

Violet Township Board of Trustees

October 2, 2019

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer called the roll: Mr. Darrin Monhollen, Mr. Terry Dunlap, Sr. and Mrs. Melissa Wilde were present. Other Township Personnel present were: Interim Director of Operations, Mike Little; Interim Fire Chief, James Paxton was out; Development Director, Holly Mattei and Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko. Also present was Jen Huber, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Monhollen asked students from Girl Scout Troop No. 6248; Penelope Arnett, Celara Blankenship, Eliza Clark, Maria Disalvio, Olivia Elston, Celeste Hill, Kelli Hoiler, Olivia Khamphilay, Harper Nelson, Juliet Scofield, Aylah Theiss, Paige Yanity, Nellie Zuene to join him in leading 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. Monhollen then presented each student with a certificate of appreciation and a Violet Township pin.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the 9-18-2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington was present. He asked if the Rustic Drive building sold. Mrs. Mattei told him we were in contract. He also asked what happens to that money once we get it. Interim Director of Operations Little said it becomes revenue that goes into the General Fund and which is then available for appropriation. Like any revenue it comes into the revenue side of the Township and is available for appropriation. Because it is a Township property that money will go into the General Fund of the Township.

Mr. Hopkins also thanked the Trustees for voting for the Central Football team going to Georgia. He thought this was money well spent.

Mr. Hopkins was also interested in looking at the precincts votes for the November 7, 2017 and he noticed the votes that were in the Central residents voted disproportionate for one candidate. He thinks that one candidate should be happy that those voters didn't abstain on their vote.

County Authorities

Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts was in attendance.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

He reported over the last 2 weeks the Department hosted the Fire Officer I class through OFCA @ Station 592.

The October monthly report will be delayed until Chief Little returns from vacation; will e-mail to Trustees when completed.

Personal security lockers for all stations are being purchased.

AC Paxton will return on October 7. He is moving his daughter to Washington State.

Chief Little will be on vacation from October 5 – 16.

Annual Open House is October 13 at Station 591 from 1-3 PM.

Chief Little had a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

The first resolution is to purchase 7 or 8 portable radios. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-01 – Purchase Portable Radios, Software and Accessories. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if this makes them compatible with the County switchover. Chief Little said the MARC radios are all on the 800 system. We will have capabilities to talk to everyone. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-01 carries 3-0.**

The second resolution is to authorize payment and expenses associated with Chief Eisel's funeral. This was for the bulletins for the church service. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-07 – Authorize the Payment of Expenses Associated with Celebration of Life of Chief John Eisel. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-07 carries 3-0.**

Development Director, Holly Mattei

Mrs. Mattei reported she and Robin met with a potential business looking to locate with the eastern portion of the township.

The Day of Athena will be hosted by the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce on Friday, October 4th from 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wigwam.

Tim Schaffer has introduced SB 180 which would add a provision into state law to permit township the same rights as cities and counties to issue industrial development bonds for public – private partnerships. This bill is expected to go to finance committee soon.

Manufacturing Week is September 30th to October 4th. The 33 Alliance is coordinating tours of local manufacturing facilities, such as NIFCO, for the local school districts during this week.

One Columbus and the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange will be hosting the annual ED 411 event on Friday, December 6th at the Union at the Ohio State University. Mrs. Mattei highly encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

Violet Township staff participated in a meeting with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding the US 33 to 70 Connector.

Mrs. Mattei had a resolution to an appointment to the Violet Township Zoning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Steve Palsgrove. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-04 – To Appoint Daniel Griscom to the Violet Township Zoning Commission to Fulfill Unexpired Term of Steve Palsgrove. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-04 carries 3-0.**

The second resolution is for authorization to sign the closing documents for the Rustic Drive property. We do not have a closing date as of this date. This resolution authorizes either Holly, Mike or Darrin to be able to sign the documents depending on when the closing date is. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-05 Authorization to Sign Closing Documents. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-05 carries 3-0.**

Township Engineer

Chief Little said they are working on winter prep things such as trucks, equipment and finishing up the summer seasonal thing. Mowing is starting to wind down.

Acting Director of Operations – Mike Little

1. Wigwam update:

- Chief Little reminded everyone of setting a date for the Wigwam Planning Session and asked if this could be done at the Regular Planning Session. It was decided to go with November 11th at 8:00 a.m.
- The Community Meeting Room abatement has been completed; the renovations are on hold until after the first of the year
- Gravel – can this be done after the first of the year?
- Buildings to be razed, which ones? Mr. Dunlap said the one building behind the Community will come down and the one house closest to the main exit. There are a couple little garages also as well as the satellite dish
- Adding signage regarding closure of the grounds. Incident 2 weeks ago with people on grounds nearly getting locked in.
- Gate openers will be installed at the main gate the parking lot gate.

