

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 10/28/2009>

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.

CALL TO ORDER: by Chair David Petty

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence in honor of our troops who are serving in the Military throughout the world.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Donna Abram, zoning commission member and RPC member: RPC is facing budget cuts and would appreciate payment of their bill as soon as possible when they send the invoices out to the townships.

-Carlton Howlette: Boy Scout Project: Howlette was present at the meeting and explained his project that is now completed. The trustees thanked him for doing a nice job overseeing the flowerbed project in front of the administrative office building.

-Mark Heister: asked for copies of employees salaries

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of the Oct 14, 2009 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

- **RESOLUTION 19-09: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to approve "within fund" transfer from 1000-120-323 Repairs and Maintenance \$14,000.00 and from 1000-760-730 Improvement of Sites \$3000.00 to 1000-330-360 Contracted Services for additional money for summer road maintenance program. Offered by Smith, second by Randles

ROLL CALL: PETTY: YES

RANDLES: YES

SMITH: YES

Resolution approved 3-0.

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve Then and Now in the amount of \$16,783.17 (1000-330-360) to Shelly Materials Inc. for additional summer road maintenance program. Money was originally paid from fund 2031-330-360. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve Then and Now in the Amount of \$6000.00 (2111-220-229) for Provident VOLF Policy #DCC-6444824 to Burnham and Flower Group. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve Then and Now in the Amount of \$3725.00 (2031-330-360-4401) for LOCKWOOD LANIER KAUFFMAN ROAD PHASE 2 ENGINEERING SERVICES Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$55,709.52 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$66,292.46 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

-Updates from Trustees: Petty reported we received a letter from Lancaster Transit regarding county wide transportation system. A meeting will be held tomorrow but the time was not listed. Randles reported a Sitterley Road resident is concerned about the road. He explained it would be handled next spring.

-Letter from Frank Anderson, Fairfield County Engineer Regarding MVF: A letter was reviewed by the Fairfield County Engineer's office regarding the 2009 Allocation from the Motor Vehicle Fund. The township currently has \$7336.32 designated in the 2009 MVF. The deadline to request money is November 20th. Solt said he is handling the matter and will officially notify the Fairfield County Engineers Office. Discussion between trustees and Solt over priorities of guard rails and safety issues on Amanda Northern Road north of Winchester Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Meeting at Canal Banking Center to arrange Fiscal Officer transition: Mr. Cyphert has a meeting with the agent at the bank this Friday regarding the transition of Fiscal Officers. In order to give him signatory authority on the account, they must have a motion passed by the trustees.

RESOLUTION 20-09: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES that upon the election/swearing in of David Lee Cyphert as Fiscal Officer and bond approved by OTARMA for \$220,000, that he be added as signatory authority for Bloom Township at Vinton County Bank (Canal Banking Center) and for Star Ohio and that the trustees approve the bond from OTARMA (\$220,000). Offered by Smith, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL: PETTY: YES

RANDLES: YES

SMITH: YES

Resolution approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

-Discussion held regarding the problems the township has had getting certain claims settled with Burnham and Flower/Medical Mutual. There have been communication issues with the agent. We have worked with Brenda Schurr and her manager who are trying to resolve these issues. It was suggested that we might get these issues resolved if we had a different agent through Burnham and Flower. The trustees decided to grant another chance to the agent to do a better job. In the meantime, the following email was sent to us today by the current agent:

As you know, we are approaching the 2010 renewal of the Medical Plan and HRA Administration. We acknowledge and share in the frustration that MMO caused by dropping HRA administration for 2009. There are still two claims we are working on getting reprocessed. These will be resolved.

For 2010, MMO is bringing back the same integrated HRA administration they had offered in 2008. This is the no claim form, no debit card, pay for Rx and be reimbursed administration that Bloom Twp had in 2008. Bloom township will be able to go back to that system if it was preferred. MMO is the only company that provides the 100% funded, integrated HRA administration along with the Medical insurance.

MMO should have the Medical renewal issued by next week. I was told by underwriting that the average increase is 15-17%. The underwriter also indicated that Bloom Twp has an average loss ratio. We do have access to every carrier in the state. If the Board would like us to get qualified quotes from the other insurance companies, we will need a health questionnaire from each covered person. I have attached the Universal Form that we can use to get quotes from all of the carriers.

I am happy to come meet with you or come to the next Board meeting as soon as the MMO renewal is issued. Please let me know if you have any questions or need me at the meeting tonight. Talk to you soon. Thanks,

Thanks, Sean M. Spouse, BRM, RHU, REBC

-Schumacher update: Mrs. Cyphert met last week with a representative from the Health Department at the Schumacher property on Winchester Southern Road. He had a group of volunteers help him clean up a portion of the property which has improved. There is still an abundance of tires, waste, and some junk vehicles on the side and in the back of the property. It was recommended to the health department they proceed with legal action against Schumacher since there are still numerous violations, however since progress is being made, perhaps they could get a continuance from the court until it is finally in accordance with health and zoning codes.

-Jerrod Schwarz, attorney for the township, called to report he is making progress with getting the problems straightened out with the township building which apparently was not included in the survey when it was purchased by the township. Issues still exist with an easement between the administration building and the old school house which he is attempting to work out.

-Fairfield County Commissioners voted to reject the access management plan being proposed by the Fairfield County Engineer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

-Our former Graumen fire engine is being borrowed by Violet Twp. We have borrowed Violet Twp's engine in the past.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt:

-Parking lot update: Administrative office parking lot was paved Monday and the trustees opted not to stripe it.

-Pipeline crossing on township roads: Repair was supposed to commence last week but due to scheduling issues, it will start next week.

-Discussion regarding paving in Pine Hill estates.

ADJOURNMENT

David Petty, Chair

Fiscal Officer