

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 3, 2019

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Butcher called the roll: Mr. Darrin Monhollen, Mrs. Melissa Wilde and Mr. Terry Dunlap, Sr. were present. Other Township Personnel present were: Director of Operations, John Eisel; Director of Development, Holly Mattei; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Chief, Jim Paxton; Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer came in at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Monhollen asked students from Violet Elementary; Trinity Carter and Daniel Doneski, 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. Monhollen then presented each student with a certificate of appreciation and a Violet Township pin.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2019 Special meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Office. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2019 Regular Trustee meeting without public reading as submitted by the Fiscal Office. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Guests: Gary Van Almsick from Pickerington Central Tiger Football was ill and could not make it so Julie Morosko has a son who will be a senior at Pickerington Central this year. She explained the Pickerington Central Tigers have been invited to participate in the Freedom Bowl in Milton, Georgia on August 30th. There have been 12 teams invited in the United States. This is a 3 day event. The football boosters want to ask the Violet Township Trustees if they would consider a donation of \$12,000.00 or whatever they can do to help.

Mr. Monhollen recognized Vanessa Niekamp from the Board of Education.

Public Comment:

Vanessa Niekamp of 470 E. Columbus St., Pickerington, Ohio was there as the Executive Director for the Pickerington Food Pantry. She wanted to commend the Township for purchasing the Wigwam as it is a huge asset to the community. They just had a fundraiser for the community to raise money for the pantry this past weekend and she said working with John and his staff was a pleasure. She said next year they will do the roaring twenties and they would like to have it on April 4th in 2020. She said it was about \$32,000 in revenue for the Pantry. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to support the Pickerington Local Food Pantry for their April 4, 2020 the same as we did this year. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carried 3-0.**

County Authorities:

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little reported he and Chief Paxton will be attending the Knights of Columbus Bluecoat Award dinner on April 9; we are honoring John Putnam.

On April 17 Chief Little and Paxton are going to Sandusky to the Apco Conference. Three of their MECC dispatchers are being honored with an award from Apco for the work they did at the 5 alarm fire in Whitehall.

The first resolution was to install 4 point seatbelt systems in medic 592 and Medic 593. The 4 point system in the back is for our personnel to be seat belted in for the case of an accident or rollover. This is at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 for both medics. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0403-01 – Install Four-Point Seatbelt System. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

The second resolution is to replace the concrete patio at Station 592 due to age and condition. This is the area that is out the kitchen door. Kilby Construction will do the work at a cost not to exceed \$12,100.00. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0403-02 – Replace Concrete Patio at Station 592. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked Chief to thank all the guys that were down on Diley Road bridge today honoring the fallen hero.

Township Engineer, Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher had a resolution for consideration authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2019. This resolution is required to allow ODOT to solicit bids for entities within the State of Ohio who choose to participate in the contract.

Significant rain fell Saturday and into Sunday morning, March 30 and 31, requiring the closure of several roads or the posting of high water. They are evaluating some of these areas for blocked or otherwise compromised road culverts. Weather patterns have been pretty significant as it relates to high water.

The road crew has been removing dead or dying trees within the road right of way that represent potential hazards. Mr. Butcher has requested South Central Power review dead or dying trees.

Potholes continue to be filled as needed.

There was a meeting with MORPC and county representatives to discuss the US 33 to I-70 conceptual project. The purpose of the meeting is to begin to develop a scope of work relating to gathering existing road and travel data.

Mr. Butcher attended the County Transportation Improvement District meeting last Thursday, March 28. Commissioner Fix was in attendance; Representative Schaffer also stopped by for a few minutes and updated the Board on the proposed gasoline tax increase and state transportation budget.

The Governor signed legislation for a 10.5 cent increase effective July 1.

Mr. Dunlap asked if we used up all our committed salt from last year. Mr. Butcher said we did not and we have some in storage and some to order. Mr. Butcher said we have to order what we committed to for this season.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0403-03 – Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes, Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Director of Operations – John Eisel

Mr. Eisel reported he continues to work with Local Waste Services in regards to an adjustment in the recycling price. He is working with our consultant and Legal Counsel as well as the President of Local Waste Services. There was an unexpected increase in the fees for the disposal of recyclables. It has to do with China and their refusal to accept recycled materials as imports. 75% of the recyclable material in the United

States was going to China and they don't have the disposal for the passing through of those items they had before. We have a 35 cent per month increase in the recycling rate, which is an optional service. There was a provision in the contract if something were to happen with solid waste then costs could be passed through due to an unforeseen circumstance.

Mr. Eisel provided everyone with a copy of the 2019 International Property Maintenance Code which is actually from the Village of Amanda. Mr. Eisel and Mrs. Mattei have attended several meetings at the county level in regards to township's collaborating if we were interested in doing something together. They will do a presentation at the next Township Association meeting.

Mr. Eisel reported at the MECC meeting it was also discussed that the Regional Council of Governments dispatching and the collaboration that has taken place for many years is going to be recognized and awarded at the MORPC Annual Luncheon; so the Regional Council of Governments on behalf of dispatching EMS technology will receive that award.

Wigwam Update:

- Site work for the courtyard will resume tomorrow
- Doors have been installed and we are waiting on their return to adjust and improve the door seals. The check will not be given until that is corrected.
- Security of the doors is being completed.
- The remainder of the video walls will be installed
- The lobby should be finished this week
- Focus now will be to get the office area completed
- A resolution is prepared to authorize Mr. Eisel to sign the rental agreements.

There is also a resolution for consideration for our annual Drugfree Workplace Training.

Tyler's Light 5k will be held Saturday, May 4 at Toll Gate. Toll Gate Road will be closed to traffic from 9:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Letters to every resident on Toll Gate and Toll Gate Court and Mamie Drive went out today first class.

Greg and Holly will attend the work session on the Fairfield County Maintenance Bond on Thursday, April 25.

Mr. Eisel also had a resolution for consideration to renew our annual OTARMA coverage.

Mrs. Mattei stated everyone had in front of them copies of the Violet Township Technical Assistance Program that MORPC prepared for us. A few of the maps have been revised to add a connector road on page 36, 37 to the northwest of the realigned Pickerington Road roundabout. It is shown with an orange line. This connector was added to help accommodate the traffic through this area. She is going to send it back to the committee and she will have more feedback after she sends it out to everyone.

Mr. Eisel added that we had a call from a resident that lives in that area that had a question about wanting to see that graphic. Mr. Eisel called him back and left a voice mail that he would be happy to send him a copy but he has not heard back.

Mrs. Mattei would like to give the stakeholder sometime to review and if she doesn't get any feedback from them she would like to take it through the actual adoption process. Chief Little asked if they were realigning Pickerington Road at Refugee Road. Mrs. Mattei said yes, but they have had meetings with the County Engineer's office about whether or not Pickerington Road would become a cul-de-sac or right in only. It would be realigned because of the skewed angle. Chief Little said he did not know anything about this and would like to be invited to the table.

Mr. Eisel's presented Resolution 2019-0403-05 – Authorize Director of Operations to Sign Wigwam Rental Agreements. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution**

2019-0403-05 – Resolution to Authorize Director of Operations to Sign Wigwam Rental Agreements. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0403-06 – Authorize Expense for Annual Drug Free Workplace Training. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0403-07 – Authorize Director of Operations to Renew with OTARMA for the 2019-2020 period. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mrs. Wilde asked Mr. Eisel to explain why this is beneficial to us because a lot of other places are just not like our township. Mr. Eisel said there are a number of different things we deal with. The most recent would be the home in Huntington Hills that had rodents, unkempt, vacant, had no utilities for three years, was going through a bankruptcy process so everything was hands off. The six neighbors that surround that property plus other adjoining neighbors quality of life was drastically affected to the point they would not let kids or grandkids play in the back yard because of the threat of raccoons. This would give us tools to deal with a number of things such as down spouts hanging from the house or junk cars sitting in the driveway in disrepair. The intent would not be to go out and police but to react to complaints and have the tools to more efficiently deal with them in a much quicker manner. We would have to figure out who would enforce and that does not mean we would have to hire someone. We could go by contract method and do it part time. It cannot be the Zoning Officer.

Fiscal Officer – Brian Sauer:

Mr. Sauer had one resolution dealing with some carryover balances and appropriating the additional in order to meet what we need to pay this year. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0403-04 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriations, Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked what they were. Mr. Eisel said in the General Fund increasing the salaries by \$1500.60, the natural gas line by \$20,000.00, the General Bond Retirement increased \$5,000.00 and the Wigwam Fund increasing \$369,512.93 due to the fact that we estimated our carryover on that fund and appropriated \$500,000.00 and it was actually \$869,512.93 and it gives us that other money back in the budget. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde expressed her appreciation for everyone working at the Wigwam. She attended the theater on Friday and the Gala on Saturday. Mr. Eisel asked if we could get the attendance numbers for each performance of the theater, Holly brought up a good point today that we need to start tracking those numbers of attendance. Mrs. Mattei said she reached out to the Community Theater today and they are getting this for her.

Mr. Monhollen attended Regional Planning.

Mr. Dunlap asked; if the county goes to 3 years maintenance on these developers rather than 5 can Violet Township adopt 5. Mrs. Mattei said there may be possibility for us to do that. Mr. Dunlap stated as far as he is concerned it needs to stay at five years.

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

Thursday, April 25th at Lakeview Jr. High School – Friends of Education Dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Old Business: Mrs. Wilde asked if we were moving forward with the fireworks. Chief Little said it was in the paper that the fireworks will be July 3rd and the community celebration will be July 4th. He said that was what we requested and we are happy with

it. Mrs. Wilde said doing a resolution at the next meeting would be fine. She just wanted to make sure nothing was holding this back.

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

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.

Mrs. Mattei announced she would be attending the Fairfield 33 Alliance Career Readiness Expo and the Career Fair will be going on there on Coonpath Road. It starts at 4:00 p.m. and runs until 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 5 minute recess at 8:20 p.m. and then go into Executive Session per the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) – To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, sale or other disposal of unneeded obsolete or unfit for use property. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. (To include the (3) Trustees, John Eisel, Holly Mattei and Greg Butcher, Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to go in to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg,
Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

Melissa Wilde., Trustee

Date: _____