

Violet Township Board of Trustees

November 6, 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 Zoning Inspector, Kelly Sarko. Also present was Jennifer Huber, Legal Counsel.

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 10-16-2019 regular meeting. 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 10-16-2019 Public Hearing on Heron Crossing, Section 4, Part 1. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, 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 11-1-2019 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Norman Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Hopkins talked about contributions to schools and other places. He said the Trustees had talked about putting aside so much money and then let the people come to them instead of them coming every time and we would give them so much money. He feels the schools deserve as much money as we can give them.

John Kramer of 11774 Shadybrook Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Kramer was present regarding the Heron Crossing expansion and the impact on the Huntington Hills water was to be discussed further at this meeting. Mrs. Mattei explained this would be discussed at 8:00 p.m. during the Public Hearing for Heron Crossing.

Madeline Dickerson of 7893 Windsor Ave., Jefferson Farms subdivision, Canal Winchester, Ohio was present. She and her neighbors were present because of their concern about an ongoing issue that appears to involve a property owner on Basil Western who has about 13 + acres and whose property abuts the back street to part of their development. Said property owner had a serval cat which she found out is illegal in the state of Ohio and this property owner does not have a permit. The animal got loose in the development and during that time attacked one of the residents dog. Other residents in the neighborhood had interactions with the same cat and the cat was very aggressive. People are concerned. There is an ongoing investigation. Recently they had the arctic fox or marbled fox that was loose in the development. Sheriff's office came out and the fox was retrieved and returned to the owner. The next day the fox was out again. The fox was found dead and carcass was still on the road. Mr. Dunlap said the carcass was no longer there. Mr. Monhollen stated there was progress being made on this. Mr. Dunlap added that going forward we have asked our Law Director to research if there is any way we can pass a resolution or law to prohibit those types of things in the future. We are also looking at if there are violations technically in our current zoning that we might be able to use and he is also researching that.

Georgia Akterman of 7671 Silver Springs, Canal Winchester (Jefferson Farms) was present. Ms. Akterman said she has heard rumors that there is some cross breeding of these animals. Mr. Dunlap said all he knew was the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources served a search warrant and were back there all day and they know what is going on. It is in their hands. Mr. Monhollen said he has spoken to Chief Deputy Alex Lape and the Sheriff's Department was along to make sure the appropriate protocol was followed. Mr. Monhollen contacted State Senator Tim Schaffer's office and they got a comment back that the gentleman is under investigation and they expected to hear some things back relatively soon.

Madeline Dickerson of 7893 Windsor Ave made another comment that she knows that the Canal Winchester Post Office is aware of the situation and has to carry mace or whatever to protect themselves and she feels this is unacceptable.

John Kramer of 11174 Shadybrook Drive, Pickerington, Ohio asked about a recent news article in the Lancaster Gazette about a connector possibly going to be built between Route 33 and 70. Mrs. Mattei said this is a conceptual idea that is being explored by a number of different entities within the Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District. Right now ODOT is doing a feasibility study to study the future of an interchange and the Fairfield County TID is also working with the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission to do a travel demand model to show how people are trying to get from point A at US 33 up to 70 because of all the logistics and things that are going in just north of 70 and Etna Township. We see cut through traffic happening through there so we are trying to figure out where that traffic is going, what is demanded and determine what kind of improvements are needed to help support that increased travel. Mr. Monhollen asked what the timeline would be. Mrs. Mattei said if we were to get funding today it would be at least 5 years out from there. The chance of getting funding anytime soon would be relatively low for the actual connector road and the interchange with US 33 is on a faster track according to Mrs. Mattei.

County Authorities

None

Departmental Reports:

Interim Fire Chief: Jim Paxton

Assistant Chief Paxton reported the haunted village was a great success. We have completed our hazmat refresher course for the year. We are still running a little bit ahead of last year on medic runs. We were lucky enough to receive recognition for the development and building of Station 591.

After extensive testing it is recommended that Charles "Joe" Mattia, William Gottke and Travis Turley be reclassified to the position of Part-Time Level 2 Firefighters. This will be effective November 11, 2019; with a one-year probationary period; and an hourly rate of \$15.00. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1106-02 – Reclassify Part-Time Level 1 Firefighters to Part-Time Level 2. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Development Director, Holly Mattei

Mrs. Mattei reported an application for State Capital Funds has been made. A copy was given to the Trustees as well as each of our state legislators.

Holly and Mike attended the ODOT led stakeholder meeting for the US 33-Pickerington Road interchange feasibility study. Holly presented, on behalf of the Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District, the status of the 33-70 connector study that had been prepared.

Holly, Chad, Robin and Kelly met with M/I Homes to discuss the outstanding items with Heron Crossing West.

Holly attended the ODOT 2045 meeting at MORPC where ODOT discussed its long range transportation plan.

We are looking tentatively to close on the Rustic Drive property on November 12.

