

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 17, 2018

Regular Meeting

Mr. Sauer 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 were present. Other Township Personnel present were: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Fire Chief Mike Little; Engineer, Greg Butcher; and Director of Development, Holly Mattei.

Mr. Monhollen asked the audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who have given us all our freedom here at home and abroad.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Office, the minutes of the regular Trustee Meeting of September 5, 2018. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap moved to accept, without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Office, the minutes of the Public Hearing of September 5, 2018 for Case No. 02-ZC-2018. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes.

Guest(s): Tony Howard, Director of Pickerington Public Library and Mary Herron, Trustee were present asking for Support for their Levy on November 6th

Mr. Howard explained they do have a Levy on the ballot, Issue No. 4 and they are asking the community for a .75 renewal of their current levy with an additional .5 mill on that levy for a continuing period. Total if the levy passes will be 1.5 mills. The average taxpayer will be paying about .20 cents a day. With the levy passage they will be able to continue services such as help people with job searching, help students with homework, offer many different classes and provide events for the community. They house about 130,000 items; they are members of a few library consortiums and members of Search Ohio (which allow our citizens in Pickerington to access over 16 million items). Mr. Howard said they serve approximately 50,000 people in their service area. They opened the new branch a year ago and they are hearing from the community that they aren't open early enough. If the levy is successful they plan to open that branch earlier on a regular basis. Today they know that the northwest portion of their service area is still underserved and they are hoping to add services to this portion. Mr. Howard realizes that keeping up with technology is a challenge and the demand from the community is a challenge.

Other challenges – they are still below in funding from what they received from the state 20 years ago. The past 3 government cycles, the governors at the time have recommended cuts for libraries. If they pass this levy this would be 57% of their total operating funding. If it does not pass they will have to cut services, hours and staffing. Library usage is up all around since they passed original levy. Library visits are up 16%.

Mary Herron spoke for a minute and asked for the Trustees support.

Mrs. Wilde asked what electronic resources they would have to cut. Mr. Howard said their electronic resources are the 'best kept secret' but there are many resources and they have access to way more than they can afford.

Mr. Eisel suggested that with their Levy campaign to 'hone' that down.

Mr. Dunlap asked if they were only taxing the school district. Mr. Howard said that was correct. The other areas in Violet Township; the parts in Canal Winchester, the parts in Reynoldsburg, the parts in Bloom Carroll that are all not in the school district does not pay for this. Mr. Howard said this was correct. They will pay for Fairfield County. If they are in the PLSD then only the Pickerington Library will be on their ballot and not the counties. Mr. Howard said this was correct.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion that the Violet Township Board of Trustees support the Pickerington Library Levy. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion 2018-0917-A passes 3-0.

Public Comment: None

County Authorities: None

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

1. Chief Little went over the monthly report for August. Chief reports they continue to be ahead overall in run volumes from last year they are about 7 and ½% ahead and they continue to be ahead on their EMS receipts (12 and ½%).
2. Chief Little reported OFA Combined Training with Truro and West Licking on September 19, 20 and 21.
3. Chief Little met with Columbus Sign and the yard sign for Station 592 hopefully will be put in by Friday of this week.

Resolution 2018-0917-01 is to amend the compensation rate for full-time mechanic Brian Hooser to \$22.75 per hour with an effective date of September 17, 2018. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-01 – Amend Compensation for Full-Time Mechanic Brian Hooser. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2018-0917-02 is to authorize the purchase of fire hose and related accessories from Finley Fire Equipment. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-02 – Purchase Fire Hose. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2018-09-02 carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2018-0917-03 is to make some amendments to the 2018 Appropriations. This is to make some changes because of the year-end coming up. It is a \$50,000 transfer divided up amongst (6) funds. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-03 – Amend 2018 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2018-0917-08 is to accept the resignation of part-time Level 1 firefighter, Adam Lake. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-08 – Resignation of Part-Time Level 1 Firefighter Adam Lake, with regrets and thanks. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked that at major traumatic events such as the one last night on Basil Western, if we kept a Rescue there to light up so the different personnel can do their investigations. Chief Little said the Rescue stays.

Township Engineer, Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported paving is well underway. Streets within Huntington Hills Section 1, Mallard Pond, and our portion of Tussing Road are complete. Bentwood Farms, Jefferson Farms, Jefferson Woods and Eastwood Village remain. Mr. Butcher anticipates the bulk of the project will be completed by the end of September, weather permitting. Paving information continues to be posted on our website and Facebook.

Mamie Drive culvert replacement project is slated to commence on September 19. Residents have been notified by letter. We will have access 24/7. There will be no road closures other than if a piece of equipment is moving across the road but there will be full access during the duration of the project.

Concrete curb project should begin within the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Butcher attended ODOT District 5 Safety Review Team Meeting on September 6. ODOT will be proceeding with a safety application for improvements to the Wagram Road/SR 204 intersection. ODOT is likely to ask for an application of about \$2million and depending on how much is authorized and approved will determine what direction we go. Mr. Dunlap asked if they had any drawings or ideas. Mr. Butcher said they have a roundabout template and they have a full signalized intersection template with turn lanes.

Mr. Butcher reported he had a follow up meeting with Prime Engineering regarding the hydraulic study they conducted for Waterloo Road in the area of Walnut Creek. Within the next few weeks, Mr. Butcher will be making recommendations to the Board relating to next steps for a potential capital project to raise the elevation of Waterloo Road. This is a section of road between Hill and Winchester that requires frequent closures and doesn't seem to be getting any better.

There was a resolution for consideration to submit a second OPWC application for Round 33. This application would be Violet Township's Number 2 priority project (Basil Western Rd./Allen Rd. is Number One).

