

Violet Township Board of Trustees

November 20, 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 Fire Chief, James Paxton; Development Director, Holly Mattei and Interim Director of Operations, Mike Little. Also present was Melissa Tremblay and Peggy Portier.

Mr. Monhollen asked the audience 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. Dunlap made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the 11-06-2019 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 accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the 11-06-2019 Public Hearing for Case No. 04-ZC-2019. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the Special Meeting (Planning Session) of 11-11-2019. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the Special Meeting of 10-21-2019. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Norman Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Hopkins asked if the old Township building was sold. Mr. Dunlap asked him to wait until Holly gives her report. He asked if that money will go into the General Fund. He said he would keep asking until the question is answered. Mr. Little replied that Mr. Hopkins had asked the same question at a previous meeting and the answer was given that it would be going into the General Fund. Mrs. Tremblay said the \$550,000 was included in the estimated revenue for 2019 and was estimated at \$500,000.

Guests:

Treasurer, Ryan Jenkins and Dr. Chris Briggs from the Pickerington Local School District were present to do a presentation on the School District's plan for progress. They are looking at going back on the ballot in 2020. This presentation was more about the vision of the school district. They believe the plan they have created addresses all the needs in each building for the next 8 to 10 years. They pointed out they have not been on the ballot for new operating money since 2011. They asked for feedback.

Mr. Hopkins asked if there were any plans for the income tax for the operating levy going up. Mr. Jenkins asked if he was asking if they are seeking to increase it from 1% to some new number. Mr. Hopkins said that was correct. Mr. Jenkins said there are no plans to increase their 1% income tax base.

Mr. Dunlap asked about the portion that is in Sycamore that is parallel to Busey Road and wondered if that was in Canal Winchester school district and is there any

movement to move those homes to the Pickerington School District. Mr. Jenkins said if it is inside the dark black it is ours. Mr. Dunlap said there are some homes that are parallel to Busey Road. They are west of that big retention pond that is in the Canal Winchester school district. Mr. Jenkins said what we know is; if a new home comes in they are getting a kid. It may not be every single home.

Mr. Sauer asked if we anticipated anything additional in terms of operating or does this take all of that into account. Mr. Jenkins said this was only a bond issue. Right now that was submitted on Monday night shows that we are solid at least for the next three fiscal years. Beyond that there are a lot of factors. For the next two years there is not a need for operational dollars.

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Norm Hopkins said we should give the people the same opportunity with the school systems that we had for our kids education. Mr. Jenkins said property costs have gone up 20% because people want to be here for the Pickerington Schools.

County Authorities

None

Departmental Reports:

Interim Fire Chief: Jim Paxton

Assistant Chief Paxton reported runs are still about 3% ahead for the year. We are averaging about 570 reports generated a month. They should be picking up the new medic tomorrow. They had the opportunity to assist Basil Fire Department.

The first resolution was to appoint volunteer firefighters; Brandon Metzger and Blaise Zagoric. They are new hires coming on as volunteer firefighters. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-01 – Appoint Volunteer Firefighters. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was to rehire Kyle Conaway as part-time firefighter. He stepped away when he was unable to fulfill the obligations of the position. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-02 – Appoint Part-Time Firefighter, Level 2. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Development Director, Holly Mattei

Mrs. Mattei reported the Rustic Drive sale has been completed. We were able to sell it for \$575,000.00. Mrs. Mattei has contacted the utilities and terminated services.

On November 7th Mrs. Mattei attended a Fairfield County Workforce Center Programming Committee meeting. The County is converting the existing building at 4465 Coonpath Road into a workforce center that can be utilized by companies to train employees. There are also additional future possibilities for other parts of this building. Mrs. Mattei is part of the committee that is helping guide this process.

On November 13th Mrs. Mattei attended an Economic Development Training – **Preparing for the Future** – hosted by the Ohio Electric Cooperatives. There were three site selectors who presented the following topics:

- a. How a community can best sell itself
- b. What communities must do to succeed in a rapidly changing environment
- c. How to recruit talent in a fast paced, ever changing business climate

On November 13th Mrs. Mattei attended the first Violet Township – Pickerington 2020 Complete Count Committee meeting. It was a three hour training where they learned about the Census process and brainstormed ideas on how to promote the upcoming US 2020 Census.

On November 13th Mrs. Mattei attended a MODE – New Community Authorities Lunch and Learn. This session is very informative, especially since a development, which is currently in the review process, is proposing to utilize a NCA in the future.