2. Risk Consulting Recommendations

- Checking employee driver records annually
- Fencing along the pond area and the elevated patio

3. PACC Resource Guide

- Participated in the past; do we want to again
- Rates and preference

4. Drug-Free Workplace

- Policy update is on the way (current policy from 2013)
- Medical Marijuana – verify Township’s stance. Mr. Dunlap said it was a Federal offense.

5. Local Waste Service

- Chief contacted them regarding oil on the roads in Eastchester
- Waiting on return call

6. Contacted Sam’s Pest Control

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- Quote for fogging and for Wigwam protection requested

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the Regular Trustee meeting and go into the scheduled public hearing for the Final Plat Review of Heron Crossing Section 4, Part 1. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes, Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the public hearing for Case Number 04-ZC-2019 and return to the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting at 9:38 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

7. Tornado Sirens

- Tornado siren moving from current location on Pickerington/Busey roads to County property on Basil-Western Road
- Purchase of 2 sirens, one for Wigwam and one for Diley Ridge; so the match will be approximately \$3,875 (\$7,750 for 2). Mr. Dunlap added that Mr. Butcher had said there may be a grant through EMA. Chief Little will check with Fiscal to see if those funds are available for 2020 for that match.
- Insurance claim has been filed for the siren located @ Pickerington/Busey Roads that was hit in July
- Chief will follow up with John Kochis

8. Special Meeting Request

- To discuss the selection of Engineer in Execution Session
- Select date/time prior to November 6 meeting; suggest week of October 21. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to have a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing the Township Engineer position on October 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Offices. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr.**

Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion 2019-1002-A carries 3-0.

9. Vacation

- Interim Director will be on vacation from October 5 – 16. Holly will cover in Mike's absence. He will be back in the office on October 17.

10. Event Center

- Chief Little reported he, Holly and Barbie have been working on a plan/policy regarding how they will handle the event center, the theater and the charges. Chief Little will take all Trustee comments and they will refine the policy more and see if they can come to a consensus.

There was a resolution for the Lancaster Public Transportation in the amount of \$12,500.00 which is the same amount as last year. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-03 – Lancaster Public Transportation. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap said they are going a great job and more people need to be aware they can use this service very economically anywhere they need to go in Violet Township. Chief Little added they have also increased the routes. Mrs. Mattei said they helped us with another issue we had at no charge to the Township. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-03 carries 3-0.**

The next resolution was to authorize a onetime compensation payment to the previous Interim Director of Operations, Greg Butcher in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-06 – Authorize the Onetime Compensation for Payment for Interim Director of Operations. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-06 carries 3-0.**

The last resolution was making multiple amendments to the 2019 appropriations. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-08 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriations. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-08 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if we had all of our things out of the old building on Rustic Dr. Mrs. Mattei said they are working on that and they will schedule a day to get everything out prior to closing.

Elected Officials;

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported he has a resolution to provide the authority for issuance of sale of bonds specific to Wigwam property. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1002-02 – A Resolution Providing for the Issuance & Sale of Bonds. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-1002-02 carries 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Sauer said the Records Commission meets once a year and there is a meeting scheduled for November 6th. Chief Little will be out of town so he would like to schedule for the following week so Chief Little and Mr. Monhollen can both attend.

Mrs. Wilde reported we gave a proclamation to the Violet Township Women's League.

Meetings where there may be more than one (1) Trustee present: None

Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the new Violet Township Administrative offices located at 10190 Blacklick Eastern Road.

Pay Bills:

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

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 10 minute recess at 10:10 p.m. and then go into Executive Session for (2) issues; the first one being ORC 121.22(G)(1) – To consider the appointment of a public employee(s) and the second one being 121.22(G)(2) - To consider the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale of unneeded property in accordance with *section* 505.10 of the Revise Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. I believe this motion also stated the 2nd is Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Mrs. Mattei asked to have Theresa Byers included in the session for 121.22(G)(2).

Mrs. Mattei and Mrs. Byers left after the Executive Session regarding the sale of property and prior to the discussion on the appointment of a public employee.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the executive session at 11:04 p.m. 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 adjourn the meeting at 11:04 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Peggy Portier,
Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Melissa Wilde., Trustee

Date: _____