Mr. Butcher reported we are about 12" above average with rain this year. This is significant. If it doesn't rain at all between now and the end of the year we will still be above average by a couple of inches and it has had a lot of impact on drainage complaints, concerns, contracting, scheduling of a lot of things.

Mr. Butcher reported that for whatever reason they are seeing a lot of cable TV right of way permits. We have some major projects that are happening within our right of ways. They are permissible activities and they are also permitted throughout our right of way permitting system. Mr. Butcher wanted to let the board know there has been a definite uptick in that the last half year. Mr. Dunlap asked if we were keeping them as far off the road edge as possible. Mr. Butcher said they came to the back edge of the right of way as far as they can.

Mr. Butcher had one resolution 2019-0917-09 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Project. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-09 – A Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Violet Township Trustees to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to Execute Contracts as Required. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2018-0917-09 passes 3-0.**

Director of Operations: John Eisel

Mr. Eisel had the following updates regarding the Wigwam acquisition:

- Awaiting the windows to be delivered
- EPS Security has provided us with a quote for access
- Echo Manor – we are working with legal counsel to develop a cooperative agreement regarding their roadway
- Carpeting quotes have been received
- Awaiting lighting quotes from 3 vendors
- Conference room walls are installed, ADA ramp from hallway has been constructed
- Waterfall is being restored
- RentaSky Aerial Photography visited the site to help with photos and a promotional video

- 9-13 & 14, Community Service Workers helped;
 - i. cleaned up all landscaping at office / lodge entrance, courtyard, areas around pond, sheriff's substation, theatre and waterfall
 - ii. Areas mowed with push mower and trimmed
 - iii. Removed ivy from structures
 - iv. Planted mums at office / lodge entrance
 - v. Picked up all trash along perimeter of property
 - vi. Clean out kitchen in office area
 - vii. Setup for County Commissioners Meeting
 - viii. Weed / Trim parking lot areas
 - ix. Clean up walkway from parking lot to office / lodge entrance
 - x. Removed all growth on the waterfall

The Fairfield County Commissioners will hold their September 18 meeting at the Wigwam.

Nuisance Abatements to date, we have abated 8 properties totaling \$15,861.01. These costs have been submitted to the County Auditor to recover via their property taxes.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-0917-04 – Resolution Approving Modification Heron Crossing Planned District – Development Text Modification – Home Styles – Case No. 02-ZC-2018. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2018-0917-04 carries 3-0.

Mr. Eisel read Resolution 2018-0917-05 – A Resolution Declaring the property owned by Dawn Elliot and Stacy El-Muhammad located at 7464 Basil Western Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. This property has uncontrolled and overgrown vegetation, noxious weeds and being declared a nuisance per ORC 505.87C. The property was previously declared a nuisance on June 6, 2017 and photos have been provided to the Trustees. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-05. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked why we were doing another nuisance when it has already been declared a nuisance 90 days ago. Mr. Eisel couldn't answer the question. Mr. Dunlap said we have to do something with these weed notices because they are supposed to have them mowed by Memorial Day and then again at the end of August and they are dragging out. The whole purpose is to prevent the noxious weeds from spreading and now we are going to mow it and kick up all the weeds ninety days after it has been declared a nuisance. Mr. Dunlap said we need to look at how we are doing this and how we are getting it done. Mrs. Wilde asked if it was the same if the property is in the country. Mr. Monhollen said we have to follow the same zoning code for every case in Violet Township. Mr. Eisel clarified the original complaint was declared a nuisance on June 6, of 2017 not 2018. Mr. Dunlap said but the original complaint has been there for over 2 months. Mr. Eisel said if they don't correct it we will remedial it within 4 days. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Resolution 2018-0917-05 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel read Resolution 2018-0917-06 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Melinda Carroll, Located at 8779 Chateau Drive in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. The property has uncontrolled and overgrown vegetation including noxious weeds with garbage, refuse and debris including but not limited to tree trunk, tree limbs, branches, tarpons, push lawn mowers, broken patio furniture, broken patio umbrellas, broken bicycles, plastic containers, miscellaneous wood, plastic, metal and/or other items of vegetation, garbage, refuse and debris. The property is being declared a nuisance. The property was previously declared a nuisance on July 5, 2018 and was abated. The portion of property that they could see at that point when they did the abatement they were privy to seeing the back yard. Resolution 10 deals with the same property but a different category. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-06. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2018-0917-06 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Eisel read Resolution 2018-0917-07 Authorizes the Director of Operations to sign the closing documents as it relates to Braun Holdings and ties to the previous Resolution

that the Trustees passed in regards to the land swap. We did not include in that resolution the authorization to sign documents as we have done our previous land deals. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-07. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2018-0917-07 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-0917-10 – A Resolution Declaring a Motor Vehicle Located at 8799 Chateau Drive in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, A Junk Motor Vehicle and Ordering the Removal Pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Resolution 2018-0917-10 carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Sauer reported he had no resolutions and no report.

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde reported she attended the Commissioners meeting. She had a Land Bank meeting, and a Senior Center meeting. Today they had some good meetings regarding the Community Center

Meetings where there may be more than one (1) Trustee present:

County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, 9-18-18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wigwam. All three Trustees will be in attendance.

Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 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 to Executive Session at 8:25 pm per the O.R.C. Section 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss or consider personnel issues to include the (3) Trustees, Holly Mattei, and John Eisel. 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 return to the Regular Meeting. 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 adjourn at 8:42 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Melissa Wilde., Trustee

Joniann Goldberg,
Administrative Assistant

Date: _____