Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 4, 2018

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the role: Mr. Darrin Monhollen, Mr. Terry Dunlap and Mrs. Melissa Wilde and were present. Other Township Personnel present were: John Eisel, Director of Operations; Greg Butcher, Township Engineer; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief Jim Paxton; Development Director, Holly Mattei and Zoning Officer, Kelly Sarko.

Mr. Monhollen asked everyone in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who have given us all our freedom and for those who protect us around the world.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Officer, the minutes of the regular Trustee Meeting of March 21, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comments:
None

County Authorities:
None

Departmental Reports:
Assistant Chief Jim Paxton filling in for Fire Chief Mike Little
Assistant Chief Paxton reported Chief Little was in Denver at a labor conference.

The solution for the apron concrete issue at Station 591 is being finalized; the damaged areas will be replaced at no cost to us. They are also doing a curb out front that was still missing the flag pole. There is a sidewalk going in to the neighbors next door to the station. This should all be done relatively soon; weather permitting.

The Lt. testing process will begin next week through the end of April; new list will be posted May 2.

Fire Safety Inspector testing also will be taking place and will be completed by the end of April; this is for Lt. Belcher’s replacement.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the back entrance to the Historical Society was available yet. Assistant Chief Paxton said they tore the very front piece of the sidewalk is getting partly replaced as it got salt damage. The City put a retaining wall up on the far side of the lift and they were also doing some electrical work up there. Mrs. Dunlap was concerned as the Historical Society would be meeting. Assistant Chief Paxton recommended they use the front entrance. Mr. Dunlap asked that he contact Peggy Portier to let her know it wouldn’t be available.

had (3) resolutions for consideration.

The first was for our Blue Card annual instructor and student support and continuing education renewal fees are up for renewal at a total cost of $2,928.80,
which includes a discount of ($732.20). Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0404-01 – Blue Card Annual Instructor-Student Continuing Education Renewal. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

The second was that part-time Level 1 Firefighter Ryan Fraser submitted his resignation with an effective date of April 10, 2018. Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0404-02 – Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

The third resolution was to retain the Law Firm of Zashin & Rich for Labor Negotiations. The contract between the Board of Trustees of Violet Township and IAFF Local 3558 expires 12:00 p.m. December 31, 2018. Negotiations will commence in October 2018 with the Negotiating Committee and the Violet Township Board of Trustees. We want to retain Brad Bennett of Zashin & Rich to represent the interests of the Township as labor attorney, and for related legal services including but not limited to collective bargaining negotiations, grievances, administrative proceedings, arbitration, litigation and other projects authorized by the Board. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0404-03 – Retain Law Firm of Zashin & Rich for Labor Negotiations. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes, Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Township Engineer: Greg Butcher
Mr. Butcher reported the contract signing for the 2018 Paving Program is scheduled to be signed April 5th. Pre-construction meeting(s) will be held at a later date.

Mr. Butcher reported there are a few items that remain to be finished on the Kenworth dump truck. We should take delivery soon.

Mr. Butcher hopes to have resolutions prepared for the April 18 meeting to advertise for bids for our two OPWC projects.

Voting for representatives to the OPEC District 17 Integrating Committee should happen soon. Mr. Butcher is on the ballot with Terry Dunlap as alternate.

Mr. Butcher reported we have been in contact with representatives of Ridgeview Junior High and Grace Fellowship Church regarding community volunteer activities scheduled to occur within the next few weeks. Mr. Eisel reported Ridgeview will do May 23rd for their volunteer activities.

Mrs. Wilde asked if everything had been resolved with the paving. Mr. Butcher reported everything had been resolved. Mr. Butcher went on to say he didn’t think there really was anything that needed to be resolved other than some internal debate within the City of Pickerington related to process and that has been resolved.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had any more information on the study on Waterloo Road. Mr. Butcher explained what Mr. Dunlap was talking about was a Hydraulic Study modeling a raising of the roadway on Waterloo Road between Hill and Winchester. That final report has been submitted and Mr. Butcher is meeting with the County Engineer on Monday to talk through this since it involves a few bridges.
Director of Operations: John Eisell

Mr. Eisell reported April 1st is a year anniversary for the trash contract. In the contract it provided for a fuel adjustment and was capped at 2.5%. This is based on the national average of diesel fuel as of the last full week in January each year. The increase was .53 cents per gallon from that year ($2.50 on 1/30/2017 and $3.03 on 1/29/2018). This is a 21.2% increase in the cost of fuel. They are only permitted to use 15% of the base rate is the portion subject to fuel adjustment which comes out to 1.725. The increase based on the fuel price would have been .37 cents a gallon because we have the 2.5% cap; the max they can increase is .29 cents. This will be listed on the invoice as a separate surcharge. This calculation has to be done each year.

