

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 01/27/2010>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the review session to order at 7:15 p.m. at which time trustees signed checks for payment of the bills and the agenda was discussed. Randles called the regular business meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Carol Moore, Brian Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer David Cyphert. Also present were Township Department Supervisors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve minutes of the Organization and Regular meetings held Jan.7, 2010. Motion approved 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve the emergency expenditure of \$1808.45 to Ace Truck Body, Inc. for repairs to Road Department Vehicles during winter storm. Motion approved 3-0.
- **Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to approve the emergency expenditure of \$2410.77 to Bader Trucking, Inc. for repairs to Road Department Vehicles during winter storm. Motion approved 3-0.
- **Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$49,373.15 and charges in the amount of \$117,902.22 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion approved 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS from the trustees:

-Memo from Fairfield County Engineer's Office: Fiscal Officer Cyphert presented a letter to the trustees and Road Supervisor that the County Engineer had sent stating the County Commissioners approved the resolution authorizing townships to post weight reduction signs for the maximum allowable weight reduction of 50%. The legal date to post these signs is February 2, 2010. The letter was given to the Road Supervisor to coordinate communications regarding this project.

-Smith said he spoke with a couple of individuals about the township's responsibility regarding plowing of roads that have not been turned over to the township. The Board Administrator will seek a legal opinion regarding this matter. The trustees agreed that in the meantime, if there is a major snow storm before the legal opinion is given, the road supervisor and chair will decide whether those roads should be plowed to make it passable for emergency vehicles.

-Debris Management: Moore explained that since being appointed the Debris Manager at the previous trustee meeting, communications from Fairfield County EMA regarding Debris Management indicate the most appropriate person in the township to serve in this role is the Road Supervisor as us the case with other townships. She had spoken with Solt earlier this week and he agreed to serve as the Debris Management Representative for Bloom Township.

Motion by Moore, second by Smith:

RESOLUTION 09-10: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES that Randy Solt is appointed as Debris Management Representative for Bloom Twp.

ROLL CALL: Moore: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: Yes

Resolution approved 3-0.

Randles reported Lithopolis received a grant to pave the main road through the village. The township did not receive the OPWC grant this round. He also reported the Health Department minutes indicate they intend to increase Residential Sewage Inspection fees which are of concern because the Advisory Health Committee voted to abolish the fees. It could be for new installations only. The Board Administrator will ask the health department about this issue.

OLD BUSINESS: Update on Pierano Driveway issue: Due to weather, the Road Dept has not yet made any progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Smith, second by Moore to appoint Carol Moore as alternate representative to RPC. Motion carried 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

- Update of Greencastle yellow house issue: The bank has finally listed the property for sale and the township will monitor the issue and will inform the buyer of needed permits to bring the property into compliance.
- BZA APPT: **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to transfer Keith Glass from Zoning Commission to BZA to fulfill the unexpired term of Dan Starkey. Motion carried 3-0.
- County Commissioners have approved the resolution for final acceptance of Deer Run Estates and Slate Ridge Phase III
- County hosting Discriminatory Harassment meeting, February 3, at 7:00 a.m. at the Engineer's Office for anyone who would like to attend.
- Update on Township property issue: a copy of a letter was received from legal counsel that was written to the former land owner of our Administrative Office Building regarding

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the deed needed for our property. We will await an answer. Smith stated he spoke with Ernestine Hoover, member of the Presbyterian Church that owns the easement between our property and the cemetery. Concerns were voiced regarding whether that cemetery would ever be closed off to the public. The trustees all agree that there are no plans to close the cemetery to the public and would like to assure the public that the cemetery will always remain open.

