

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 7, 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 September 16, 2009, and without public reading. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. September 16, 2009 Minutes approved. 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

Suellen Goldsberry, Director of the Pickerington Public Library was present to ask the Trustees to endorse a 10 year .75 mill operating levy for the Pickerington Public Library and to vote yes for this issue. Mr. Weltlich raised the issue of whether we are or are not legally allowed to endorse the levy. Mr. Yapple will get an opinion from legal counsel.

Eric Valentine, Vice-President of Fairfield County Farm Bureau was present to explain Issue 2 on the Ballot. They also requested the Townships endorsement.

Public Comment:

Resident, Steve Starr of 8650 Diley Road, Canal Winchester was present. His concern was with the construction on Diley Road along his west property. He was told that his property was being annexed to the City of Pickerington. Mr. Weltlich said that Mr. Yapple will check with legal council and respond within one week. They will tell him what his rights are.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Department

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-08 – Appoint a New Fulltime Firefighter – Chris Lee. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-08 is adopted 3-0. Mr. Myers swore in Mr. Lee.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-07– Physio Control Contract. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-07 is adopted 3-0.

Chief Eisel reported a group of their firefighters paramedics got together and redesigned pediatric response kits. The group applied for grants funded from the Foundation which were funded by the Hunter James Memorial Fund. They received \$8,144.31 in grant money which has been designed for EMS phase pediatric training equipment.

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Chief Eisel commended Doc for being instrumental in the process of planning and delivery of all the equipment for the new electrical equipment, warning siren and generator at Station 1. The electricians have delivered everything they promised. The generator is up and running and the siren should be running shortly.

Township Engineer

Mr. Butcher reported the Jefferson Drive Culvert Replacement Project – little more than half done. There are 12 sections of pipe and 6 are in the ground. Majority of time has been spent lowering the waterline, which was higher than what Fairfield County Utilities thought it would be and the project is a little more than halfway done. The subdivision was on a boil alert for a few days and should be over with tomorrow.

Mr. Butcher reported the Huntington Hills Drive Walking Path will be paved tomorrow 10/8/09.

Mr. Butcher reported the Fairfield County Engineers office Rodeo was today. Rodeo – it is a dump truck/snow plow obstacle course. We finished first, second and third within the township portion of the contest. Will Yaple was the winner. For several years in a row we have been successful.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-04 – Authorize Professional Survey Services for Safe Routes to School Project. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-04 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-10 – Increase Contract Amount to American Pavements for Additional Slurry Seal. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-10 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Butcher reported he had submitted two applications to District 17 Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 for Busey Rd. Culvert Replacement and Stonecreek Drive Improvements with curb and gutter upgrade with storm sewer re-design. In January we will hear the results of that submittal. There were about 95 applications turned in.

Director of Operations

Mr. Yaple reported a 4-way stop will be installed at Winchester and Waterloo Roads. Mr. Yaple has had discussions with Larry Shepard and found out that this intersection has been in the top ten worst intersections for accidents within Fairfield County for 10 years starting with their first study in 1999. In 2005 there were (4) crashes there; in 2007 there were (3) crashes there; and last Saturday morning there was another crash. It is very unfortunate this was not brought to our attention and it is very frustrating as to why there has never been any discussion with Violet Township in the recent years of issues still involved. Mr. Weltlich suggested a letter be written to the Fairfield County Engineer expressing disappointment about not ever being notified about the 4-way stop at the intersection of Winchester and Waterloo roads. Yaple will draft a letter for the Trustees to sign.

The Fairfield County Humane Society requested financial support.

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Mr. Yaple attended a meeting with the Board of Elections. A few years ago legislation was passed to permit board elections to charge more of election costs to townships as well as to the county. So if you had issues on the ballot you were proportionately charged. Now they are recouping all of their election costs pertaining to that Election Day from the charges. In the years to come the bulk of the expense goes to them and when our officials are on the ballot we will get a charge from all of the unincorporated precincts in the county and we will be billed and even half of the ones that are in the City of Pickerington. Ed estimates it could be \$15,000.00 that will be taken from our April payment this year. We should know at the end of this year of that cost.

We did not get the Nature Works grant for the Dog Park. Amanda received the grant of \$41,486.00. There is another application period coming due in January with awards being sometime June-July time period. With the Trustees permission we will pursue another grant application.

The Trustees set a hearing date for Case Number 01-ZC-2009 for 8260 Refugee Road for November 1st.

Chad will be back on the NPDS the first of November after the leaves have fallen.

Mr. Yaple received notification for a liquor permit application for Cardos Pizza and Spirits at 7897 Refugee Rd. In speaking with staff apparently this was a DiVinci's that is vacant and they are purchasing this and will operate under another name. Do we want a public hearing and if we want one do we want to do it in Lancaster or in Columbus? The Trustees know nothing about this. Mr. Weltlich recommended not having a public hearing because we have no grounds to have one. Mr. Myers asked what the residents say. Mr. Yaple said he needed to speak to legal counsel to see if he would even go since there is no activity to disagree with the permit. Mr. Yaple needs to find out about any issues with the school being right there. Mr. Weltlich recommended calling Karen Mantia and asking her if she is aware of what is going on.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-01 – Authorize Support of Lancaster Public Transit System (LPTS). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if the City enacted on this at their meeting last night. Mr. Weltlich said they did not. It is not a 'go' if they do not support this. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-01 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-02 – Approve Revision of Technology/Cell Phone Policy. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion: Mr. Myers asked if Chief Eisel and Mr. Butcher were ok with the revision and both were in agreement. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-02 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-03 – Approve Vacation of Portion of Busey Road. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was just the small portion where the culvert is. The rest stays public right of way. Mr. Yaple said this was correct. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-03 is adopted 3-0.

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Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-09 – To Receive Application (Case No. 01-ZC-2009) and to Establish Public Hearing Date. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-09 is adopted 3-0.

Home Rule Resolutions:

None

Motions to Be Considered:

None

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith reported he will be taking a class on October 21st so that they can 'better run their office'. The class is New Strategies for Investments that the State is putting on.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-05 – Establishment of Funds. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-05 is adopted 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-1007-06 – Advance Funds and Supplemental Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution 2009-1007-06 is adopted 3-0.

Trustees Out of Office Meetings

Station 592 Open House on 10/11 at 1-3 pm. Sycamore Creek Elementary School Dedication 10/11 at 1pm; Toll Gate Elementary Middle Schools Dedication 10/11 at 2pm; Diley Road Ribbon Cutting October 15 at 3:30 pm at the Pickerington Water Plant; Violet Township Service Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at noon on 10/23 and on 10/25 from 2-4 pm for an Open House for the Violet Township Service Center.

Mr. Myers suggested putting an ad in the paper regarding our Open House on 10/25.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Weltlich attended the CLOUT meeting with Mr. Yapple. He felt it was very beneficial. He recommended having a regional meeting at least quarterly. He also attended a city council meeting and it was fairly uneventful.

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

Mr. Yapple asked for permission to having a few signs made at OU and our Service Center to ask people to not leave materials if they cannot get it inside the trailers. It will have to be 4 ft by 4 ft or maybe bigger. We have contacted the litter deputy to monitor the sites for materials outsider the trailers.

Pay Bills

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

Executive Session

Mr. Myers stated they would be taking a 10 minute break and then immediately be going into Executive Session to discuss Employee Issues per the ORC Section 121.22 G-1 & G-4 – to include Director of Operations, Fire Chief and the Fiscal Officer. There will no further business conducted other than the adjournment after the Executive Session.

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:33 pm. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Being no further business to discuss Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 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:_____