

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 7, 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: Acting Director of Operations and Township Engineer, Greg Butcher, Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief, Jim Paxton and Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer. Engineer, Greg Butcher. Director of Development, Holly Mattei was on vacation.

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. The Boy Scouts from Troop 256 led the audience in the Pledge.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of 7-17-2019 Regular meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Peggy Portier of 9841 Refugee Rd., Pickerington was present. Mrs. Portier was representing the Mingo Estates Civic Association. She mentioned the speeding issue within the subdivision and said there was a confrontation between residents in the street as a result of the speeding issue. She said some of the neighbors are getting very upset about it. Any assistance the Township can provide would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Dunlap said she can report back to her people that they have asked the Sheriff's department to have enforcement in there and they have been in there and they will not write a ticket for less than 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. In the last two weeks they have written 10 tickets for speeding and the fastest one was only 39 mph. Mr. Dunlap said if they want more enforcement they can contact the Sheriff's Department and/or the Highway Patrol and pay a Special Duty rate and have an officer there for nothing but writing traffic tickets in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Wilde mentioned they previously offered to help Haaf Farms if the association wanted it. Mr. Butcher said they did and they had conversation that involved the sharing of the cost of signage for LED driven signage. Mrs. Portier said they would be interested in having that similar discussion and would get back to the township.

County Authorities

Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts was present. He reported they opened their County Records Center a few months ago. The building will hold about 16,000 boxes.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little reported he had no updates.

Resolution 01 is to accept the resignation of Kris Haley, Volunteer Firefighters. Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-01 – Resignation of Volunteer Firefighter. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion with regrets and thanked him for his service. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Resolution 02 is a resolution to accept the Department of Labor's pay program, adjudication regarding back wages to fulltime firefighters over the past 2 years. Chief Little stated they have been working with legal counsel on this issue that we found by accident and have since rectified that portion. Now we need to rectify this portion of it to make everything correct in the eyes of the United States Department of Labor. **Mr.**

Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-0807-02 – Approve Payment of Back Wages. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if we have to contact OP&F to make that adjustment there. Chief Little said that was correct. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Resolution 03 is a resolution to appoint a delegate and an alternate to MECC Regional Council of Governments for Violet Township. With the passing of John Eisel, the Director of Operations who served in that capacity we need to replace his spot on the board. Mr. Monhollen was serving as the alternate to Mr. Eisel on the board so it makes sense that Mr. Monhollen will be the delegate to the board. Mrs. Wilde has agreed to be the alternate. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-03 – Appoint Darrin Monhollen as the Delegate & Melissa Wilde as the Alternate to the MECC Regional Council of Governments. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Resolution 04 is a resolution to retain Brickler and Eckler for labor and employment matters. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-04 – Retain Brickler and Eckler for Labor and Employment Matters. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if we borrowed Truro Township's medic and Chief Little said we did and it has been in service the last few days. Medic 594 is out of service. It lost a cylinder. It is the truck we were going to sell. The expense to repair the truck is \$16,000 to \$18,000. He will be bringing a resolution to the next meeting for excess equipment and put it on Gov Deals.

Township Engineer, Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported the paving is nearly complete. Timing is always good when you can execute that prior to school starting. That has been one of their goals. We finished chip sealing last Friday and we fog sealed on Saturday. It is important that when we chip seal we follow up with fog seal that seals the loose gravel and the aggregate and it also has a chemical reaction where it becomes black and does resemble an asphalt road. We are awaiting the contractor to get to striping of 3 roads.

Mr. Butcher reported that for the first time he observed a condition that he had never seen before relating to pavement. A very soft soil condition underneath the pavement in Winding Creek (specifically along Winding Creek Way) was encountered and this is an unanticipated condition. When we encounter something like this we typically try to mitigate it right away with the undercutting of the existing asphalt and attempt to bridge it with new asphalt and this didn't work. Mr. Butcher reached out to colleagues, reviewed and now has a scope of work that is nearly formalized and when it is done he will present to the Trustees. The goal is 2 things; 1. To be cost effective and 2. Minimize the inconvenience to residents, commuters and school traffic.

