

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 09/09/2009>

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.

Public Comment:

Diana Uther of the Health Dept and Bill Yaple from the District Health Advisory Committee attended to discuss the House to House Inspection Program. Committee formed to study fee structure and whether there should be such a program. The proposed program would be county inspections on 4-5 year cycle with a fee of \$65. Repairs will be ordered as necessary. Efforts will be made to help the homeowner. Yaple said the District Advisory Committee spent a lot of time deciding how the project should proceed. He said with up to 45% failure rate, the house to house inspection program is needed. They would start with three different townships. Re-inspection fees will be charged at \$65 as well. Sept 21 is the DAC meeting to approve the fee. If not approved, funding would be lost in January. Paul Marten of the Board of Health walked into the meeting to urge support. Grants will be sought for the program for people at the poverty level. He complimented the fire department for assisting his mother-in-law in a health issue. He thanked Petty for his support of the program.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

- **Motion** by Smith, Second by Randles to approve minutes of the 8/26/2009 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$98,635.76 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$43,529.49 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

-Updates from Trustees

-Petty reported he attended a meeting where the EMA is requesting office space. It is recommended by the other trustees they seek space at another location due to space limitations in our building.

-H1N1 Virus: Petty reported he attended a meeting regarding H1N1 Virus: County Health Dept and EMA are working together on Tier One groups to obtain the vaccination. Expectant mothers and children are part of this Tier One which is priority. The vaccine is free. People should get their regular flu shots now. Schools are being informed by the county. Discussion about using Bloom Township EMT's that would assist in the injections. Overtime would have to be paid by the township. Smith questioned the township's liability. Petty said EMA will take full responsibility. Randles asked if the EMT's would do it on straight time salary. Gill said anything beyond their regular scheduled must be paid overtime to the EMT's by the township.

-Approval of Contract with Lockwood/Lanier for Engineering Services for Sitterley Road: This is for the OPWC project. Contract on file in the Administrative Office.

Greg Spellman of Sitterley Road expressed concern about the condition of the road.

RESOLUTION 16-09 offered by Randles, second by Smith BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES authorized the chairman to sign the contract on file in the administrative office with Lockwood/Lanier for Engineering Services for Sitterley Road up to \$25,000.

ROLL: Petty: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: Yes

Resolution approved 3-0.

Additional funds will be sought for phase 2 of Kaufman Road through OPWC.

Front Steps Repair: Smith said he contacted the builder to alert him the trustees approved his quote. Smith will follow up.

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

Schumacher Update: Mr. Schumacher signed for the certified mail notice regarding removal of his junk vehicle on 9/1/09. The order states he must remove it within 14 days of notice or it will be removed by the township. Legal counsel advised her to have it removed by a towing company after September 15 if he again fails to cooperate.

RPC update: RPC sent another letter to Mr. Dozer and Mr. Price regarding their lack of cooperation with finishing the requirements for commencing construction at Fairfield Farms Section 1 & 2. RPC will not be returning the \$48,234 and \$52,070 that is being held to complete the work. In addition, the remaining balance on the letter of credit for section I (\$40,994) will be expiring and needs to be renewed for an additional one year period. RPC has given Price-Dozer until September 24 to renew it.

OPERS Changes: OTA is alerting townships that some major changes potentially may affect the five public pension programs in Ohio. A recent article in the newspaper stated this could include taking more contribution funds from the township and the employees under PERS. It could add two years for retirement eligibility, adjust final average salary, and cost of living adjustments. Firefighters have a little more protection because many of them have their share of retirement paid by the township in addition to the township's portion per the union contract. Elected officials and non-union personnel with one exception would be the most affected.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

New Pierce Fire Engine is in service. Firefighters are driving it around to train.

Discussion of Tornado Sirens: We have encountered problems with Slate Ridge, Collegeview, and Greencastle tornado sirens. He spoke with the company that repairs them and expressed concern over quality of work and other charges. The invoice was reduced. The company agreed to send a closer repair person to fix the sirens. Other county personnel will assist. The fire budget has spent \$1000 in repairs. County has a website for people to report broken sirens. It could be a reception issue. There will be an update at the next meeting.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt:

Solt said chip and seal crew will be on Hummel and Lockville Friday.

Randles reported he inspected the roads at Crist Estates. Discussion of funds for a possible project. He said maybe Crist Estates should be done rather than Waterloo Road. The decision was made to do that with double lay. Pranger asked about plans for Brandt Road repairs. Solt said it will be dug out and replaced with asphalt.

OTHER: Petty will not be attending the next meeting due to a commitment out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

David Petty, Chair

Anthony Pranger, Fiscal Officer

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING 9/14/09

Dave Petty, Chair called the special meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Petty, Joseph Smith, and Brian Randles, personnel, public citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military troops. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss paving projects and pending litigation.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve paving of Crist Estates at a cost of \$61,000.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with legal counsel.

Executive Session

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to come out of executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with legal counsel.

David Petty, Chair

Anthony Pranger, Fiscal Officer