MORPC, ODOT District 5, City of Pataskala, Fairfield Regional Planning, Licking County Planning, Fairfield County Engineer and Etna Township was there. They are looking at land use and what the capacities will be in 2030.

Mr. Yaple reported that our website will be down for a few days starting March 17 and should be back up on the 19th. It will be on the new site at that point and time.

Zoning training has been passed out to the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members. We need reservations for training on March 19. Mr. Myers added that there would also be training for the Sunshine Laws.

Mr. Yaple reported that the hearing for vacation of right of ways in Lockville that was to be held February 13th was postponed. The gentleman that withdrew the petition is going to resubmit.

There was a resolution to accept the resignation of Todd Rinehart from the Zoning Commission. **Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt with regrets, Resolution 2007-0307-01 - Resolution to Accept Resignation of Todd Rinehart from the Violet Township Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2007-0307-01 is adopted.**

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Van Kannel presented the last paid payroll for signatures and to date. Mr. Van Kannel reported the County Auditor notified him that before they close their books we could pick our last advance. He will pick that up on Friday.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Dunlap reported that the Bicentennial Committee is moving right along. They have picked up a guarantee of a corporate sponsor. By April 1, the rules will be out for the Bicentennial Commission Photography Contest. Anyone with a digital camera may enter

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the contest and they do not have to be a professional. The 17 winners will go on a calendar that will come out in September of this year and will run through 2008. The pictures have to be of Violet Township and those pictures of violets will probably get a preference. These pictures will be posted this summer at the Violet Festival. There will also be an art contest coming along later as well.

Next year there will be a Rock a Thon and there will be some big prizes for that. Mr. Dunlap told everyone to 'get rockin.'

Mr. Myers reported he attended a meeting for the Tax Incentive Review Council for the Woolgrowers and Princeton Industries. They have fulfilled their commitment as the ten-year commitment is now up. They have no intentions of going anywhere. The Princeton Manufacturing Company has gone far and above their commitment.

Mr. Yapple and Mr. Myers attended a County Trustees and Clerks Dinner in Amanda and talked about Access Management. They both also attended the District Advisory Board of Health meeting. The council recommended to the tax board that the government entities portion of the Board of Health budget for year 2008 is \$737,574.00 (this is a Violet Township's share is \$108,665.00. Last year it was \$104,818.00. Our increase from last year to this year is \$3846.00. Mr. Myers reported that their budget is a little over \$4 million. The taxing commission recommended an increase of 3% flat across the board, no more than every two years and the ability to go to six on the third year. Mr. Myers noted that the home inspection would rise from \$25 to \$40. The next public hearing is March 8th at 6pm at Fairfield County Hospital on the second floor, room A and B. Mr. Myers also noted that the Board of Health clinic in Lancaster treated 3900 patients last year.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

March 9 - Canal Winchester Chamber Annual Dinner

March 10 - planning session has been postponed.

March 13 - State of the County Luncheon at Liberty Center in Lancaster (there will be more than one Trustee in attendance)

March 15 - State of the Pickerington Area -Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce at Pickerington Senior Center (there will be more than one Trustee in attendance)

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Myers made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried.

Being no further business to conduct Mr. Dunlap moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Van Kannel, Fiscal Officer

Jonian Goldberg, Zoning Secretary

Approved By:

Gary P. Weltlich, Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Date:_____