There is a website meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am.

We received our full restitution for the Allen Road crash in the amount of $10,797.50.

The annual drug free workplace training is all online and all sessions have to be completed by April 20th. If an employee doesn’t complete this by April 20th they will have to pay $25 for another link.

Mr. Eisell congratulated Holly Mattei and Melissa Wilde for completing the Insight 2050 Academy.

David Conley will be forming a financial work group that will review the financing options in regards to the Community Center.

Fairfield County Soil and Water District will be doing a lawn care workshop at the Township on Saturday, 4/14 at 9:00 am.

The 33 Alliance Board meeting will be April 17th at 8:00 am.

The MORPC State of the Region luncheon is April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Convention Center.

The State of the County is April 24th beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Crossroads Ministry Center.

The PCMA First Hope Gals is April 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Pickerington.

Drug collection, electronics recycling & shred day is April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Violet Township Service Center.

April 14th at 6:00 p.m. is the OTA meeting at Amanda Township that Mr. Dunlap will be running.

We have nailed down the date and venue for the first public meeting for a Community Center. It will be held at Violet Baptist Church on May 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Violet Baptist Church. We hope that an insert made it in time to go in with our local trash bills that are coming out now. Even if it does make it in we will utilize social media, the newspaper, the website and Next Door as they really want people to participate in this aspect of planning. Mr. Eisell may have a resolution for consideration at the next Trustee meeting. Mrs. Mattei has been working with Dave Burgei at the GIS Department in regards to having access to all of the GIS data online. We will be able to print maps in-house. We will have different levels of users and this will give us the ability to do quite a few things.
robustly in-house. This will be a 2-year program. The licensing will be $6600.00 ($3300.00 per year).

Mr. Dunlap asked if we were advertising the Drug Collection Day. Mr. Eisel said it has been very successful on our face book page. Several agencies around the county and the community have publicized it and it has been on our website as well.

**Motions to be considered:**
None

**Brian Sauer: Fiscal Officer**
Mr. Sauer reported the auditors will be coming the week of May 7th to do the audit.

**Trustee Reports:**
Mrs. Wilde reported they have started the Steering Committee for the Community Center. She also mentioned David Conley is putting together the financial work group.

Mr. Dunlap announced April 14 will be the County Trustees and Fiscal Officers meeting and everyone is invited.

Mr. Monhollen reported he attended the Food Pantry meeting and they are still in need of two board members for that group. Also, there is a lot of planning going on for the gala. Mr. Eisel added that as part of our sponsorship we have a table and he has another table being held for extras.

Mr. Monhollen attended the Regional Planning meeting regarding Violet Meadows.

**Meetings (where there may be more than one Trustee present):**
April 19 - Morpc State of the Region Luncheon at 11:30 at the Columbus Convention Center
April 24 - State of the County at 11:00 at Crossroads Ministry Center
April 28 - PCMA's Hope Gala at 7pm at Zion Church - As a matter of record Mr. Monhollen announced the Food Pantry is no longer called PCMA it is called the Pickerington Food Pantry. There is an official logo change as well.

**Old Business:**
None

**Tabled Business:**
None

**New Business:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go in to Executive Session per the Ohio Revised Code Section 122.22 (G) (2) to consider the purchase or sale of public property and Section 121.22(G)(1) – to discuss/consider personnel
issues. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. and go in to ORC Section 121.22(G) (2) for consideration of purchase of property for the public purpose. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries: 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to authorize the Director of Operations to pursue purchase of property in Violet Township. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion 2018-0404-A carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to Executive Session for ORC Section 121.22(G)(1) portion to discuss/consider personnel issues. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 11:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

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Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer
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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

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Melissa S. Wilde, Trustee

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