

## Violet Township Board of Trustees

July 1, 2020

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Niekamp called the roll: Mr. Terry Dunlap, Sr. Mr. Darrin Monhollen, and Mrs. Melissa Wilde were present. Other Township Personnel present were; Township Administrator, Edward Drobina; Fire Chief, Mike Little; Assistant Fire Chief, Jim Paxton and Development Manager, Robin Duffee via Teleconference.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Dunlap asked everyone to join him in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those that protect us around the world the world and here at home who have given us all our freedom here at home and abroad.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Monhollen made a motion to accept as submitted by the Fiscal Office without public reading, the minutes of the Regular Trustee meeting of 06-17-2020. Seconded by Mrs. Wilde. Roll call vote: Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Motion passes 3-0.

### Public Comment:

None

### County Authorities

None

Mr. Dunlap reported the first resolution was not a new tax but a renewal to continue the road levy that we currently have. The cost of materials has risen in the last few years and without this levy we would be doing nothing but touching potholes and the roads would be falling apart. This resolution is to be put on the ballot in November. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-02 – A resolution to proceed and place upon the ballot the question of a renewal levy for a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in the unincorporated territory of the Township. Mrs. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

The next resolution is for a slide in unit for the Polaris unit. We do not use it anymore. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-03 – Declare Excess Equipment/Authorize for Sale, Trade-in or Disposal. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

Elizabeth Smith has resigned as Part-Time Level 2 Firefighter. Mr. Dunlap asked Chief Little to pass on our thanks for her service. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-04 – Resignation of Part-Time Level 2 Firefighter. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

There is an upcoming vacancy for the position of Full-Time firefighter. Chief Little is recommending appointment to Jacob Demspey. They have a review board and testing that they have to meet to qualify for this position. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-05 – Appoint Full-Time Firefighter. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion.**

Chief Little explained the next resolution was for the Stryker Cot Maintenance Agreement. It was for a 5-year agreement, the full cost is \$42,686.00, and the annual is 8500.00. This takes care of all the batteries and mattresses and has been a big blessing to the guys as far as injuries and getting people in and out safely. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt**

**Resolution 2020-0701-06 – Stryker Cot Annual Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

Chief Little explained the next resolution had to do with the concrete on the Columbus Street side of the Station. Resolution 2019-0702-07 was passed on July 2, 2019 to repair the concrete walk area damaged by caustic materials. The contractor was unable to provide those repairs in a reasonable and satisfactory time frame. As a result, we need to rescind that resolution and move forward with a new proposal and resolution for that repair. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-07 – Concrete Repairs front Sidewalk Station 591. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

Mr. Dunlap asked if we were moving along with the repairs and updates on Station 592. Chief said they have a meeting today with the three companies that have presented us a request for proposal. (RFP). We are waiting for those to be returned on July 15. Then on July 22 they have interview with all three companies. We will have a recommendation at the first meeting in August.

Chief said there would be fireworks at 10pm on July 4. It will be an abbreviated 10 minutes. People are encouraged to watch from their home. All city parks will be closed and a number of streets will be closed. The PLSD has closed their grounds to the public as well.

**Elected Official:**

**Vanessa Niekamp, Fiscal Officer**

Report to Trustees

Mrs. Niekamp will have a resolution as they go into the Tax Budget hearing. She also had a motion to ratify paying the bills since the last meeting.

We have transitioned to PayChex and our first payroll they are continuing to still transition for a couple periods of time. The Fiscal Office is also starting to conduct an inventory. She is working with Ed and Mike to tag all of our assets and record all of our deeds and things utilizing the UAN tool that we already have.

**Mr. Dunlap moved to recess the Regular meeting and go into the scheduled public hearings at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to return to the Regular Trustee Meeting. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

The first resolution for Mrs. Niekamp was a resolution for consideration for purchase orders. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-08 – A Resolution to Approve Purchase Orders. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

The next resolution is to transfer funds that we have received from Canal Winchester for CEDA into the CEDA Fund. This is not to spend the funds but get them into the correct place. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-09 – Transfer of CEDA Funds. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Discussion:** Mr. Dunlap said this would give us a better way of tracking when the CEDA comes because eventually will have to do a lot of paving down there and we need to build up that money. If there is a major paving. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

The next resolution is an Increase in Appropriations. **Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-10 – Increase in Appropriations. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

**Mrs. Wilde made a motion to Ratify the Payment of Bills since the last meeting. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Motion carries 3-0.**

Mrs. Wilde thanked Mrs. Niekamp for the way everything was put together for the Budget, as she knows it was a lot of work.

Mr. Monhollen also thanked Mrs. Niekamp for the questions they had prior to this meeting.

**Trustee Reports:**

Mr. Monhollen said he spoke with Mr. Hunt regarding speed concerns in the Huntington Hills Sub-division. He was going to contact Mr. Drobina regarding speeding concerns they had there and down by their pool.

Mrs. Wilde asked if the Trustees minded if we put out a sign on the fence for the Land Bank grant. The Trustees were fine with this. Mrs. Wilde would like to give them some exposure for all they have done.

Mr. Monhollen received a call from a resident from Huntington Hills that was 2-fold. First was a 'thank you' because we helped them when they were struggling to get their playground closed. He also followed up in regards to some speeding concerns in New England Acres. Mr. Monhollen is going to work on getting a speed trailer in there. Mr. Dunlap said we might have to borrow letters to put 'SLOW' going down that hill. Mr. Drobina said he and Will were out there today looking at this.

Mr. Drobina asked about electing someone for UNICEF. Chief Little said Kristi did it last year. Mr. Drobina said it makes sense to have (2) representatives just because of the Fire Departments schedule. Mr. Drobina said he would attend the meeting and represent the Township.

**Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the Regular meeting and go into the 8:00 p.m. scheduled Public Hearing on Springcreek Section 3 Phase 1. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mrs. Wilde, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

**Mrs. Wilde made a motion to close the public hearing on Springcreek Section 3 Phase 2 at 8:04 p.m. and return to the Regular Trustee Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

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

Mr. Dunlap said possibly at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks there may be more than one Trustee present.

**Old Business:** None

**Tabled Business:** None

**New Business:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the new Violet Township Administrative offices located at 10190 Blacklick Eastern Road and we will entertain the public to attend.

**Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-0701-01 – To Approve Final Plat for Springcreek Section 3, Phase 2. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.**

Mr. Drobina said he and Robin are going to have a conference tomorrow with BoardDocs to discuss ways to make our meetings more open to the public virtual. Next week sometime, we have someone from Keytel coming in to look at our systems as far as the

video and sound to help us with that. Mrs. Wilde said that has been one of the things that people have reached out to her saying it is hard to find information and hard to hear.

Mr. Drobina announced Refugee Road would be closed from Farmstead to Fullers Way starting next week. Eastbound traffic will be completely closed.

Mr. Drobina said at the next meeting he hopes to have a sign policy for signs in the right of way.

Marian Reitano of 13195 Coventry Ave in Pickerington was present. She said our website is very confusing. You cannot just go on there and find where the meetings are or what the last discussions were. She said she could not hear what they have to say. Mr. Dunlap said that is why they are looking at our sound system and trying to get information. She asked that they work on the website.

Chief Little said he agreed with Mrs. Reitano as he feels the Township website is hard to navigate and he knows we have spent a lot of money updating our website but he does not feel the update was beneficial. He thinks we need to find an easier way to get our information out there. Mr. Dunlap agreed that we would look at the website again.

**Mrs. Wilde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Monhollen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wilde, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Vanessa Niekamp, 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

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