

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 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 Development, Holly Mattei; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief, Jim Paxton and Law Director, Josh Horacek.**

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 as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of 7-2-2019 Regular meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Motion carries 3-0.**

### **Public Comment:**

Cathy Jensen of 10010 Oxford Drive, Pickerington was present. She had questions about the Wigwam financials. She confirmed the Wigwam was purchased for 2.7 million and another 1 million dollars in renovation. Ms. Jensen asked how the financing was done for the initial purchase. Mr. Sauer explained we purchased a note for that which is for one year note and we have recently renewed that. It provided 3.5 million dollars for the facility as well as the upgraded we needed to do. Mr. Sauer explained we are on a short term 6 month note right now and will be going out to bond for that which will most likely be a 30 year bond. Ms. Jensen also said the minutes from the special meeting had said that we were going to acquire more 'real' property and renovate and improve our existing facility and she wanted specifics on this. Mr. Butcher said the best way to characterize the overall planning of this facility is the administrative offices (inclusive of a meeting room) and the lodge as well as the Banquet Facility and community theatre. There have been only discussions and nothing official for future uses of the property. There are 26 acres of woods and we have spoken to Fairfield County Parks about possibly converting into more formal parkland and there are 10 acres of vacant ground on the north end that we are marketing for commercial purposes. There has been other high level preliminary consideration of facilities such as a Fire Station and a Sheriff's sub-station. We are not acquiring any additional land.

In regard to communications Ms. Jensen is suggesting putting a sign at the front entrance of the Wigwam. Mr. Dunlap said there will be one next week.

Karen Kessler of 13988 Stonehenge Circle, Pickerington was present. She asked if there were some structures on the 10 acres that Mr. Butcher was referring to. Mr. Dunlap said one of the buildings is too much to repair and will probably become a training house for the Fire Department and it is not yet decided what we will do with the other building.

Ms. Kessler asked what kind of marketing is going out to commercial development and is the marketing of those 10 acres needed for the financing of the existing property. Mr. Sauer said we do not need revenue from the sale or development of the 10 acres to pay the note that was referenced earlier.

Ms. Kessler asked if we would be acquiring any other source of real property outside of the land. Mr. Butcher said no.

Sharon Heckenthorn of 8864 Indian Mound Road, Pickerington was present. She spoke about flooding in her yard. She presented pictures of her yard being flooded and stated water had also crossed over the road on two occasions. She had a video to show how

bad it is. She stated her culvert is the smallest culvert in Chevington Woods North. She wants a rectangular culvert because as the water rises it is starting to come out and then you get the whirlpool when it gets to the very top. She believes it is a safety issue. She said Mr. Butcher did come out and they talked about the Township doing a study and also about putting in a culvert. Her creek was dug out in November and now it is flooding again. She has had damage to her personal property. It is going to get to where someone is going to get killed or severely injured. It is happening all the time now. 2015, 2017 2019. She said her explanation has been 'it is your problem, it is your property'.

John King of 8849 Indian Mound Road, Pickerington was present. He also had pictures. Basically there is a small culvert under Indian Mound Road and when it rains it starts backing up on Ms. Heckenthorn's side. It gets higher and higher because the water cannot fit through the culvert and when it comes out on his side it is not so much the quantity of water but all the weight pushing the water through the small culvert. Every time we have a rain there is sometimes a foot of creek bank that falls in.

Karen Kessler of 13988 Stonehenge Circle, Pickerington spoke again. She said when she moved into her property in fall of 1999 her drainage ditch through the back yard had minimum water in it and it was 18" wide. This has been an 18 year process. They were told to dig it out to 11 feet. This lasted about a year. They are now at about 22' wide and they have lost all of the rest of their yard to the water. She was told to call the Army Core of Engineers. She had to dig out the foundation of her house and had to install a moisture barrier all the way down the entire distance of her house. This did not work well. Every year they lost about a foot and a half more. Her creek also got filled with fuel oil from a leaking tank at the nearby farm in Licking County. The EPA came in with huge 'sanitary napkins' for about 2 months and now they couldn't use the yard anymore and they built 3 total bridges. The Army Corps of Engineers finally said "who mapped it"? They said it was a "mapped waterway". The county said it falls back to the Army Core of Engineers. She stated she now has a 22' to 24' "river" that runs through her yard and has spent thousands of dollars already. She feels the county needs to do something about it.

