Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 4, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the role: Trustees Terry J. Dunlap, Sr.; Harry W. Myers, Jr., and Darrin Monhollen were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Chief Mike Little; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher and Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko were present.

Mr. Dunlap asked students from Cub Scout Pack #182; Webelos Den; Sean Akers, Brayden Downing, Carson Hanson, James Russell and Zach Bosley to lead the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who protect us here at home and abroad. Mr. Dunlap presented the students with Certificates of Appreciation and a Violet Township lapel pin.

Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer opened the floor to accept nominations to elect Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Monhollen thanked Mr. Dunlap for his service as Chairman for 2016 and nominated Mr. Myers as Chairman for 2017. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Mr. Myers, abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with 1 abstention.

Mr. Monhollen thanked Mr. Dunlap for his service as Chairman in 2016 and nominated him as Vice Chairman for 2017. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with 1 abstention.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to keep the assignments the same as they have been in the past. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to approve, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Special Trustee meeting of December 28, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

None

Special Guest:

Stacy Tenenbaum, Pickerington High School Central Principal was present to talk about the Sandy Hook Promise – Start with Hello. It was started years ago by a group of parents whose children were killed in the Sandy Hook school shootings and since then they have developed multiple programs throughout the school system and nation to help fend off situations that would cause a teenager to hurt themselves or hurt others. As a district they have decided to ask the community to be involved with an initiative called “Start with Hello” and what this does is keeps students from being isolated. It also helps them connect to the community. The initiative is businesses to put a flyer in window, members have lunch with some of the students, members to be videotaped with a public service announcement and they are asking businesses to put a marquis up and down 256 to advertise the “Start with Hello” campaign. Mr. Myers said we would take one of their signs and put it in our office. The target date is February 6 through February 10.

Kevin McFarland from the Violet Township Fire Department was present. Mr. McFarland represents the committee that is researching the replacement of engine 592 in their fleet. The current truck they are looking at is the engine 592 which is a 2000 Pierce 61 foot
sky build elevated waterway. He said they are standardizing their truck designs. The committee is recommending the 75 foot impel which is the chassis and it is a heavy duty aluminum ladder. The top three reasons for this truck are safety, it is a multipurpose truck and for the compartment space this truck will offer. Their proposal price, when we lease we get a pre-pay price. With it being 17 years old we are getting the best price they think they can get out of it and it takes it down to $788,591.00. They feel this is the best use of the budget. Mr. Myers asked if there was water on the truck. Mr. McFarland said there was and it is pretty much the same setup as Rescue 592. Mr. Dunlap asked what the weight difference was between the 651 and the 75. Mr. McFarland said the 75 was wider and more spread out with a bigger turntable.

County Authorities:
None

Departmental Reports:

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported the paving program is still being developed. Communications are ongoing with Pickerington regarding scope and contract documents.

The salt supply is good.

The Bobcat loader is expected to be delivered within a couple weeks.

$7 million for detailed design has been programmed for the Far East Free Project. Brice Road/I-270 area. Mr. Myers asked who approved the $7 million. Mr. Butcher said the state did.

Mr. Monhollen asked if they gave any type of timeline to when this would start or come to fruition. Mr. Butcher referred him to a website (Far East Project) but he thought maybe 2019.

Fire Chief: Chief Mike Little:

Chief Little gave some general updates.

Chief Little reported they had a construction meeting with architect, Robertson and Building Committee.

They are conducting a Medic Refresher over the next 3 months for personnel.

They are starting to work on end of year reports; hope to have something ready for first meeting in February.

Senator Kasich signed into law Senate bill 27 which is the Firefighter Cancer Legislation which is in effect in 90 days. This is a huge win for Ohio’s fire service.

Chief Little had three resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution is for the Internet Auction of Township Property. This allows us to put items on the internet. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap mentioned the Trustees had to declare surplus on each item. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes, Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. and go into the Public Hearing for Case Number 03-ZC-2016. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.
Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to the regularly scheduled trustee meeting at 9:33 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Chief Little continued with his second resolution for consideration to appoint seven (7) new Part-Time Level 1 firefighters, with an effective date of January 9, 2017. This appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a physical examination/drug test. These gentleman are: Stephen Dickson, Sean Flaherty, Ryan Heavner, Evan Martin, Harry J. Myers, Jacob Pineda and Nathaniel Whitley. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0104-02 Appoint New Part-Time Firefighters. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Motion carries 2-0 with 1 abstention.

The third resolution was to appoint Uriah Landoll to the position of Volunteer firefighter, with an effective date of January 9, 2017, with a one-year probationary period as defined in the Fire Department Rules and Regulations. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0104-03 To Appoint New Volunteer Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked what the other block was going up at the new Fire Station. Chief Little said it was stairwell.

**Director of Operations: John Eisel**

Mr. Eisel reported we continue to receive a number of calls about the single trash hauler program. A letter to all residents is slated to go out early February from Local Waste Services, with our logo on the envelope as well.

We have received our 2017 contract from the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office and there was a resolution for consideration.

Michael Kaper, Director of Fairfield County Land Bank has a site meeting scheduled with the demo company for 7025 Waterloo Place for Friday, January 6, 2017.

Mr. Eisel reminded all about the 2017 OTA Winter Conference January 25-28, 2017 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Mr. Eisel reminded everyone of the planning session on January 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Violet Township Administrative Offices.

Mr. Eisel had four (4) resolutions for consideration.

The first resolution was to retain Sara Rose, LLP for human resource issues on an “as needed” basis. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0104-04 to Retain Sara Rose, LLP for Human Resource Issues on an “As Needed” Basis. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a resolution to adopt Resolution 2017-0104-05 – Retain Alfred Schrader, Attorney at Law. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0104-06 – Retain Township Attorney, on Annual Basis for 2017 (Brosius). Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Eisel said the agreement for the Fairfield County Sheriff reflects an increased cost of 3% wages and this cost is for the entry level Deputy. It is an increased cost of $222.23 a month and 2/3 of that is health insurance and benefits. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0104-07 – Adopt Agreement with Fairfield County Sheriff. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was for one or two
deputies. Mr. Eisel said it was for one and we have two contracts with them. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap asked what process the new trash hauler used to identify all the addresses in the Township. Mr. Eisel said in the bid packet we provided data from the GIS department which provided every residential address point. They have also been provided with a map. They have also gone out and driven the entire route and loaded it into their system to verify and validate the address points.

Mr. Myers made a motion to set the regular meetings of the Violet Township Board of Trustees for the first and third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted for the rest of 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion 2017-0104-A passes 3-0.

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer
Mr. Sauer the budget we passed at the Special Meeting of 12/28/2016 was submitted to the County Auditor. Mr. Sauer will have the resolution at the next meeting for the early disbursements of funds of tax revenues at the January 18th meeting.

Trustee Reports:
Mr. Monhollen reported he attended Pickerington City Council meeting last night. The City returned $1.5 million to the State for the Meadows/Pickerington Road Roundabout Project. He also saw a presentation on ‘Start with Hello’ that was presented by Cathy Ely. They assigned committees and elected Jeff Fix as their president and Christy Hammond as their Vice President.

Mr. Dunlap reported he could not attend the CEDA area meeting but Ms. Sarko did and said that NIFCO will be adding on a 12,160 square foot addition to their facility.

Meetings (where there may be more than one Trustee present): Planning Session on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Administrative offices. There will be more than one Trustee at that meeting.

Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Pay Bills:
There were no bills this evening.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Date: ____________________

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant