

**Violet Township Board of Trustees**

**August 5, 2009**

**Regular Meeting**

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

Ms. Menningen 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 July 1, 2009, and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. July 1, 2009 Minutes approved. Mr. Dunlap moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Trustee's meeting of July 15, 2009, and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. July 15, 2009 Minutes approved. Mr. Weltlich moved to adopt the minutes of the Budget Public Hearing Trustee's meeting of July 15, 2009, and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. July 15, 2009 Budget Hearing Minutes approved.**

**Public Comment:**

Ed Laramie of 8914 Stonehenge Drive was present. Mr. Laramie spoke about the Proposed House2House Sewage System Inspection Program. They will be inspecting to see if sewage systems are inadequate. There will be a \$65 re-inspection fee and will be charged each time they have to do a reinspection.

**Recognition of Guests:**

None

**County Authorities:**

None

**Departmental Reports:**

**Fire Department**

Chief Eisel reported the training house on Refugee Road is gone.

Chief Eisel presented three resolutions to the Trustees.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-0805-02 – Thermal Imaging Camera. Second by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked how many cameras they had. Chief Eisel said they had 6. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-02 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-0805-03 – Refurbishment of Pierce Dash Fire Engine. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-03 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-0805-04 – Fire Department Training. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Weltlich asked Chief to address the simulation portion for him. Chief Eisel**

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**explained it was a computerized simulation. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-04 is adopted 3-0.**

#### Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the paving of the streets should be finished tomorrow.

They continue to tackle the drainage improvements.

Mr. Butcher feels the Trustees should consider an additional walking path in the Huntington Hills subdivision. The signal at the intersection of Tollgate Road to the north and Refugee Road and Huntington Hills Drive to the south – there is a crosswalk in that intersection on the west side of the intersection of Refugee Rd. The goal is if one is to walk from the Huntington Hills area. He has concern that due to the fact that we have a few landscaping mounds and walls, narrow street, poor visibility that when someone turns in or out of that road that we may have an issue for pedestrians. He asked to consider a walking path (an asphalt extension) of the roadway to the west from Refugee Road to Kensington Square. It would be in our right of way. Mr. Myers asked if any of the money could be recouped by the 'Safe Routes to School' program. Mr. Butcher said he did place a call but has no answer yet. Mr. Butcher said he thought it would take about \$10,000.00 to do the work. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to authorize Mr. Butcher to expend up to \$12,000.00 for the project in Huntington Hills for a pavement extension for a sidewalk. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion A2009-0805 is passed 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked about a 'washout' issue and gaining access behind the homes along the west side of Kennington Square in Huntington Hills. Mr. Butcher said he had not received a response from the property owner where he needs to access the creek. There are no easements that we could slide in. Mr. Butcher will follow back up on this.

Mr. Weltlich said that Mitch O'Brien had asked for Township assistance with the East I-70 Route 310 Corridor to be reenacted. Mr. Weltlich recommended Mr. Butcher contact the City of Pickerington's engineer.

Mr. Weltlich also asked about the culvert project in Jefferson Woods. Mr. Butcher said it is to be started in a couple of weeks. They are waiting for box to be fabricated.

Mr. Weltlich also asked if an agreement had been drafted for directional boring on Waterloo Court. Mr. Yapple stated we had sent the information that we are amenable but an agreement still needs to be drafted after the property owner receives a permit from EPA.

#### Director of Operations

Mr. Yapple reported that Sam's Club gave our Friends of the Dog Park \$5,000.00. Total fund raising is about \$26,000.00. They are getting close to the number we asked them for if we get our grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the park. We will not hear from them until late November.

There is a public meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> of the Fairfield County Active Open Space Transportation Plan at 6pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Mr. Yapple reported that the clearing for the Busey Road Park is done.

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The vacation of East St. in the Village of Waterloo should happen by the end of this month.

There will be some public education we need to get started on during the next 12 months on NPDS to meet the requirements of our discharge permit.

The census will be coming around in the next year. It is supposed to be a short form (10 questions). They are encouraging folks to send it back and if everyone does it there will be no census taker coming to your door.

Mr. Yapple met with the Senior Center. They are short on some of their liability insurances. Mr. Yapple is meeting with OTARMA.

There are a few zoning issues going on that Mr. Yapple is asking for permission to go to Legal Counsel. There is no fence along a swimming pool at 6805 Ohio Canal Court. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to refer to legal counsel to pursue the issue at 6805 Ohio Canal Court zoning side and for Loveland and Brosius to bring it into compliance and do whatever is necessary. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2009-0805 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Yapple reported the 'blue pool issue' is an epidemic in this Township once again. We have over 15 that are in violation because none of them are fenced. Most are more than 15 feet in diameter and more than 24" of water which violates both the building and zoning code.

Mr. Weltlich asked what happened with the last Zoning Commission meeting. Mr. Yapple stated they had closed the hearing and no action was taken.

Mr. Weltlich asked what our activity level was for the broadband. Mr. Yapple said the activity level is as high as it can be. We are in the partnering phase. The first application is due the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. We do not meet the criteria for rural areas. We are too populated. We are still looking for partners.

Mr. Weltlich asked for an update on a letter written for non-compliance for a conditional use permit for a landscaping business. Mr. Yapple will follow up on this and get back to Mr. Weltlich.

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0805-01 - To Support Trustees Nomination to Appoint Terry J. Dunlap, Sr. to District 17 Natural Resources Assistance Council. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, abstained. Resolution 2009-0805-01 is adopted 2-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0805-05 – Authorize Agreement with the Publishers Group, Ltd. for *Pickerington Magazine*. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-05 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0805-06 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds in Woodstream Subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-06 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0805-07 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds at 6675 Ohio Canal Court.**

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**Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-07 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0805-08 – To Notify Property Owner to Cut and Destroy Weeds at 10548 Winchester Road. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-08 is adopted 3-0.**

**Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-0805-09 – Employee Health Insurance Plan Change. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-0805-09 is adopted 3-0.**

**Home Rule Resolutions:**

None

**Motions to Be Considered:**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to approve Motion C2009-0805 to Approve Expenditure of \$1300.00 for Refurbishment of Sign. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion C2009-0805 is adopted 3-0.**

**Fiscal Officer**

Ms. Menningen reported Mr. Smith was out of the country and would return August 18, 2009. She reported that she attended the Budget Commission Hearing along with Mr. Yapple, Mr. Myers and Mr. Eisel. The budget was accepted.

**Trustee Reports**

Mr. Weltlich attended the Pickerington City Council meeting. He said it was the most exciting one he had ever been to. The discussions centered around Church Street east of center being used for a by pass for SR 256 in downtown Pickerington.

**Trustees Out of Office Meetings**

None

**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 9:05 p.m.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer      Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Chairman

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Vice-Chairman

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Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_