

Violet Township Board of Trustees

January 9, 2020

Regular Meeting

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

Mrs. Tremblay called the roll: Mr. Darrin Monhollen, Mr. Terry Dunlap, Sr. and Mrs. Melissa Wilde were present. Other Township Personnel present were: Township Administrator, Edward Drobina; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief, James Paxton and Zoning Officer, Kelly Sarko. Also present was Josh Horacek, Assistant Prosecutor

Mr. Monhollen asked everyone 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.

Meeting was turned over to Mrs. Tremblay who asked for nominations to elect a Chairman. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to keep the same officers and the same assignments as last year. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Discussion:** Mrs. Wilde said there is value in being able to learn from someone with years of experience and she would like to have the same opportunity to learn from Mr. Dunlap that Mr. Monhollen has for 2 years. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, abstained; Mrs. Wilde, no. Motion fails.**

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to nominate herself as Chair. Motion dies for lack of second.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to nominate himself as Chair. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Discussion: Mrs. Wilde said there is value in those years of experience training the next generation of leaders but would support the motion. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries.**

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to nominate Mrs. Wilde as Vice-Chair. Mr. Dunlap seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries.

Mr. Dunlap made the same assignments as last year.

Mrs. Wilde made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the 12-18-2019 regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes 12-18-2019 Public Hearing for Case Number 06-ZC-2019. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Public Comment:

Norm Hopkins of 11300 Milnor Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Hopkins said he has been studying zoning for the past few months and was curious about some things. He called the Board of Elections to find out when the last referendum was and nobody knew of any. He said Delaware seems to have a lot of referendums. He was wondering if something went on referendum who ends up paying for it. Mr. Dunlap referred to our Law Director, Mr. Horacek. Mr. Horacek said it depends on what kind of election it is. Mr. Hopkins said he saw a case in Delaware where it went to the Supreme Court but he wonders who pays for this. Mr. Dunlap said it depends who does the appeal. Mr. Hopkins wondered if the Prosecutor's Office follows through on this or is that an extra charge. Mr. Dunlap said regardless who pays for it the Township

would have expense of taxpayers' money to present the document and the testimony and provide the prosecutor. No matter who files for it; the Township is going to be spending taxpayer money in the courtroom. If it is more than 'X' amount then it would be extra.

Daniel Baird of 11783 Covington Court, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He said he has an appreciation for the Trustees for no matter which way you go there is someone that won't be happy. His concern is the possible rezoning on Tollgate Road. Mr. Dunlap explained this is currently before one of our boards. The comments need to be directed there before it comes to the Trustees. Mr. Dunlap explained the Zoning Commission goes through all the steps and make a determination to recommend or not to approve. It then comes to the Trustees who either accept or reject their recommendation. They can make some slight modifications. Mr. Baird also thanked the Fire Department for a great job.

County Authorities

Law Director Josh Horacek was present.

Departmental Reports:

Fire Chief: Mike Little

Chief Little said he was happy to be back in his 'home spot' with everyone.

Chief Little reminded everyone that the Aflac enrollment for Township employees (excluding the Bargaining Unit) is Monday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wigwam.

He also thanked the Trustees and Fiscal Office for their support over the last 4 months while he served as the Interim Director of Operations.

Overall our runs are up about 4% over last year. Transports increased by about 2% and our EMS receipts increased by almost 7%.

The first resolution is to approve the subscription agreement for the RCOG EMS. It is our annual 2 year agreement at the same cost of \$25,000.00 a year. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0109-02 – Approve MECC Regional Council of Governments Subscription Agreement. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap asked if this was working out. Chief Little said it has always worked out. **Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2020-0109-02 carries 3-0.**

The second resolution is to authorize the disposition of surplus, unneeded, obsolete, or unfit township personal property via internet-based auction for the current calendar year. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0109-03 – Internet Auction of Township Property. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2020-0109-03 carries 3-0.**

Mrs. Wilde thanked Chief Little for all he did over the past 4 months. Trustees Dunlap and Monhollen also thanked Chief Little for his time.

Mr. Dunlap asked how the Toy Drive came out. Chief Little said they don't have the final numbers yet but as usual it was over the top.

Township Administrator, Ed Drobina

Mr. Drobina reported the Local Waste Services contract expires March 31st. Our contract does have a provision to extend for 1 to 3 years upon mutual agreement of both parties.

We received word that the project we submitted, will be in the Capital Budget funding recommendation for the State Legislature.

