Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 16, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

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

Mr. Myers led 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 moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the regular Trustee Meeting of August 2, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Public Hearing (Case Number 01-ZC-2017) for August 2, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the Public Hearing (Case Number 04-ZC-2016) for August 2, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained; Motion carries 2-0 with 1 extension.

County Authorities:
None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief:
Chief Mike Little:
Chief Little gave the following updates:
- The run volume continues to increase over last year.
- Patient transports and EMS receipts are also increased over last year
- Community Medic has averaged 68 runs/month this year

MECC RCOG meeting is tomorrow at 1300; discussion will include a presentation to the Board about the EMS transition. They will transition this into the COGG. Mr. Dunlap asked if this would affect our EMS service. Chief Little said it would not.

Annual Doug Barr Golf Outing is September 1.

Labor day parade is September 4 at 1000.

Chief Little had four (4) resolutions for consideration:

The first was to amend appropriations account 4904-760-790-0000 – Capital Outlay by $800,000.00 from Unappropriated Funds. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0816-01 – Amend Appropriations Account. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this would pay all of it. Chief Little said we pay it as we receive pay apps. He said there is still over a hundred million dollars in the Bonds Fund so we would exhaust that first. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.
We are proposing to purchase one (1) MDT laptop and related accessories for the Medic 592 vehicle at a cost not to exceed $3470.00 from mobile TEK Consulting. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0816-02 – MDT Laptop and Related Accessories Purchase. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Sean Flaherty has provided the Fire Department with a letter of resignation. We would like to accept, with regret, the resignation as a part-time Level 1 Firefighter with an effective date of August 9, 2017. Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0816-03 – Resignation of Part-Time Level 1 Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

After extensive testing, it is recommended that Stephen Dickson and Harry "Joe" Myers, be reclassified to the position of Part-Time Level 2 Firefighter. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0816-04 - Reclassify Part-Time Level 1 Firefighters to Part-Time level 2. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Resolution 2017-0816 passes 2-0 with 1 abstention.

Township Engineer
Greg Butcher:
Mr. Butcher reported restoration behind the newly placed curb within the Countrywood subdivision continues.

The 12-inch culvert replacement under Harmon Road just north of Northchester Drive has been completed. Ahead of schedule and under budget.

Harness Place new storm sewer on Harness Place has been installed. Curb replacement has been completed. Paving in the process of being scheduled.

MORPC intern Burak Gul’s last day with Violet Township will be Thursday, August 17. Some of Burak’s work products this summer include:

b. Compiled all traffic volume and speed counts taken obtained during the last 15 years into one electronic file.
c. Developed a spreadsheet for preliminary 2018 paving program with streets, lengths, widths and cost that can be shared with the Board of Trustees earlier than we ever have previously.
d. Inspected 2017 paving program activities and 2017 curb maintenance program and field verified quantities.
e. With the assistance of Soil and Water, inspected and catalogued all storm sewer pipe and inlets within Countrywood.

Residents of Haaf Farm have asked us to review the possibility of connecting the sidewalk on each side of the large culvert on Haaf Farm Drive where the sections of guardrail are located. Mr. Butcher has reviewed this and believes for safety reasons; we should consider a connection on at least one side, if not both. Currently, residents walk out onto the road at this location. Mr. Butcher wanted to know if the Board had any objection with moving this forward. Mr. Butcher is working on getting a cost estimate.

Mr. Myers asked Mr. Butcher what he thought of the Refugee Road project. Mr. Butcher feels it is just ok. He thinks eastbound is a little better than westbound. He thinks the base course and the intermediate course had some elevation imperfections in it and it is tough to take those out. It is very rough. He did mention this to the County Engineer. Mr. Butcher feels it could have been done better.

Director of Operations: John Eisel
Mr. Eisel reported the Health Insurance Committee met with our broker from Burnham & Flower to discuss their transition and January 1, 2018 renewal. We have also completed our broker transfer of our FormFire account – which all employees will need to enter or update their profiles. Once they get everything in line they will get it out. They will have to set a deadline. Mr. Myers asked if we could use our old Medical Mutual cards. Mr. Eisel said he thought we could.

We continue to address neighbor complaints and issues in regards to 6540 Riverton Circle. There was a motion to give the owners of the home until August 13 to get the things out of their home.

The reorganization meeting for the Port Authority went very well. Holly has developed an RFQ for legal services and is working on education information for the board. Mr. Monhollen attended this meeting.

Cleanup of 6185 Mamie Drive was completed without any issues.

The next meeting for MECC RCOG is August 17, at 1:00 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

A core group has been assigned to work on our new and improved website. The team is Greg Butcher, Holly Mattei, Asst. Chief Paxton, Kristi Huskey and John Eisel.

The .2 mill levy renewal for the Senior Center was discussed at the board meeting on 8-10-2017. Mr. Hackwork will be attending the September 20 Trustee meeting to ask that the renewal be placed on the May 2018 ballot.

Violet Township has been notified by MORPC Technical Assistance that we have been selected as a recipient for the Insight 2015 Technical Assistance program for the Refugee / Pickerington Road Corridor Master Plan.

We had a shared services meeting today in regards to our phone systems. We share those services with a number of entities. We are looking into updating i.e. replacing our current phone system with a SIPP phone system which will provide much more flexibility going forward. It will be less expensive than what we are doing now other than the equipment purchase up front.

There is an invite from the Pickerington Downtown Plan to create a future plan for downtown development. The meeting is August 21 from 6-8pm at Combustion Brewery.

Mr. Eisel had two resolutions.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0815-05 – Resolution Approving the Modifications to the Heron Crossing Planned Residential District – Development Tex Modifications and Multi-Use Path Relocation – Case No. 01-ZC-2017. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, abstained. Resolution passes 2-0 with 1 abstention.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0816-06 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Located at 12087 Rocky Springs Lane in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to give a contribution of $1,000 to the Doug Barr Golf Outing on Friday, September 1st (as we have done in the past) Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion 2017-0816-A carries 3-0.

Brian Sauer: Fiscal Officer
Mr. Sauer reported we had our meeting with the County Budget Commission and he provided a breakdown of the tax revenues for this year. Numbers are up and all the
categories with the exception of local government fund which dropped $4800.00 from last year to this year. Everything else was trending upwards.

Mr. Sauer reported there is potential he will not be here for the first meeting in September.

Mr. Sauer said he did get an email back from the folks who perform our audit and they will provide our services at no additional charge than what they charged for our previous audit.

Trustee Reports:

Meetings (where there may be more than one Trustee present):
Doug Barr Memorial Golf Outing – 9-1-17 at 8:30 am at Homestead Springs Golf Course
Pickerington Public Library Dedication/Ribbon Cutting at 11:45 am
Pickerington Lions Club Labor Day Parade – Monday 9-4-17
Downtown Plan Meeting – Monday 8-21-17 from 6-8pm. There may be more than one Trustee attending.

Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices. We also have a public hearing.

Pay Bills:

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8pm. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries, 3-0.

_________________________$Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer$$Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant
Approved by:

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