

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 19, 2009

Regular Meeting

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

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

Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee's meeting of August 5, 2009, and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. August 5, 2009 Minutes approved.

Public Comment:

None

Recognition of Guests:

None

County Authorities:

Chief Deputy Perrigo was present. He handed out a report regarding 'heroin' as a major issue in their jail. There has been a significant increase in theft of cars. The budget is not looking good for next year. They are installing new laptops in the cruisers that will have websites. They are training the men to take reports in the cars. The jail is full and the crime rate is steady.

Mr. Weltlich asked if there was any thought of 'voice recognition' so the men don't have to type in the reports on the laptops. Chief Deputy Perrigo said this was for incident reporting and was not sure that voice recognition would work for them. Next year they will do the crash report.

Mr. Myers wanted to make sure there would be a 'presence' on Toll Gate Road for when school starts.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported the engine that was authorized to be refurbished has been delivered to RPI and work has begun. Within 120 days we should have it back and ready to go.

Chief Eisel reported the MECC agencies 4.9 gigahertz public safety MECC's network in the truck and the electronic accountability systems looks like it will be approved.

The committees from each agency for MECC for mobile reporting possibilities for software and hardware has agreed on a vendor and a program. His focus is that with this grant it will create the need for a wireless network and eliminate the need for another connectivity option.

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Mr. Dunlap asked if we had heard anything back regarding a fourth station and stimulus money. Chief Eisel has not heard a word.

Mr. Weltlich asked about the status of Tim White. Chief Eisel stated Mr. White was going to meet with his doctor and is supposed to return to work on September 14, 2009. He is also filing a disability application with the pension board.

The next step on the current accident investigation is that Chief Eisel will meet with Heather regarding the last round of trial and error results.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-0819-01 – Physio Control Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-01 is adopted 3-0.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Jefferson Drive Culvert Replacement project will be started the latter part of next week or the week after next.

Mr. Butcher met with the Safe Routes to School Committee. They spoke about 4 handouts that will be going out to kids K – 6 in September. There will be a 'walk with a cop day'. There are about three or four different locations they will be walking from.

Mr. Butcher had a walk-thru for Toll Gate Road public improvements with all the county authorities, Regional Planning, the Engineer office, contractors, school district, prior to opening. There were some minor things on the punch list.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Yapple met with Greg Bachman per Mr. Weltlich's suggestion. A letter was drafted to Senator Schaffer, Stepelton and MORPC commenting in support of the Far East freeway study.

Mr. Butcher said they have been working on a lot of drainage improvement projects such as Huntington Hills Drive, Terry Lane, Stemen Rd., Chevington Woods North and the walking path.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to keep the Trustees informed about the rear mower on the one tractor and if he talked to Alamo regarding this. Mr. Butcher will keep the Trustees informed as he gets word.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the access for two homeowners in Huntington Hills. Mr. Butcher will address this.

Mr. Weltlich asked about an agreement for Directional Boring for Mr. Myers in Waterloo. Mr. Yapple said we have to get the permits first before we can do the agreement.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-02 – Award 2009 Pavement Maintenance Contract to American pavements, Inc. for Crack Sealing. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-05 – Authorize Hiring of EMH&T, Inc. to Provide Engineering Design & Consulting Services

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for Mingo Estates Infrastructure Improvements, Phase 2. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked if it was three phases or two. Mr. Butcher said it was two. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-05 is adopted 3-0.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported we had 2 single family permits for the month of July and we are at 5 single family permits for the year. We had 12 other permits. We had 39 total other permits for the year. We had 0 commercial permits for the month and total of 2 for the year. Through July of 2008, we had 17 single family permits.

There may be one or more Trustees at the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Annual County Surplus Auction on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

Our lighting contract with South Central Power for Eastchester Estates expires at the end of this year and we will be doing a resolution to renew our existing contract.

September 6, from 4:30pm to 7:00 pm will be an ice cream social to celebrate the Library's 100th birthday. A proclamation will be presented by the Trustees.

Mr. Weltlich suggested doing the Open House for the Service Center on a weekend.

Mr. Dunlap suggested having the ribbon cutting ceremony and official opening on a Friday afternoon for the dignitaries and the Open House on Sunday in the afternoon. Mr. Butcher would prefer the end of October. It was decided to have the ribbon cutting on October 23rd at noon and the Open House on Sunday, October 27th in the afternoon.

Mr. Yapple reported we have an agreement to contract with Safety Occupational Testing Services to provide drug and alcohol testing for pre hire, post accident random testing within the Township. The advantage is they are within the Township and not too far away. They will also come to the station to do the testing. Their prices are similar to Fairfield Medical. Our bigger issue is dealing with the hospitals and trying to get a test done at 2am in the morning. They are on call 24 hours a day.

Mr. Yapple reported there was a public hearing on the active open space and transportation (walking biking) plan. There were several people from the township who made comments because there are discrepancies in two plans from CW to the county about routes that are talked about and used. In the CW plan the rails to trails assoc recommended they yes the old urban trail. The county plan the folks recommended to use road right of way all the way to Pickerington Rd. through our township.

The petition to vacate East St. in Waterloo has been approved by the Commissioners. The property owner has filed with the County Records office. We should have the Commissioners resolution approval this week.

The Dog Park received their 501-C3 status this week from the Federal Government.

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Chad thinks we are in good condition this year with NPDS. There will be some public education next year we are looking at costs to acquire the sticklers for the storm grades.

Some residents have come in to complain about the sign that says Tollgate with two words not one word. It was named in November of 1964 the County Commissioners named it as two words.

The Senior Center has talked about some paving issues. We took some elevations on the pavement on the front of the building. The problem is wetness under the pavement. We will look at it and make determinations.

We have two vacant houses at Deer Run Court. The old farmhouse has become concealed with brush. The problem is the gentleman that owns it is unavailable to contact. There is a newer home behind it with access off the street that is boarded up. With the dead end cul de sac there is no one back there. The issue is that the same property owner owns property on Toll Gate Road that is pretty bad. Our contact is with an attorney that is handling his affairs. The last email is she is no longer his attorney and she does not know who the new attorney is. The goal is to get this cleaned up and the place secured. The history is this gentleman got committed to a mental institution by another Pickerington resident who was an attorney. He fought it through the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio and won. We do not know all the issues.

Mr. Weltlich suggested going through the old attorney and getting the name of the new attorney and number. Mr. Yapple suggested going through the nuisance process. Mr. Weltlich advised that he did not support this at this time and wanted to attempt to contact the previous attorney of record first.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-03– Authorize Director of Operations to Sign Agreement with Safety Occupational Testing Services, LLC for Drug and Alcohol Testing. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-03 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-06 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds in Woodstream Subdivision owned by Diyanni Brothers. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-06 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-07– To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds in Winding Creek Section 5 Part 1. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-07 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-08 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds in Winding Creek Section 5 Part 2. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-08 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-09 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds in at 8925 Oakshire. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-09 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-10 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds in Winding Creek Section 5 Parts 1 and Section 5 Part 1A. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-11 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut & Destroy Weeds in Winding Creek Section 3 Part 2. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked to be put on record that Mr. Diyanni would rather have us mow than him. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-11 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-12 – Ordering the Destruction of Noxious Weeds on Property Located at 10548 Winchester Road. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-12 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich asked about 'Whiteboard' and where we were with them. Mr. Yaple will get an update.

Mr. Weltlich asked Mr. Yaple to check with Heidi on the County Engineer qualification requirements revision.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he will be calling the Auditor's office to discuss the budget that was turned in.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-04 – Establishment of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0819-13 – Transfer of Funds and Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0819-13 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated they would have a point of someone to be the 'Deputy Fiscal Officer' who could write checks. Mr. Dunlap said as he understood it Mr. Smith was going to make all this happen. Mr. Smith said all the steps were taken to make that happen. Mr. Smith did not elaborate further.

Trustee Reports

None

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

None

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Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

None

Pay Bills

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Weltlich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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:_____