

Violet Township Board of Trustees

November 19, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Smith called the roll and Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Other Township employees present were: Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; William Yapple, Director of Operations and John Eisel, Assistant 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. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of October 15, 2008 and November 5, 2008 without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington was present. Mr. Hopkins commented he was pleased that the JEDD went through. He was also pleased about the Dog Park. Mr. Hopkins stated he was also very pleased about the speed signs on Milnor Road.

Mr. Hopkins addressed Mr. Smith about expense reports that he has been receiving from time to time from the Township. Specifically he asked about the frequent flyer miles accumulated on flights paid for by the Township and wanted to know how the miles were tracked. Mr. Smith stated that up until a few months ago employees were reimbursed. Now they have corporate credit cards so they will not have this issue anymore. Mr. Hopkins asked when we get the \$7,000 back for the survey that was paid for regarding the Senior Citizens Levy that was passed. Mr. Weltlich explained that the administration of the funding that would be a result of that ballot initiative that passed and would be administered by the Township Trustees. The Senior Center has to submit a budget to the Trustees and we will approve, ask for a modification and appropriately administer the funds. We have yet to receive specifics from the County Auditors Office.

Mr. Myers asked Mr. Yapple about what Mrs. Adams stated in the paper regarding the Dog Park. From what Mr. Myers read it read as though when the Dog Park Committee raised \$5000 they would get started on the project. Mr. Yapple stated when it showed they had significant progress with pledges made in raising the money it would get started. Mr. Yapple told them they would have to raise 50% of the \$100,000.00 for the Dog Park.

Public Comment:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo thanked the Trustees for the invite to the Christmas party. They have had meetings with the Commissioners regarding their budget for next year and it doesn't look bad. There is a big problem with vandalism of cars.

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Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Assistant Chief Eisel presented Resolution 2008-1119-01 – Purchase Generator for Station 593. Mr. Myers moved to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-01 – Purchase Generator for Station 593. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-02 – Fire Department Training. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-03 – Thermal Imaging Camera. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-03 is adopted 3-0.

Assistant Chief Eisel is still working through the issues with OP&F retirement issues.

Assistant Chief Eisel reported that a kickoff meeting has been scheduled for the first week in December for the installation of the rest of the traffic light control Opticom System.

The new volunteers we have hired have done all their 'new hire' paperwork.

The Fire Department has received a quote to replace the sign at Station 592. Assistant Chief Eisel has spoken to OTARMA and has submitted all the paperwork.

Township Engineer

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-08 – Safe Routes to School. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-08 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Butcher met with the County EMA and FEMA regarding storm debris removal. We should see about \$40,000 to \$50,000 in reimbursements which is about 75% of our estimated costs for the September storm event.

Mr. Butcher reported the beet juice is now in our Maintenance Facility. They are in the process of formulating the recipe for maximizing the efficiency of the product. Moreover, a D.O.E. has been outlined to test the effectiveness of beet juice and brine.

Mr. Butcher has sent letters to the Ohio Highway Patrol and the Sheriffs office regarding safety concerns on the I-70 Taylor Road exit ramp to SR204.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had received a written commitment from American Pavements to finish the micro surfacing that they were to replace this year but did not get completed. Mr. Butcher stated we had.

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Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported on Building Permits for October, 2008. We had 0 single-family permits for the month of October for a total of 20 for the year and a total construction cost of \$5,900,000.00 for the year. We had 4 other permits for the month. We had 1 commercial permit for the month for a total of 9 commercial permits for the year. Through October of 2007, we had 41 single-family permits.

We have another meeting scheduled for December 9th for the Robinwood Acres/Terry Lane residents. The drainage elevations will help us determine what we have to do next year.

The data network service agreement is up in January. We need to replace this with another supplier this year. We propose contracting with Keytel who has done our phone systems. A letter will be sent to Affiliated to give them a 30 day lead time to get out of the agreement.

Regarding the 227 acres; an opinion was written by the 5th District Court awarding to the Village of Canal Winchester for annexation. There is still a chance that Pickerington will take this to the Supreme Court; however our attorney and Canal Winchester's attorney both say that they doubt very much that the Supreme Court will hear the case.

The General Fund issue that Mr. Weltlich asked about at the last Trustee meeting is still out there and has not been worked on by the Ohio General Assembly.

Mr. Weltlich asked if we knew we were going to assume responsibility on the Siren Contract and who would be the keeper of the keys. Mr. Yapple stated he thought EMA would be there at all times but they are not. Mr. Weltlich is concerned with who is going to be responsible for the reporting of the inventory and responding to the FEMA people. We have to report every year by December 31st. Mr. Weltlich has a problem with the fact that if we fail they can take remedial action against us. These were not the terms we agreed to. It transfers all the liability to us. Mr. Yapple, Mr. Smith and Assistant Chief Eisel will come to terms with what they want on the contract and then forward it to Mr. Morehart for negotiations.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-04 – Approve Data Network Service Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-09 – To Waive the Fees for Sign Replacement at Station 592. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-09 is adopted 3-0.

Resolution 2008-1119-10 – Bicentennial Funding and Finalization. Discussion: Mr. Myers stated he thought they had decided that if there was any money left it would be used for final payment and it does not state this in the resolution. Mr. Myers made a motion to amend Resolution 2008-1119-10 to state that any excess money of the \$8000.00 to the Bicentennial Committee (if there is any) to come back to the Township. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. Motion A2008-1119 is passed 2-0. Mr. Myers made a motion to

adopt the resolution as amended. Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. Resolution 2008-1119-10 is adopted 2-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to table Resolution 2008-1119-11 – Agreement between Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security & Violet Township for Disaster Siren Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-11 is tabled.

Mr. Yapple needs reservations for the County Association dinner on 12/14 at 6pm at the Liberty Center.

Winchester Road should be opening soon but Mr. Yapple has no timeframe yet.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Smith reported he has received a letter from the State Auditors office and they are aware they have not completed the audit.

Mr. Smith reported we are good through 2007 with OPF and he is working with Assistant Chief Eisel on 2008.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-05 – Transfer of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-06 – Establishment of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-1119-07 – Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1119-07 is adopted 3-0.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

Mr. Myers made a motion that at the special meeting on December 18th for the Fire Department promotions and hiring that the Township picks up half the cost of \$12.00 per person for the celebration and the Firefighters Union picks up the other half. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion B2008-1119 is adopted 3-0.

Trustees Reports

Mr. Weltlich attended a City Council meeting. They had the second reading for the JEDD agreement. It passed 6-1.

Mr. Dunlap reported the Bicentennial Finale was very well attended.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

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

Mr. Myers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues per the ORC Section 121.22G4. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

All in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date:_____