Mr. Dunlap added they had a situation several years ago in Jefferson Farms and it took 2 bulldozers plus a tow truck to get the vehicle out where it sunk. He said at least we caught it in time where it didn't become a major hassle.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution to authorize the Township Engineer to execute a contract with Strawser Paving Company for the 2019 Curb Replacement Project. This project is a result of successful grant funding application for an approximately \$138,000 grant and \$45,000 local share. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-10 – Award 2019 Contract Curb Replacement. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap praised the Road crew for the projects they have been working on and it was more expedient than he thought it would be and he thought they did a good job.

Mr. Butcher also praised his staff for the diligence in get the roads patched prior to chip seal.

Mr. Dunlap asked when the pavers ground off the streets didn't our guys do something before they paved on most of them. Mr. Butcher said they did. They applied a material that is a 6" strip that goes across the pavement from curb to curb or ditch to ditch, depending on what kind of paving section it is. The reason we do this is because one of our biggest concerns in subdivisions with asphalt or flexible pavement are the periodic cracks that occur. Last year we started a process where a Petrotack material is applied after we mill the road. A strip that has adhesive on the back across the crack and centered over the crack. Then we pave on top of that. Last year in Jefferson Farms and Jefferson Woods he did a drone survey prior to this application so that we have a before snapshot of the cracking and he will do a post drone survey so we can see if those cracks are reflected back. Mr. Butcher said in driving through there they have not reflected back. This is a big deal as normally within the same construction season cracking goes all the way down to the clay soil and reflects to the pavement surface. They can be anywhere from ¼" to 3" wide.

Mr. Dunlap said it saves a lot of crack fill and patching questions concerning why that crack came back after we just paved it.

Mr. Butcher said if this is successful, he will be discussing with colleagues about making a presentation.

Acting Director of Operations – Greg Butcher

On Monday, August 5th Mr. Butcher, Chief Little, Mrs. Tremblay and Mr. Sauer attended the required annual County Budget Commission meeting. They approved what was presented.

Wigwam Update:

- The open house was an overwhelming success. Great comments both verbally and in writing.
- The concrete in the courtyard is complete
- We are coordinating the work related to the automatic openers for the front gate and the Taylor Rd. gates
- The emergency generator pad has been poured and the generator is ready to be shipped. Prior to shipping we have to have the electric ready to go and we are working on that.
- Most of the planned signage for the facility has been installed

Drug free Workplace training is nearly complete and hopes to have done by end of week. Kudos to the Fire Department as they are all done.

Any inquiries for the sale of the old office building continue to be directed to the Law Director.

Mr. Butcher said we need to establish a date and time for our Annual Planning Session. Mr. Butcher encouraged consideration of moving the Planning Session from the traditional first quarter to the last quarter in 2019. Mr. Dunlap thought it was a good suggestion and thought about the second week in November. Mr. Butcher said we would coordinate with the Fiscal Office.

Mr. Butcher said the County EDA Director stopped by and they talked about tornado sirens. There was a crash involving a tornado siren utility supporting the siren along the east side of Pickerington Road south of Busey Road. Mr. Butcher met with Jon Kochis to discuss that particular siren as well as the potential of submitting a grant application for additional sirens. Mr. Kochis indicated that the State and Federal agencies are pursuing or approving these types of applications in light of the big tornados. In Ohio There are some gaps in our coverage in the Township.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regularly scheduled trustee meeting and go into the scheduled Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. for the Review and approval of Final Plat for Chesapeake Section 1. 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 to return to the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Butcher continued he did not have anything else to offer on the tornado sirens other than we are looking at the possibility of relocating the siren and applying for an additional siren. Mr. Dunlap said there were 2 or 3 dead spots that we need to look at.

Resolution 05 is authorizing the Director of Operations to sign an agreement with South Central Power that is for the Eastchester Lighting District. Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-05 – Authorize Acting Director of Operations to Sign Agreement with South Central Power. 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 2019-0807-06 - A Resolution Declaring the Property owned by Melinda Carroll, Located at 8779 Chateau Dr. in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-07 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by William F. and Darlin G. Juris Known as 6185 Mamie Dr. in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. 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 2019-0807-08 – A Resolution Declaring the Property Owned by Hickory Lakes Party House, Inc., c/o RAW RE LLC, 87.84 Acres Located at 12495 Ault Road in Violet Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, a Nuisance. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Mr. Sauer said that procedurally we needed to do the appropriation resolution 13 before we do 09.

