

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 15, 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 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. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustees meeting of October 1, 2008 and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Minutes approved.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Mr. Rocco Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase Pickerington, OH 43147 was present. Mr. Sabatino thanked Mr. Butcher for the excellent job his crew has done with the storm debris. Mr. Sabatino also stated he did not feel that single trash pickup service would benefit the Township.

Peggy Portier of 90841 Refugee Road addressed the Trustees regarding bike paths and the possible partnership with Metroparks for a bike path from Diley road to the Pickerington Ponds.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Taylor presented Resolution number 2008-1015-03 - Advertise for Bids for Opticom Radio Activated, GPS-Based Traffic Signal Preemption & Priority Control System. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt resolution number 2008-1015-03. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1015-03 adopted 3-0.**

Chief Taylor presented Resolution number 2008-1015-04 – To Authorize Additional Expenditure for Station 593 floor. Chief Taylor explained that the additional expenditure was for demolition of concrete under the asphalt in front of the station. **Mr. Myers moved to adopt resolution number 2008-1015-04. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1015-04 adopted 3-0.**

Chief Taylor presented two proclamations from the mayor of Pickerington and the mayor of Reynoldsburg. These proclamations were for the Fire Department for its assistance in transporting residents of Wesley Ridge from the lunch room to their residence rooms during the storm on September 14, 2008. Chief Taylor explained that while Wesley Ridge has generators, they are still working on having enough power to operate the elevators.

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Chief Taylor spoke about the success of the Open House at Station 592, on October 13th 2008. The attendance was great and those attending seemed to all arrive at 1:00 and by 3:00 they were gone.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher presented the following information:

The Safe Routes for Schools application was submitted to ODOT for funding. This encourages use of sidewalks for travel to school.

The completion date for dealing with debris from the September 14th storm was Friday, October 10th. Mr. Butcher stated that calls are still coming in periodically for debris removal, and are being dealt with individually. Mr. Butcher also stated that he previously attended a meeting in Lancaster with the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding assistance and recouping of Violet Township costs for the storm.

Mr. Butcher presented an update on 2007/2008 salt prices. Salt was purchased at the 2007 price of \$44 per ton and 150 tons were ordered. The barn is now completely full. Mr. Butcher recapped that the 2008 price is \$59 per ton.

Mr. Butcher stated that since the last meeting The Shelly Company has completed about 8% of the work. The remaining work is within Mingo Estates and some of the curb work needs to be completed before The Shelly Company is able to go back into Mingo Estates and complete their job.

The new completion date for the service center is December 1st. County water line delays were discussed.

Mr. Butcher stated that he is involved in the Fairfield County Active Transportation and Open Space plan. This is a plan to develop future bike paths by which regional areas would connect. There will be a stakeholders meeting on November 12, 2008 at 7:00p.m.

Mr. Butcher discussed a Thoroughfare Plan which projects future transportation issues. Maps from the area are used to determine what land is conducive for parks and industrial areas.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple presented the following information:

There were zero single-family permits from the month of September and 20 for the year to date. The construction valuation was 5.9 million. There were five remodel permits, one commercial permit for a total of eight commercial permits for the year. We are at 50 % of where we were at this time in 2007.

Lancaster Fairfield Community Action sent information regarding their C.H.I.P.S. (Community Housing Improvement Issues) program. The program furnishes funds for low and fair housing programs.

Refugee Rd. improvements for the school will be discussed at a hearing at the County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28. That same morning, the commissioners will have a public viewing at the site at 9:00a.m.

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Milnor Road speed limit was posted last week.

We have a new tandem truck coming. A new radio will be needed for the truck.

An e-mail will be sent out stating that "gifts in kind" will be accepted for the new dog park.

The County is holding a surplus auction November 1 at 9 AM at the fairgrounds. Violet Township does not have anything to send to the surplus auction at this time.

Heidi Faught called regarding House Bill 458. Faught feels that the bill regarding general fund expenditures may not be approved. Faught feels that calls may be needed in order to get the bill passed.

Mr. Yapple presented the following resolutions:

Resolution 2008-1015-01 - Purchase Lift Equipment for New Maintenance Facility. There will be two lifts, one with 4 posts which can lift up to 72,000 pounds, and the other with 2 posts for up to 15,000 pounds. Mr. Dunlap moved to pass resolution 2008-1015-01, Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes Resolution 2008-1015-0 passes 3-0.

Resolution 2008-1015-02 - Donation of Pickerington Senior Center. Mr. Yapple advised that the senior center and was in need of excess of \$10,000. He recommended a donation of \$10,000 0,000 of which \$2000 was already given. Mr. Myers moved to pass resolution 2008-1015-02. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1015-02 passes 3-0.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported the following:

We are still waiting on information regarding our 2006/2007 state audit.

Mr. Smith also reported that he had met with Ed Laramie regarding supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Smith reported that his office will be creating a report in January 2009 stating all expected revenues for the year and the funds which will be receiving those revenues.

The Fiscal Office recently met with HR Butler regarding their payroll package and will soon be meeting with Heartland. The Fiscal Office intends to decide on a payroll company by the end of the month.

Mr. Smith recently spoke with Michelle Brady from Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and was told that she had no further information.

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It was reported that UAN had installed new hardware and a new software update and had crashed the system in the process. Due to the system failure, the warrants were not completed and reports were not available. Mr. Smith asked the Trustees to stop and sign the payment register once the system was up and able to process again.

Mr. Smith presented Resolution 2008-1015-05 - Supplemental Appropriations. Mr. Smith explained that the Supplemental Appropriation was for tax collection fees, even though the fees were already withheld, it is necessary to have money in an account from which to pay the fees. Mr. Weltlich moved to pass resolution 2008-1015-05. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2008-1015-05 passes 3-0.

Trustee Reports

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Mr. Dunlap announced that there would be two upcoming Public Meetings. The first meeting would be October 23rd regarding Winding Creek and Peyton Ridge, and the second, October 30th regarding the Planned Commercial District. Both meetings would be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Office meeting room.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Rochelle Menningen, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved By:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Chairman

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____