

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 07/08/2009>

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; 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.

**BUDGET HEARING-** The proposed 2010 Budget was reviewed at this public hearing. The budget will be presented to the Fairfield County Budget Commission which will have a hearing in August. The trustees discussed the various department budgets. The township will continue to operate in the black in 2010. There are still concerns over the state budget issue and how it may affect the townships. No members of the public had questions.

**RESOLUTION # 10-09;** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the 2010 Budget be approved and submitted to the county. Motion by Smith, second by Randles. ROLL CALL: Petty: yes                      Randles: yes                      Smith: yes

Resolution approved 3-0.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the June 24, 2009 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve the payments/charges in the amount of \$20431.74 and payroll in the amount of \$44378.71 after being certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

Petty said there is a county OTA quarterly meeting at 6:00 at Amanda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve Letter of Arrangement from State Auditor's Office. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Randles reported he is communicating with residents regarding the paving projects and is relaying information to the constituents.

Traffic light issue at S.R.674 and Elder Road: Petty reported he discussed the issue with Commissioner Judy Shupe. ODOT does not appear to be helpful in the installation of the temporary traffic light at the intersection while the Lithopolis Road bridge is out and Elder Road is being used as a detour. Petty said he called the mayor of Lithopolis to let him know as well. Smith said we should have a meeting to discuss having an officer out there for traffic control. Discussion regarding logistics of the project.

-Update on Administrative Building parking lot: Smith said we need to have all parcels combined. He suggested having Jerrold Schwarz take care of this. The surveyor has presented the survey that poses some questions regarding lot lines. The trustees instructed the Board Administrator to refer the matter to Jerrold Schwarz, attorney, for his advice.

Randles reported the Kauffman Road resident that has a need to have his pins relocated was contacted and told the surveyor will be out to address the problem.

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

-Question regarding budgeted items over \$750: The fire department had its routine heart monitor supply purchase. Do the trustees want all department routine purchases over \$750 approved in the meeting or just non-routine items? Non routine items should only be approved by the board.

-Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve attached driving policy per OTARMA: The trustees approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION # 11-09;** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES That the following driving policy be adopted for Bloom Township employees:

All Township Employees shall maintain a valid Ohio Drivers License and submit a written report to their department supervisor within 48 hours that the Ohio Drivers License is suspended or revoked. The arrest or conviction of any township employee for breaking a traffic law while at work or outside of work may be grounds for suspension or dismissal, depending on the nature of the arrest or conviction as it relates to the employee. Careful consideration will be given to the affect that the arrest or conviction has on the reputation and operation of Bloom Township and its programs. Employees shall submit to their department supervisor a copy of Ohio Drivers License when it is replaced, reinstated, and annually by the end of January of that year with a driving abstract from the State of Ohio.

ROLL CALL: Petty: yes                      Randles: yes                      Smith: yes      Resolution approved 3-0.

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-Schumacher case: The health department has declared the nuisance at the Richard Schumacher property on S.R. 764 (Winchester Southern Road) abated even though an abundance of junk and junk cars still exist on the property. The township will continue to pursue legal action and attorney Jerrold Schwarz is investigating the proper procedures.

-Lockwood & Lanier: Documentation was presented to the trustees and signed for the engineering firm to secure funding from Ohio Public Works Commission for the Kaufman Road project.

-Audit update: Should be finished by next week.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Chief Terry Gill

-Tornado siren in Lithopolis and Slate Run had mechanical problems with the sheriff's office radio site. They are being repaired.

-Insurance claim for lightening strike is being handled.

-Village building inspector has viewed the fire department projects for fish fry and progress is being made.

- Review letter to be sent to mutual aid departments: Some other departments are inviting themselves on Bloom Twp. runs. He is sending a letter to other townships reminding them of protocol and risks involved.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Road Supervisor Randy Solt:

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve \$12,750 for berming material for road department. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion regarding Eagle Drive damage by contractor. Solt will take photos and discuss with contractor regarding repairs for their responsibility.

Drop tank at Sitterley and Lithopolis Roads needs to settle. Health department will contact homeowner regarding septic.

**OTHER:** Mark Heister asked what is next with Schumacher case and is disappointed Health Department action. He was told the matter on behalf of twp is being addressed by legal counsel.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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David Petty, Chair

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Anthony Pranger, Fiscal Officer