Mr. Butcher said resolution 13 was an amendment to 2019 appropriations appropriating \$15,000 from unappropriated funds to contributions to other organizations. Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-13 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriations and then discuss. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked if this was for \$15,000 and if this was more than what they asked for and was it a cushion or what. Mr. Butcher said it doesn't have to specifically relate to any one expense and it is not uncommon to do an amendment that captures additional expenditures that may happen in the future. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Resolution 09 was to authorize Contribution to Pickerington Athletic Booster Club for Participation of the Pickerington Central Football Team in the 2019 Freedom Bowl. Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-09 – Authorize Contribution to Pickerington Athletic Booster Club for Participation of the Pickerington Central Football Team in the 2019 Freedom Bowl. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion to go into discussion. Discussion: Mr. Dunlap said that was more than we donated for both bands to go to the Rose Bowl. He asked what Pickerington was giving. Mr. Monhollen said we were matching what Pickerington was giving them. Pickerington gave them \$12,000. Mrs. Wilde said she had this discussion with John before and each of the bands got \$5,000 and Pickerington only has one school district and we have five. When we have a school district coming to us requesting money we have to consider the fact that we don't just have one school. She said she is a little nervous about that particular number. The other thing that she

discussed with Mr. Eisel before he passed was we had a discussion of where we are getting money and how we are giving money. We need to have a plan of how we are going to respond to all the requests. We have 5 school districts and a number of non-profits. This is more than we have given to the Food Pantry. She is not comfortable with this number in particular and the precedence this is setting for future requests. She would like to have a meeting in regards to the donation process. We do have the Wigwam and if someone wants to have fundraisers to offer that as opposed to always giving financially like we did for the Food Pantry. Mrs. Wilde made a motion to amend the Resolution to \$5,000. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. **Discussion:** Mr. Monhollen told everyone this is a very unique opportunity for the Pickerington Tiger Football Team to travel to Atlanta and play what amounts to a fundraiser for Wounded Warrior. He is very much in favor of matching the City of Pickerington based on the fact that we have not done this in the past and we have donated very generously to the band in the past and if Pickerington North were receiving the same type of honor to be invited to the same type of event he would be in favor of that as well. He does share the concerns in regards to the dollar amount. He would be in favor of staying with the same amount. Mrs. Wilde said she has had several complaints as to what happened with the Food Pantry and for us to give that sort of donation when we decreased our donation to the Food Pantry. She really wants to sit down and make a plan. Mr. Dunlap asked if there was a deadline. Chief Little said the game is Friday, August 30th. He asked if we could table this. Chief Little stated the football team has done several fundraisers as well. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to table Resolution 2019-0807-09 – Authorize Contribution to Pickerington Athletic Booster Club for Participation of the Pickerington Central Football Team in the 2019 Freedom Bowl. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution is tabled. 3-0.** Mr. Dunlap asked Mr. Butcher to find out if we have time to settle this at our next meeting or do a Special Meeting prior to that.

Elected Officials;

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Sauer reported he will be traveling to Atlanta for work and will miss the next Board meeting. He will be out from August 19 to the 22nd.

Mr. Sauer had a question about Resolution 2019-0807-14 that was sent to him. Mr. Butcher explained this came up late today and it us to authorize the payment of incidental expenses associated with John Eisel's funeral. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-14 – Payment of Expenses for John Eisel's Funeral. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution 2019-0807-15 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Sauer reported his first resolution will go to move the \$45,000 that we had put in fixed assets Road and Bridge and this transfers out into the 2019 curb replacement fund. The second resolution will appropriate those monies so they can be expended when the time comes to pay those bills.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0807-11 – Transfer of Funds. 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 2019-0807-12 – Amendment to 2019 Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde added the Roosters Volunteer Event on August 12 at 6:30 pm at Roosters. It is a fundraising event for the Pickerington Palooza. Mrs. Wilde will be attending.

Mr. Dunlap said the Open House was a great event. He said he had a lot of comments from people saying if we ever need any volunteers they are interested. He suggested we consider doing some research of other organizations around and maybe form a Volunteer Forum called 'The Friends of the Wigwam'. We can check with the

Prosecutor. Mrs. Wilde thanked everyone for the phenomenal job we did especially with the trucks.

There will be many thank you letters to send out.

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

August 12 – Picktown Palooza.

August 15 is the monthly Chamber Luncheon

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 21st, 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 and include the bills that are not listed from Signarama for the additional Open House signs. 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 8:40 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: _____