Road Department:

Interim Director of Operations, Mike Little (Holly Mattei filled in)

1. Wigwam Facility Update

- Planning Session has been scheduled for November 11th at 8:00 a.m. at the Wigwam
- Gate opener's installation is ongoing.

2. Revised Wigwam Rental Policy and Rates Discussion

- If this version provides consensus, ask for a motion to approve. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to follow staff's recommendation and implement the Wigwam Rental Policy and Procedures. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if the Staffing fee was done correctly. Mrs. Mattei said it was and she added the language that they had previously discussed. Mrs. Wilde said that in case we came back and adjusted something the one thing she had questioned was the staffing fee because it was her understanding that fee was built into it. Mr. Monhollen said we can certainly make changes at a later date if we feel that it is more appropriate to do it differently. **Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion 2019-1106-A passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing for Case No. 04-ZC-2019 at 8:02 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 return to the regular Trustee meeting at 8:23 p.m. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

3. Tornado Sirens

- Tornado siren pre-grant paperwork submitted
- Insurance claim will be paid in the amount of \$20,554 after our \$500 deductible in October. Mr. Dunlap asked if that would be replaced where it is. Mrs. Mattei said she didn't believe that had been addressed. Mr. Dunlap asked that this be followed up on. He asked if the third one is going to go up around Hill/Diley Interchange. Mrs. Mattei said that was correct. Mr. Dunlap suggested having a meeting with Emergency Management and the Fire Department to look at those intricate circles where the sirens were originally established.

4. Pickerington Magazine renewal

- Currently pay \$575 per page (3 pages each issue) for a total of \$1,725 per issue (\$6,900 per year)
- 2020 [proposed is \$800 per page (3 pages each issue) for a total of \$2,400 per issue (\$9,600 per year) – 39% increase
- 2021 proposed is \$900 per page (2 pages each issue) plus 3rd page at \$800 for a total of \$2,600 per issue (\$10,400) per year) – 7.7 % increase
- Agreement has been sent to Prosecutor for review before signing

5. Nantucket Drive Complaint

- Resident c/o speeding cars and amount of traffic
- Coming from Palmer Road and 204
- Traffic counter was already placed (approx. 1500 vehicles; average speed 27 MPH)
- There are still concerns about the amount of cars coming through there but it is a public road and there is nothing we can do about that.

The first resolution was to approve the 2020 Healthcare Insurance Renewal. The insurance committee has met with Burnam and Flowers and they discussed what the rate would be next year. It will be a 2.84% increase which is significantly lower than what we have experienced in previous years. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1106-01 – Insurance Renewal with Jefferson Health Plan. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked since it is a renewal will it be the same coverage's that we have now. Mrs. Mattei said that was correct. She said the 2.84% was a medical increase and the dental and vision were 0% increase. She added we are also looking at ways that we can look and price out different consortiums and different providers going into 2020 that will give us enough to do that before we have to send a letter saying that we would move on to someone else. We will re-evaluate this at the beginning of the year. Mr. Monhollen added, well done by the Insurance Committee. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was to amend the 2019 appropriation for the Senior Center appropriations. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-1106-03 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriations. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked how many complaints we have had on the Nantucket Drive issue. Mrs. Mattei said one.

Elected Officials:

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported they met with Moody's a few weeks ago. They were very complimentary on the presentation we gave them as well as our facility. We are still going through the process and now we are just waiting to get the rating back. We are also preparing for the budget hearing that will be coming up.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we delayed the bond a year would that give us an advantage and help us. Mr. Sauer said you can do that and it would give us a lower payment next year but if you do that all you will be paying next year is interest and not getting principal at all.

Mr. Dunlap referred to an issue where a payment that was made might have to come back and he asked if this had been handled. Mr. Sauer said it was still in the process. He forwarded it on to Josh Horacek and waiting to hear back.

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde reported the Violet spring Senior Facility opened up and she attended the Ribbon cutting. She attended the Pickerington Education Foundation fundraiser event that was held at the Wigwam and reported it was a really well done event.

Mr. Dunlap had a concern as the City of Lancaster, on their renewal contract wanting to know if that is more or less than they were paying last year for the Board of Health. Mr. Monhollen will find out at the Board of Health meeting he attends. Mr. Dunlap also wants to know what percentage of the Board of Health services goes to the City of Lancaster versus the Townships. Mr. Dunlap feels that Lancaster is getting more services than they pay for and we are paying more than what we get.

Mr. Monhollen has been speaking to Zach Bradley of the Jefferson Woods Homeowners Association. He also reported Mr. Dunlap attended the Pickerington Education Foundation fundraiser. He heard feedback it was very well done and our facility was well received. Mr. Monhollen spoke with Will Yapple regarding the speed trailer for Milnor Road where we had a concerned resident. Mr. Yapple will be setting the trailer up on Milnor Road.

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

November 11, 2019 is the Planning Session at 8:00 a.m. at the Administrative Offices.

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, November 20, 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. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion at 8:35 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 compensation 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 9:00 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.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, 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: _____