

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 03/11/2009>

Dave Petty, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Petty, Joseph Smith, and Brian Randles. Also present were Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger; Board Administrator Anne Darling Cyphert; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt, and interested citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military troops.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Sibbolds, township resident, expressed concern that the Board of Health charges fees for septic inspections that are never done. He said it is fraud. He is pleased the District Health Advisory Committee overturned it and thanked the trustees as well. Violet Twp, Pickerington, and Lancaster did not vote to overturn the fees. The \$40 fee will be abolished in 2010 but remains in effect in 2009. There will be two more meetings of the District Health Advisory Committee. The proposal is to only bill for systems that are actually inspected, but the fees will be raised even higher for those that do get inspections. Petty said if they are going to inspect the septic, they should inspect every kind of system including leach fields. He said everyone's systems need to be pumped annually. The county reappraisals only went up eight tenths of one percent on average.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of the Feb. 25, 2009 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$28,320.36 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$62,599.76 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve Resolution of Pay Adjustment for Trustee Dave Petty, due to Social Security retirement purposes, to reduce trustee salary from \$16,000 to \$14,160. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Request from Board of Elections to store equipment at Road Dept. for Primary Election. A decision will be made at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Update on meeting about Bike Trails: MORPC presented a plan at 3/2/09 Meeting at AG Center: Petty said the committee has been working for a while on 10 possible bike routes. 3 come through Bloom Twp but concern expressed they are busy through roads. An open house will be held in May at the AG center for future study. \$100,000 per mile would be the estimated cost if it would occur.

-Update on Sitterley Road: Randles said a resident has berm concerns. Solt will address it.

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

-Update on Schumacher Junk Vehicle case: Cyphert met with the Prosecutor's Office and he gave her the proper forms to give to the trustees to proceed with removal of the junk vehicles.

-Update of State of the County Address: Cyphert attended the State of The County Address. Economics was the main topic discussed. Interest income dropped to \$2.9 million in 2008, compared to \$3.7 million in 2007. Interest revenue is the fourth largest source of revenue for the county. The county commissioners continue to work with the Route 33 Economic Development Alliance and other agencies to attract and retain jobs for the area. The Revolving Loan Fund continues to assist small business owners.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

-Pierce Preconstruction Trip: Gill reported the trip will be at the end of this month. Three members of the fire department will be traveling to Wisconsin to meet with representatives building the truck.

-Fire Department Credit Card: Gill said it will be needed for purposes when we don't have an account somewhere else with another vendor. Cyphert explained the terms need to be that payment isn't due until at least 30 days from when the bill is received. Gill will keep the card in his desk.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to authorize the fire chief to get a credit card and limit the expenditures to \$750 and the terms of payment to be at least 30 days from time the bill is received. Motion carried 3-0.

-Discussion about purchase of vehicle from Violet Twp. that used to be their former fire chief's car. It is a 1995 Jeep four wheel drive. It will be used for the Bloom firefighters to run errands instead of using the medic to run errands. The cost is \$2500. Randles suggested the chief use it to save on gas and maintenance costs. Gas mileage is not expected to be efficient but the light bars, radio, and \$3000 of electronics are on it. Randles asked if there would be maintenance issues with it and Gill said no. Gill said he hasn't seen the vehicle recently but would ask their township's mechanic about it.

Motion by Petty, second by Smith to authorize the purchase of the 1995 Jeep Cherokee from Violet Twp at the cost of \$2500. Motion carried 3-0.

The trustees asked Gill to view the vehicle before he makes the final purchase.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

-Road Bid Advertisements: The trustees are looking at doing bids in April. The trustees want to see the township hall parking lot repaved. A small building for storage behind the township hall was discussed.. Future land purchase may need to be discussed. Discussion on Sitterley Road Dead End Project. Funds will be discussed. Any new storage building will need to be under prevailing wage cost.

-John Deere Mower Recall on Steering Update: now fixed. Salt Agreement update: it was posted on website on Feb. 20th

-Fire Department helped repair some road equipment and now works fine. Appreciation expressed.

-Culvert Update: Culvert Project County Engineer Allocation = \$7336.32, \$1131.32 carryover.

ADJOURNMENT