Road Department:

Interim Director of Operations, Mike Little

1. Wigwam Facility Update

- Gate opener's installation is ongoing. Waiting on Keytel and AEP.
- Installation of fence on patio and near pond has begun

2. Tornado Sirens

- Meeting with County EMA November 25 to discuss replacement of the damaged siren and sites for two new sirens.

3. Pickerington Magazine renewal

- Currently pay (\$6,900 per year)
- 2020 [proposed is (\$9,600 per year) – 39% increase
- 2021 proposed is (\$10,400) per year) – 8.3 % increase
- 2022 proposed is \$11,200) per year – 7.7% increase
- Resolution to approve the new agreement

4. Records Commission meeting was held prior to this meeting.

5. Meeting with Senior Center Board tomorrow morning to discuss their budget

6. Meeting with David Hague on Friday morning (Mike and Holly).

7. We are ok to do a stipend for Will Yapple as he temporarily takes on other duties since the Engineer is gone. There will be a resolution at the next meeting.

8. Chief Little had also posed a question about Allen Road and the truck issue

9. Chief Little received the updated Sheriff's Contract for 2020. It is an 8.44% increase over last year. Mr. Dunlap asked if there was any change in the language as to the service as he still has concerns that we are paying for a Deputy who is going over into Liberty Township and he doesn't think we can spend Violet Township money to subsidize sheriff's service into Liberty Township. . Chief Little said the way it is written is "Based on 40 hours per week for 12 months 1 Deputy." Mr. Dunlap said that Deputy spends half his time in Liberty Township. Chief Little said he did not have an answer but he will follow up with Chief Deputy Lape. Mr. Dunlap said we need an answer to that situation before we pass a resolution.

The first resolution was to amend the Zoning Resolution related to Case No. 04-ZC-2019 which is Heron Crossing West. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-03 – Resolution to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio – Zoning Amendment Case Number 04-ZC-2019 – Heron Crossing West. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, no. Resolution carries 2-1.**

The next resolution is related to the Allen Road Basil Western project in conjunction with the County. This is a resolution to allow for the advertising for that project. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-04 Allen Road Intersection Advertising. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The next resolution related to the approval of drawings for the Allen Road Basil Western project. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-05 – Allen Road Intersection Drawing Approval. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap added this will greatly improve this road as it will increase the elevation. The County did (at the Township's suggestion) make it a 4 way stop which is significantly reduced the number of serious injury accidents. It also increases the sightlines. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, Yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The next resolution is to amend the 2019 appropriations and requested there be discussion. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-06. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Discussion:** Chief Little said what we are amending is two

more areas in the Road and Bridge Fund. This is related to the curb replacement project. The resolution that was approved was approved for \$174,000.00, however, the project was bid at \$172,245.00 and the project came in at \$210,000.00. Another issue we have is the Trustees approved \$45,000 for our local share and our local share was actually \$70,000.00. Mr. Little said this was something we found and we have to reappropriate from unappropriated funds to cover this. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The last resolution was to approve the 2 year agreement for the Pickerington Magazine. It went from \$6900 a year to \$9600 for 2020, \$10,400 for 2021 and \$11,200 for 2022. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1120-07 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap thanked Mr. Hopkins for getting us information on this. Mr. Dunlap had questioned whether we should think about going out and printing our own newsletter. Norm did some research and got back to us. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Elected Officials:

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported we received our bond rating back and we maintained our Aa 2 rating. We will be going to secure that bond on December 3rd.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap stated they all got a letter from Mr. Schaeffer regarding upcoming grants that we may be able to get for recreational trails, biking and hiking as well as connecting the trail from Busey Park to Diley. Mrs. Mattei said she has already submitted for the park trails out here as well as shelter houses here. She put an entire package together for the Wigwam property as well as making this a community building and matching funds for the tornado siren. She did not include anything with Busey Road but that can be added.

Mr. Monhollen attended the meeting for Clear Count Committee and it was about 3 hours long.

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

Pickerington Chamber Luncheon at Zion Church on November 21 at 11:30 am.
Southeast Regional Collaboration Meeting (MORPC) at the Wigwam at 9:00 a.m. on December 3

Old Business: None

Tabled Business: None

New Business:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, December 4, 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 at 9:07 p.m. to take a 5 minute recess and then go into Executive Session according to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee. 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 at 10:26 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. 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 adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg,
Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Melissa Wilde., Trustee

Date: _____