

Violet Township Board of Trustees

September 18, 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: Acting Fire Chief, James Paxton; Engineer, Greg Butcher; Development Director, Holly Mattei and Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer.

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 7-2-2019 Budget Hearing meeting. 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 accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the Special Emergency meeting of 7-8-2019. 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 accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the Corrections to Regular Meeting Minutes of 7-17-2019. 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 accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of Correction to Regular Meeting Minutes of 8-7-2019. 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 accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9-4-2019. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Steve Herb of 8612 N. Spring Ct., Pickerington, Ohio was present. He said he used to work for the Dispatch years ago. He attended our Open House and he said if anyone was interested in some of the history and the artwork that he had the information.

Jim Zalenski of 9613 Woodfield Circle, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He asked if there was any kind of ordinance if you have a dog without a fenced in yard does the animal have to be on a leash. Mr. Butcher said there was a State of Ohio Statute that says the dog has to be on a leash and it is enforced by Fairfield County and not Violet Township. Mr. Zalenski asked who the authority would be if this was violated. Mr. Butcher recommended calling the Sheriff's Office and/or the Dog Warden.

County Authorities

None

Departmental Reports:

James Paxton, Interim Fire Chief

Chief Paxton reported they are still running slightly ahead of where they were last year as far as runs.

He reported they are currently conducting the Officer 1 class hosted by Violet Township. The Ohio Fire Chief's Association is teaching it.

This week several of our members have testified this week in regards to the Trial for the fatal fire on Blacklick Eastern Road.

Our Open House is October 13 at Station 591 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Assistant Chief Paxton thanked the Trustees for all the support he was given for the passing of his father. He was very grateful.

Holly Mattei, Development Director

Mrs. Mattei reported they will have an Executive Session at the end of this meeting to consider offers received for the Rustic Drive property.

With the approach of the new decade Columbus 2020 has renamed itself to One Columbus. She provided their marketing logo to the Trustees. They will continue to be the Regional Agency to help promote Economic Development and Workforce Development to work with the local Economic Development officials within each community.

We are moving forward with establishing a Complete Count Committee with the City of Pickerington and scheduling our mandatory training.

On September 11th they attended TRAC presentation. Robin attended the one for the US33 Pickerington Road Interchange. Mrs. Mattei attended the Far East Freeway presentation.

Mr. Dunlap asked Mrs. Mattei to explain to the audience what the Complete Count Committee is. Mrs. Mattei explained it was the committee that is formed at the local level to help promote the 2020 Census. It is made up of local individuals. To help get the word out we hope to educate people about it. It will be online and we want people to understand how to access it online and it is also to help get the word out and to help assisted living places to make sure we get an accurate count. It is very important to the Township and local communities because whatever is established for the Census is what we utilize for grant funding in the future. We want to make sure we have an accurate count so we are getting our fair share.

Township Engineer, Greg Butcher

Mr. Butcher reported Strawser Paving Company will be starting the paving projects within the next few weeks.

Mr. Butcher reported the Ohio Department of Transportation will be replacing (2) bridges on SR 204. Location 1 will be between Ault Road and Pickerington Road south of Violet Meadows. Location 2 will be just west of Toll Gate Road by the church on the corner. Location 1 has an 18 day closure starting October 1. We have notified the school district, Peterman, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office and posted information on the township's social media outlets.

A list of equipment and vehicle maintenance issues is being developed to ensure they are ready for snow and ice removal operations.

One of the township's Road Department entries was identified as a winning entry for ODOT's Build a Better Mousetrap Competition. ODOT is recommending we enter the Salt Pusher into a BWC Compensation for Safety Innovation (2020 Safety Innovation Award, which has an award of \$10,000). Deadline to apply is September 30, 2019.

**Interim Acting Director of Operations, Mike Little – Holly Mattei for Mike Little
Wigwam Update:**

Mrs. Mattei reported we need to have a separate Wigwam Planning Session and we are looking at the week of November 11th. We would like to establish a date by our next meeting.

The gate openers for the parking lot and the main gates are going to be ordered and installed. We want to get those installed as soon as possible because of the winter weather coming.

The Community Meeting room will be undergoing the inspection abatement; then we can determine the next steps on that building.

We continue to take applications for both the Township Administrator position and the Township Engineer position. The Township Administrator is open through October 18th and the Township Engineer position is open through September 23rd.

We are continuing to meet with Burnham and Flowers regarding insurance. We have another meeting set up for October 17th to discuss our 2020 rates.

Barbie, Holly and Chief Little have been meeting to establish an Event Center Rental Rate Policy Document that includes not only the rates but the policy. This will help guide staff as we rent the facility out. It is planned to be able to present this to the Trustees at the October 2nd meeting.

Mrs. Mattei had a resolution to accept the resignation of Greg Butcher as Violet Township Engineer. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0918-01 – Accept Resignation of Township Engineer. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion with many, many, many thanks. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes with regrets and congratulations; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.** Mr. Dunlap shared that Mr. Butcher has been a good employee and has greatly benefited the Township. He personally thanked him for the service he has given us.

Elected Officials: Brian Sauer

Mr. Sauer reported Mrs. Tremblay is on vacation and will be back around the first of October.

Last week they met with the people with regards to the bonding preparation for this facility that we are in. This continues to progress. They will be coming out here to visit us on-site towards the end of October.

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde reported that Ted Hackworth had passed and this was a huge loss to the community.

Mr. Dunlap reported Mr. Hackworth had been a good citizen for the community. He served on council, did a lot of other volunteer work around the community and worked with the Pickerington Senior Center board.

Mr. Monhollen said he had the same sentiments as the other two Trustees and he was a good servant to the community.

Meetings where there may be more than one (1) Trustee present: None

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, October 2,, 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 at 7:52 p.m. and then go into Executive Session per 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. This will include the three Trustees, Brian Sauer, Holly Mattei and they will be calling on Josh Horczak our Law Director by phone. **Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:12 p.m. **Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Monhollen made a motion at 8:13 p.m. to go into regular session. **Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to amend the publicized agenda and add Resolution 2019-0918-02 – A Resolution to Authorize an Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the sale of 12970 Rustic Drive. **Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mrs. Mattei explained we have two offers. The first offer that came in was from an office user that is for \$583,625.00. The reason they made it higher than our asking price is because of realtor fees. Our standard contract does not cover realtor fees. We would net \$575,000 which is our asking price. They are also asking for a Phase 1 Environmental Study which we would have to pay for so we would actually net a little less than \$575,000. They are also asking for a finance contingency.

The second offer is from a Daycare Facility and they are offering \$575,000.00, which is the asking price. It is a cash offer and there are no other contingencies. They are taking the property as is. It is staff's recommendation that we move forward with the Fixari School of Pickerington, LLC contract purchase agreement. That is Resolution 2019- Authorize the Trustees to Execute Purchase Agreement with Fixari School of Pickerington, LLC. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-0918-02 – Resolution to Authorize Execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the Sale of 12970 Rustic Drive. Mrs. Wilde Seconded the motion. Discussion: Mrs. Mattei reiterated that the reason we were moving with that one was because of the quickness and the fact that there is no finance contingencies and no environmental study required. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Resolution carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. **Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, 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: _____