We need to set 2 public hearing dates for public meetings for the additional \$5 License Fee.

The Road Department has been dragging road edges, patching potholes, and cutting brush.

Mr. Drobina will be scheduling time to take a tour of the Township with Mr. Dunlap.

Mr. Drobina has spoken to the developer concerning the \$25,000; he will pay after we have the fence moved. It seems to be unclear whether fence has already been moved. Mr. Drobina is following up on this project.

Mr. Drobina reminded everyone that we need to keep track of filing dates for the Road and Bridge Levy if our desire is to have it on the November ballot.

Mr. Drobina spoke to the County Engineer regarding the Basil Road project. They are still working on driveways.

Also, the County Engineer is looking at making Basil Western and Pickerington Road a 4-way stop due to all the accidents.

There is room in the Pickerington Magazine, so we are going to promote the Wigwam by putting something in the magazine. Mr. Dunlap asked when the deadline was for this. Mr. Drobina said the deadline was Monday, January 13. Mr. Dunlap said we need to put something in the magazine regarding putting dogs on leashes. We had issues regarding the people in Countrywood complaining about dogs running loose at large. It could mean the dog would have to go to the dog pound and having to pay a fine. We need to communicate this somehow and if we cannot get it in this time it will need to go in the next issue. Also, we can put on our website, twitter and facebook. Mrs. Wilde suggested waiting until the next issue so we can do a more comprehensive article.

Mr. Drobina presented the first resolution regarding establishment of rate of pay for an employee. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0109-01 – Establish Hourly Rate of Pay for Employee. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Resolution 2020-0109-01 carries 3-0.**

The second resolution was to appoint Rick Dellinger as alternate for the Board of Zoning Appeals. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0109-04 – Reappoint Rick Dellinger as Alternate to BZA. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2020-0109-04 carries 3-0.**

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the continued Public Hearing for Case Number 06-ZC-2020 at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting at 8:23 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap said we have two seats on the MORPC Commission that we need to appoint. Their desire is to have 2 people that have decision making authority. We can do this with a motion as all they need is an email.

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to appoint Mrs. Wilde and him to the MORPC board. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion 2020-0109-A carries 3-0.

Mr. Dunlap said there was also an opening on the MORPC Sustainability Committee. **Mr. Monhollen made a motion to appoint Robin Duffee to serve on the MORPC Sustainability Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion 2020-0109-B carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to schedule the Public Hearings for the License Tax Increase. The first meeting will be the first meeting in February (Feb. 4) and the second one will be the first meeting in March (March 4) then to pass the Resolution appropriately thereafter. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion 2020-0109-C carries 3-0.

Elected Officials:

Melissa Tremblay, Assistant Fiscal Officer (filled in for Brian Sauer)

Mrs. Tremblay said they are working on closing 2019. They need a few statements before this can be done.

The Fairfield County OTA has not received a donation from Violet Township for the basket for the annual OTA meeting. Most townships are donating something to do with their Township. The meeting is coming up in February. Mr. Dunlap said they would come up with something.

Trustee Reports:

Mrs. Wilde reported she attended another meeting at the Senior Center and they did their election. Something the Trustees need to be thinking about is they want to put another door on the building. They are talking about it and getting quotes.

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

PACC Monthly Luncheon at Zion Church, January 16, 2020.

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, January 22, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the new Violet Township Administrative offices located at 10190 Blacklick Eastern Road.

Pay Bills:

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to pay the bills. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Dunlap asked who the Golden Shovel Agency was. Chief Little said this was the quarterly payment for the Economic Development Website. Mr. Dunlap asked to have this on our next agenda for discussion. Mr. Dunlap asked if we were going to have any more bills come in from Log Wear. Chief Little said this should be the last one. Mr. Dunlap asked who Matt R. Winning was. Chief Little said this was our strength coach. Mr. Dunlap also asked about SHRM Partnership. Mrs. Tremblay said it was for the lease at Station 3. Mr. Dunlap also asked about the bill for Strawser Paving. Mrs. Tremblay said this was for the local share for the project. **Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap made a motion at 8:33 p.m. to take a 3 minute recess and then go into Executive Session according to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee and ORC 121.22(G)(2) to consider the sale of property to include the (3) Trustees, Ed Drobina, Chief Little, Mrs. Tremblay and Mr. Horacek. 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 at 9:25 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Monhollen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, 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: _____