Law Director, Josh Horacek recommended another outlet to examine something called 'petition ditch' which is essentially a group, an area that goes together and puts in a new ditch that will drain water in a more appropriate way. He encouraged the residents to reach out to the County Engineer.

Mr. Butcher said he has reached out to several agencies. County Soil and Water has been very active recently, County Engineers office has been included on correspondence to the residents.

Mr. King asked what agency does the ditch petition gets field with. Mr. Horacek said it gets filed with the Board of County Commissioners and it ends up being a multi-county petition ditch when you start involving the Licking County Commissioners as well. The design of the improvement goes through the County Engineer's office. They can guide the petitioners as to what needs done.

Mr. Butcher responded that out of all the square miles in Violet Township this area has received significant attention over the last 20 years. It has been a problem and the drainage in unincorporated areas is just very "handcuffing" to the local agencies in subdivisions that don't have a detention pond. Mr. Butcher asked a few things of these residents: When the water gets in the road right of way identify from ditch to ditch – this is important from a safety perspective as it triggers involvement by the township.

The ditch petition that Josh spoke about is available. It is a good mechanism but it takes buy in and involvement of a percentage of abutting landowners. Mr. Butcher will send them the statute and some information on this.

Mr. Butcher proposed to the board that he engaged the County Engineers office, County Soil and Water, and Mr. Dunlap. Mr. Dunlap suggested also engaging the County Commissioners if the Engineers Office wants us to. Once we get that organized on our

side we can contact Licking County Commissioners and explain we need their assistance to correct the problem.

### **County Authorities**

Law Director, Josh Horacek was present.

### **Departmental Reports:**

#### **Fire Chief: Mike Little**

Chief Little reported they continue to be ahead on runs by almost 3%; patient transports are up by almost 3% and EMS receipts are up 6 ½%.

Chief Little will be out of town next week (Monday through Wednesday) in Philadelphia.

Chief Little thanked everyone for all the help with Mr. Eisel's visitation and funeral. They also had a significant amount of help from Central Ohio Fire Departments, all the MECC agencies, Columbus Division of Fire, Westerville, Jackson Twp., Madison Twp., West Licking, Greenfield, Bloom, Basil.

Mrs. Wilde asked Chief to pass along our thanks and asked for a list of departments so we can send thank you notes.

Mr. Dunlap noted that he heard a lot of good comments on how things went and what a strong effort it was.

Mr. Monhollen asked to let us know if we fall short anywhere to the family so we can make amends.

#### **Township Engineer, Greg Butcher**

Mr. Butcher reported paving continues. Decker Construction Company is doing a nice job. Mr. Dunlap added they are doing a good job notifying the residents that are affected. It has been very well received.

Bids were opened on Thursday, July 11 for the OPWC Curb Replacement Project and are being reviewed. Seven bids were received. The bids are being reviewed and we should have a recommendation at the next Trustee meeting.

Second mowing of Township rights of way have been completed with a wet spring, and a wet summer. We continue to stay after it.

#### **Acting Director of Operations – Greg Butcher**

A required Public Hearing for the Chesapeake Subdivision Section One Final Plat will be held August 7, 2019 at the Administrative Offices beginning at 8:00 p.m.

#### **General Updates:**

Wigwam Open House on July 27, 2019 from noon to 5 p.m. – Planning is well underway. Mrs. Mattei mentioned she reached out to several organizations for anyone who wanted to volunteer. There is a volunteer meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for anyone interested. Mr. Dunlap invited everyone in the audience to come.

