

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 11/25/2009>

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 David Cyphert; Township Department Supervisors, and interested citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Bise of Marcy Road discussed an issue he is having with a neighbor regarding damage to his fence. ORC procedures were discussed. The fence is in the back of Crist Estates. Horses have done some damage. A split rail fence was erected then a green fence. He rents his property to someone that boards her horses there. He received a small claims court summons for \$800. Sheriff's reports have been filed. He asked the trustees to view the site. Bise said the sheriff deputy involved in the dispute was from Franklin County and attempted to resolve the issue but not with a good attitude. Petty said the deputy tried to intimidate Bise and is not even from this county. If Bise files a formal complaint, the issue will be referred to township legal counsel (Jerold Schwarz) for advice on the township's role.

Karen Pierano of 2348 Sittlerly Road is concerned that when Sitterley Road was resurfaced, some properties on the road got an apron but hers didn't. It results in her driveway that can't hold gravel there plus a big drop down and would like township assistance in the issue. Solt was directed to view the site. The trustees will view the site. It will be discussed at the next meeting to determine the best way to correct the problem.

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held NOV 11, 2009. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve Public Official Bond from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America for David Cyphert as Fiscal Officer effective 11/3/09 and Anthony Pranger as Assistant Fiscal Officer effective 11/3/09. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bill to Shelly Company in the amount of \$72,253.00 from General Fund 1000-760-730-000 and Road District 2141-330-360-000 per decision by Board of Trustees for paving of Crist Estates and Township Parking Lot. Discussion regarding whether the funds were appropriated. Petty said they are appropriated but Carol Moore said right now they are not appropriated and guided them on how to appropriate the funds. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of Fire Dept. Assoc. use of Twp. Credit Card in the amount of \$1050.00 for a training seminar. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$16,157.92 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$58,926.19 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Reminder to Dept. Heads to cease expenditures after Dec. 9 if possible to do closing of books

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Updates from the trustees: Petty received an email about a transit meeting on December 18, at 10:00 a.m. Smith announced that he filed a sheriff report after the township mailbox was damaged. Petty said EMA is re-writing mitigation plan for the county and a township representative is needed and discussion was held regarding whether Petty could still be appointed since he won't be trustee. Petty said it can be done.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to appoint Dave Petty as Bloom Twp. representative for Fairfield County EMA. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert

- Insurance Update: The final papers were signed for the 2010 insurance policy which ended up being an additional percentage less than previously approved. An employee meeting will be held Dec. 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for all insured employees and elected officials to receive information regarding the policy. Employees should make every effort to attend if they want to learn about how the policy will work. If they don't attend, they should call our agent to be informed about the information they missed at the meeting.
- OTA Township/County Association Dinner: Reservations have been sent in for the Dec. 13 event.
- Legal Update from Jerry & OTA: Mr. Schwarz sent an email to the township regarding his stance on the Eagle Drive issue. Email was placed in trustee's boxes with the meeting agenda. She also updated the trustees on SB 184, HB 326, HB 255, and HB 212.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to instruct Mr. Schwarz to pursue litigation against the person/company that damaged Eagle Drive on behalf of Bloom Township. Motion carried 3-0.
- Signs: For months, people claiming to be private detectives with tinted windows in their vehicles have been in the township parking lot spying on a neighbor. It is disturbing to township employees and customers. The trustees agreed signs should be ordered saying "Parking for Township business only. Violators are subject to towing at owners expense."

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: by Terry Gill: Tornado siren parts have been ordered and will be here soon. Price is more than originally thought. Last Saturday there was a garage fire on Lithopolis Road. New truck worked well. Firefighter volunteered to help with H1N1 injections.

ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: by Randy Solt: Discussion of future road building and equipment needs. Randles said he had a meeting with the guys at the road department about their concerns. Randles said he is having the Board Administrator check to see if two flaggers are needed by state law due to possible liability. If so, an additional employee may be needed. Board Administrator and Solt will work together on a job description and present it at the next meeting. Trucks are ready to go in the event of snow. Discussion of need for new tires for road department truck.

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to purchase 4 tires for the rear of 450 Ford Truck from Hartman's Auto in the amount of \$1126.40 from Line 2031-330-323 Repairs and Maintenance. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT