

Violet Township Board of Trustees

April 17, 2019

Regular Meeting

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

Mr. Sauer 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; Assistant Chief, Jim Paxton and Engineer, Greg Butcher. Chief Little was absent.

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 made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2019 Regular 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.

Public Comment:

Tammy Miller of 8960 Hill Road S., Pickerington, Ohio was present. Ms. Miller asked if the Board would be voting or approving the item listed under the public hearing. Mr. Monhollen stated there was no resolution prepared for the hearing and there would just be comments.

Ms. Miller asked how the Township publicized tonight's public hearing. Ms. Sarko said by newspaper and on the website. She asked how much advanced notice the residents would have before they change the zoning on the property. Ms. Sarko said they provide the required 10 days notice for a public hearing and the Trustees need to make a decision within 20 days of the closing of the public hearing. Mr. Dunlap said it is normally done at the next Trustee meeting for all zoning.

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Hopkins had a question about what the Trustees would be voting on today. He said in the resolution it referred to 'parkland' at the Wigwam and wanted to know what that meant. Mr. Dunlap said we needed to hold that question until the public hearing,

Mr. Hopkins asked which account the Wigwam's mortgage payment was coming out of. Mr. Eisel said the Bond Retirement Fund or the General Fund.

Rocco Sabatino of 8918 Chevington Chase Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Sabatino said he got several phone calls from people who were upset because there are a lot of things going on with the Township right now. He said people are upset with the Township going into private business against its citizen's. Again, Mr. Dunlap said Mr. Sabatino is addressing issues he needs to save for the public hearing.

County Authorities:

Josh Horacek Law Director was present.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little reported he and Chief Paxton will be attending the MORPC State of the Region lunch; MECC RCOG is receiving the Habig Award.

Chief Little will be attending the Pickerington Local School District Friends of Education dinner on April 25.

Chief Little and Assistant Chief Paxton will attend the Box 15 dinner April 28, Lt. Belcher receiving the Larry Parlett award.

Open House at Station 592 for Lt. Belcher May 3 from 1 to 4pm. The following night at Seton Parish he will be honored with the Seton Blue Coat Award.

Chief Little and Paxton went to Sandusky to recognize two dispatchers that did a yeoman's job with a 5 alarm fire last month in Whitehall. They wanted to be there to help recognize them.

Chief had 3 resolutions for consideration.

Yearly runs are running slightly ahead of last year.

Patient transports are up by almost 10%.

EMS receipts are currently ahead by 8% but it is still early in the year so that will even out as the year goes.

Treston Eblin has turned in his resignation with an effective date of April 1, 2019. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0417-02 – Resignation of Part-Time Level 1 Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

J. D. McDowell and Steve Wernert have started paramedic school, and have signed the appropriate agreements relating to payment, class attendance, timeline and obligation. The total cost of these courses is \$10,370.00. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0417-03 – Paramedic Education Course Payments. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap said this was due to the fact that they were in a part-time position but didn't have time to get the paramedic on around before we hired them because of the expansion that we had. Chief Little said that was correct. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes, with regrets. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Liz Smith has requested to resign her position as a full time firefighter, and be re-classified to the position of Part-Time Level II Firefighter. She and her family have made a long and thoughtful decision for her to remain at home with her newborn son. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0417-04 – Firefighter Resignation and Reclassification. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if they considered making her and her husband on different shifts. Chief said they looked at several considerations and this was the decision they came to. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Resolution carries 3-0.**

Township Engineer, Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported all paperwork has been submitted to ODOT, confirming our participation in the state's salt cooperative purchasing effort for 2019-2020. We still have to order 600 tons of salt from last year's contract and take delivery by April 30, 2019.

Mowing of parks and cemeteries has begun in earnest. We take it very seriously and we take a lot of pride in this.

Potholes continue to be filled as needed.

As is typical for March and April, there is an uptick in correspondence relating to drainage concerns. These concerns are reviewed by staff on a case by case basis.

Mr. Butcher reported we will be advertising on Friday for our two 2019 street maintenance plans. The scope remains as discussed in prior meetings. We will advertise on April 19 and April 26 and will open bids on May 7th at 11:45 am. This will be the third year of our Road Levy receipts and he is proud of what we have been able to accomplish with the successful passage of that levy.

Director of Operations – John Eisel

Wigwam Update:

- Site work for the courtyard will resume weather permitting
- Security of the doors has been completed.
- Obtaining quotes for automatic openers for the front and Taylor Road exit gates
- Lodge – remainder of the video walls have been installed
- Work continues to finish in the office area. Desk tops, lighting, door hardware was delivered yesterday
- Beginning to plan the office move going forward.

The Drug, Electronics Recycling Event will be held at 490 N. Center St. on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The property at 6540 Riverton Circle sold April 12 at Sheriffs sale for the minimum bid of \$133,000.

Tyler's Light 5k is Saturday May 4 at Toll Gate. Toll Gate Road will be closed for traffic from 9:45 until 11:00 a.m.

Friends of Education Dinner on April 25th at Lakeview Jr. High School at 6:00 p.m.
The State of the County will be held April 30 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Wigwam.

Resolutions for consideration:

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0417-01 – Authorize Contribution to the Annual Violet Township 4th of July Celebration. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0417-05 – Authorize the Director of Operations to Enter into Lease Agreement for a Business Machine. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Fiscal Officer – Brian Sauer:

Mr. Sauer reported he had no report.

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde reported she met with the Senior Center and has nothing to report.
Mr. Dunlap reported South Central Power held their regional meeting at the Wigwam and about 650 people attended and it was well received.

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.

On April 30 at 11:00 am at the Wigwam is the State of the County. Mr., Dunlap added if anyone attends this they need to call the County to reserve this.

Old Business:

Tabled Business: None

New Business: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, May 1, 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.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to take a 5 minute recess at 7:55 p.m. and return at 8:00 for the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote:

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 9:02 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 come out of the Public Hearing and return to the Regular meeting. Seconded by Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 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: _____