#### **Wigwam Update:**

- Site work for the courtyard continues and the railing is being ordered for the courtyard and pond area.
- Conduit for automatic openers for the front and Taylor Rd. exit gates has been completed – awaiting quotes on needed electric work.
- Concrete pad for the generator has been poured
- Signs have been ordered
- Asbestos survey has been received for the building west of the courtyard area. Very little was found.

Drug Free Workplace Training – Online training remains in progress.

Sale of Former Office Building at 12970 Rustic Drive – Inquiries continue to be directed to our law director.

July 4 Celebration – Based on discussions Mr. Butcher had with both Chief Paxton and Mayor Gray, it appears the July 3 and 4 activities went very smoothly. Mr. Dunlap added it went well.

2020 Budgets – Budgets have been submitted to the County Budget Commission. The 2020 Budget Hearing will be held on August 5, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room, County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Resolution 2019-0717-01 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Patrick E. and Keegan E. Koenig and Courtney M. Root known as 11804 Eddington Avenue in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio a Nuisance. **Mr. Dunlap made motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0717-01. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2019-0717-02 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Kurt A. Neltner, 12.19 Acres Located on the West Side of Allen Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0717-02. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-0717-02 carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2019-0717-03 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by DD and D Homes LLC., known as Violet Meadows Section 3, Lot 88 in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0717-03. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-0717-03 carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2019-0717-04 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Charles Steven and Manju Teresa Dearing, known as 6985 Cosimo Lane in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0717-04. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-0717-04 carries 3-0.**

Resolution 2019-0717-05 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Cam Nhung Nguyen, known as 13537 Nantucket Avenue in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0717-05. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

**Elected Officials;**

**Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Sauer reported he will be on vacation from July 25 through the 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Sauer gave kudos to Peggy and Melissa for doing a great job keeping everything moving during the transition with the move to the Wigwam.

The first resolution he had was an Establishment of a Fund for curb replacement. The 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution was to move funds from the Fixed Assets Road and Bridge Fund and we need to move that to our line item for transfers out.

**Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0717-06 – Establishment of Fund. 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 2019-0717-07 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriations. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

**Trustee Reports:**

Mrs. Wilde said she has about 15-16 women from the Violet Township Women's League who have offered to volunteer for our event on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 or 3 women that need chairs to sit at their spot.

Mrs. Wilde also mentioned how impressed she is with how things have moved so seamlessly with the death of Mr. Eisel. A friend of hers was completely blown away on all the support the community gave.

Mrs. Wilde also mentioned how important communication is in moving forward. She confirmed the trustee liaison department assignments.

Mr. Dunlap reported Robin is coordinating the event on the 27<sup>th</sup> with Holly. Mr. Dunlap has been working with them and things are coming together great. He reported that the Chamber is sending out notice to any of their members if anyone wants to volunteer. He also invited any citizen in the audience who would like to volunteer.

Mr. Monhollen reported the importance of the 2020 census counts that were discussed the last Regional Planning meeting. Since then he has spoken to Mrs. Mattei in regards to working with the City of Pickerington and they are interested as the best practices to make sure our community is accurately represented in the count as well.

Mrs. Mattei said there had been some confusion on the automatic locks for the facility. We will be getting training in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Mattei is also monitoring contracts and agreements. Mr. Dunlap told her what a good job she is doing to help make things happen.

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

Open House on July 27<sup>th</sup>

Budget Hearing on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**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, August 7, 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 5 minute recess and then go into Executive Session for 2 issues:**

- 1) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) - to consider the compensation of a public employee(s)
- 2) ORC 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 Revised 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.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to come out of the Executive Session at 9:34 p.m. 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 adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

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Joniann Goldberg,  
Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Darrin Monhollen, Trustee

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Melissa Wilde., Trustee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_