

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING 01/28/2009>

Dave Petty, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present were Trustees Petty, Joseph Smith, and Brian Randles. Also present were Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger; Board Administrator Anne Darling Cyphert; and Fire Chief Terry Gill

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military troops.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trustee discussion: A township resident is concerned about the county Marcy Road road/ditch project and the expenditures the county is using. The resident was referred to the county commissioners. The trustees also discussed a concern that non-township roads are not being properly plowed by the county. The trustees will address these issues with the county engineer.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of the Special meetings held Jan 7 & 13, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve Burnham & Flower Group invoice of \$6,325.00 for Association's insurance policy. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$63892.61 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$108,786.75 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Access Management: Report on special meeting with County Engineer: The trustees suggested Cyphert inform the county engineer they would like for him to attend a future trustee's meeting instead of the trustees having to all have to go to the county.
- Township Propane update: The township propane usage is up from last year and a leak was found. We are paying \$2.29 per gallon with the current company that owns the tank. Another company is quoting \$1.69 locked in until next April. The trustees discussed considering purchasing a tank for the township. The trustees decided we should not be on auto-fill. Usage comparisons should be looked at. Gill said to consider that natural gas lines could be at this building soon and should be considered before considering purchase of a propane tank. Discussion regarding whether it would not be fiscally wise to purchase a tank if natural gas will be an option for the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding an invoice for \$1000 for Route 33 Economic Development Alliance: the trustees decided it would be in the township's best interest to continue participation.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to pay the \$1000 for membership in the Route 33 Economic Development Alliance. Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department Advisory Meeting: Trustees were not able to attend but the health department has been notified they should not turn to the township for so much financial resources.

BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin.

- Insurance Update: We continue to experience problems with the insurance but it is improving.
- Schumacher case: The Health Department and Prosecutor's Office are reviewing the charges.
- ORC Line Fence: The trustees were given the ORC language regarding the law.
- Hazel House: A violation notice for permit expiration has been served.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve Ohio Fire and Emergency Serv. Foundation invoice of \$2500 from 2901-220-318-000, education gift fund. This is the final year of Lt. Williams' Executive Fire Officer Class. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion of Pierce truck: the company requests the funds by transferred rather than mailed. There is a better chance to sell the bigger truck the township bought from Upper Arlington and he estimates it would bring about \$20,000. There is a recall on the Horton truck. It is now fixed. Regarding the Pierce prepayment, trustees discussed costs savings for the township due to prepayment and are comfortable that it was reviewed by Attorney Schwarz.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve Pierce pre-payment of \$450,000. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to move Benjamin Adams from volunteer to part time status effective February 1, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.

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- Discussion of association contract: The trustees signed the contract.
- Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Board members are now named. An alternate member passed away. The name Carl Short was suggested. Gill will ask him if he will serve.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Road Department employees were out salting the roads but the trustees considered the written requests provided for the agenda.

- **Motion** to approve funds for filters from NAPA Sale \$2500. Motion by Smith, second by Randles. Motion carried 3-0.
- Equipment Purchase / Replacement: Trustees discussed request that backhoe needs new radiator. Rebuilt one is \$1000. Greenfield Twp. will be contacted to borrow one if possible. If not, Rick Althouse may be contacted. Road Department requesting consideration of new backhoe. Trustees are not sure those funds should be spent that way.
- Solt left a request to discuss road property purchase. The trustees agreed property purchase for the road department is not in the plan.
- Report on cemeteries by Dan Starkey: Cyphert asked the trustees to review a document Starkey provided and decide how to proceed.

OTHER: The trustees discussed the township will take a \$10,000 hit in general fund due to reduction in local government funds. There will be further review of this at a later date.

The fiscal officer reported on the Environmental Air repair for our propane leakage. He said he made the decision to contact the company when he saw how our propane usage was up and that is how the leak was detected. The trustees again discussed no auto refill, usage comparisons, and when will gas be available to the building.

ADJOURNMENT

David Petty, Chair

Tony Pranger, Fiscal Officer