- Insurance update: Two more phone calls have been made to our agent from Burnham and Flower regarding where are the new insurance books and cards. Still no action.
- A newspaper article regarding Fairfield Department of Health about Lancaster possibly opting out of the county health department was distributed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Chief

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to promote volunteer Firefighter Michael Tipple to part time status effective 2/1/10 on one year probationary period. Motion approved 3-0.
- Madison Twp. contract: The trustees agreed to sign the contract now on file with the Fire Chief.
- Discussion about Capital Project Funds: In 2005 a fund was created to possibility locate a substation in the middle of the township. Without the expected growth, the funds were spent on a new fire truck that was needed. The trustees approved a motion at the end of 2009 to close that fund because it was only for five years. New plans are being discussed. Funding is being considered and extensive studies are being conducted. Two 10-year capital project funds are being considered for apparatus and a fire substation. Funds do not have to be spent if the trustees opt not to do the project. A committee of community, staff, and trustees should be considered before any final decisions are made. A suggested 10-year plan was proposed for accumulating funds. Other townships in Fairfield County keep these type of funds in designated categories for planned capital expenditures. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting for trustee consideration based on the information presented today.
- Tornado siren update: He stated the township property siren did not activate again. Some other townships are having the same issue. It may be a radio communications issue from the county sheriff's office. The matter is being thoroughly investigated.
- 3 unit STEMI record: Medflight has created a special calendar for fire departments that will show which unit is on duty at all fire departments. He reported an incident that occurred where a person walked into the fire station at 6:53 a.m. He was seriously ill and his personnel conducted extraordinary procedures necessary for him. The person has serious blockage problems in his heart. Because of the monitor and very fast action on the part of our personnel, the man was able to get to the hospital where the medical personnel already were set up for surgery to save the man's life. The outstanding efforts of our firefighters may have set a record for quick treatment and response to save his life. The hospital was very impressed by our firefighters' actions regarding this case.
- Station 551 shower tile repair: downstairs shower has cracked tile around the drain that is a safety issue. He suggested spending \$882.47 to repair the problem.
Motion by Smith, second by Moore to authorize spending of \$882.47 to repair the problem. Motion carried 3-0.
- Bloom-Carroll request to use fire department facility: BC needs an emergency evacuation plan and wants the township to agree to use the firehouse as an evacuation point. His concern is that other people may want to use the buildings like they have in the past. The only area that could be used is the apparatus bay. There is a township policy that the township will not use the fire department for anything other than fire business. Concern was expressed regarding supervision responsibility. Details in the request are vague and more information is needed by the school according to Gill. Drugs are kept in the building so what is the township's liability on the issue? The trustees want to help in an emergency but further investigation is needed as to what kind of situations would constitute an evacuation emergency and what is our liability regarding whether an insurance rider is needed. OTARMA will be consulted as well as obtaining more information from the school.
- Our fire department assisted Lancaster Fire Department in the funeral arrangements for a firefighter that collapsed due to a medical problem during a fire. Personnel volunteered their time for this event.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-NAPA tool sale: This is an annual event that we have participated in the past.

Motion by Moore, second by Smith to authorize up to \$2500 for the NAPA tool sale at 60% off regular prices. Motion carried 3-0.

-Thank you letter to firefighter was signed for his volunteer efforts in helping out in recent winter storm.

-Repairs were needed for another dump truck. Should be back tomorrow and cost is estimated to be about \$3000.

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-Solt said he and Randles discussed purchasing new truck. \$120,000 to \$130,000 would be the estimated cost. The road department is also considering constructing a road barn. Solt said a bond issue could be considered to pay for a new road building. Moore said she will not support a bond issue for a new road barn. Randles inquired as to where road equipment is stored. A fund similar to the fire fund can be started for a road building. Smith said a building should be considered to alleviate storing equipment on private property. Solt said 40X100 structure should be considered. Randles said not to put a bandaid on it but address the problem correctly from the beginning. Smith said the fire department could also consider storing some equipment in the building. Moore said we need to look at using our own property if a new barn is constructed instead of considering purchasing other land. Smith said a 40x80 barn would be sufficient. Smith said it would be for storage only and would be secure. Solt will obtain prices for 40x80 storage facility. Solt said he will seek prices for the building and a new truck.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian E. Randles, Chair

David Lee Cyphert, Fiscal Officer