

## <BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 03/10/2010

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:** Two representatives from The Ohio Plan presented information to the trustees regarding their services and would like the trustees to review their material.

### **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve minutes of the meeting held Feb 24, 2010. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$117,034.93 and charges in the amount of \$62,822.59 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve \$787.98 for TRUCK/PLOW frame repair. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TRUSTEE'S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and COMMUNICATIONS:**

-DAC meeting update- Moore reported she attended the (DAC) District Advisory Council meeting held March 1. The 2011 Budget was introduced and discussed. Lancaster has made the decision to leave the Fairfield Department of Health District which could force cost increases -- by 70 to 90 percent -- to other local governments in 2011. Before Lancaster left the health district, Pickerington pulled out contracting with Franklin County for 2010. Bloom TWP's apportionment is about \$40,000 in 2010 and is projected to increase to over \$70,000 for 2011. At the meeting, Violet Twp. said that they might have to consider contracting with Franklin County for services if the fees are going to be raised so high which Bloom Twp. could also do. Moore said Violet would jump from about \$117,000 in 2010 to \$206,000 in 2011. This budget change is still being debated and there will be a special meeting held on MAR 29<sup>th</sup> to continue this discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

-Driveway Issue on Sitterley Road: Solt said they are going to try to get to it soon. Wet weather is a concern with heavy equipment. Randles said as soon as it is safe to do it, then it can be done. - Moore commented on advertising signs being placed in right of way. Zoning Inspector said they are in violation of the zoning resolution. A lawn company is placing wire signs in the right of way and a builder nailed signs into utility pole.

-Randles said the engineer's meeting with the county was very informative. Speed limit issues for Kauffman Road were discussed. They asked the engineer to put Sitterley Road project at the top of the list. Bridge at Hummel and Pickerington Road will be replaced. Hummel Road, Lith-Win Road, Winchester from Pickerington Road to Carroll will all be paved. Concerns about Fairfield Farms were discussed. The county will continue to make progress with the developer. Smith said he was told all items will be repaired by early summer. Moore asked the engineer how to address this in the future. The process has to be followed by RPC. Moore reported the township will receive MVF money for 2009 carryover and 2010: \$11,273.93. Randles reported the county informed them that signage must be updated by 2015 and they are working on that as part of the long range plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:** nothing to report

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-Our legal counsel has advised that the Greencastle Property township land issue has been resolved.

-Ohio Legislative Update: HB 220: Would change the wording in newspaper posting requirements so that townships would be able to use a different newspaper if they chose for legal ads; HB 393: Township Nuisances: revises notice required to be provided to a landowner by the trustees to abate a nuisance. HB 459: Township Funds: to authorize a board of trustees to require that interest earned on a special fund be credited to that special fund, rather than to the general fund.

-Insurance (Labcore) Issue: When lab work is done at a doctor's office, make sure they don't send it to Labcore because they are a non-network provider under Medical Mutual. Department supervisors are asked to let their employees know this information.

-The New Diley Ridge Medical Center is having a big public open house this Saturday and will also have a smaller open house tomorrow afternoon.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-Monthly activity report was presented.

-Discussion about front ramp at Station 551: breaking up in several places. Estimates are being sought and will be brought to the next meeting.

-Continuing education requirements are being done by personnel. Essential books are needed.

- **Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to approve purchase of training books from Preuer & Associates, Inc. total of \$1041.13. Motion carried 3-0.

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-Preliminary information is being sought regarding possible billing services to insurance companies for transportation. Our neighboring townships are already doing this. It would only cost the insurance companies and there would be no out-of-pocket expense for any of our township residents if the trustees opt to do this. The trustees and fiscal officer discussed the pros and cons of this idea. Gill will obtain further information for consideration at a later date.

**OTHER:** Motion by Smith, Second by Moore to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conferring with public body's legal council regarding pending or imminent litigation. Motion carried 3-0. The trustees resumed the public meeting immediately following the executive session.

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

-Debris Management Seminar update: He attended the training session and it was very informative. He is very confident in Fairfield County's plan and said we are steps ahead of other counties.

-Dump Truck Purchase: he presented information that shows all of our inventory, ages, and other pertinent information. The truck prices from the state were discussed. Randles said after looking in depth at this, the information provided to him by Solt and FO Cyphert was very good in helping to make an informed decision. Bidding on part of the truck would have to be done that is not included in the state contract. Moore requested more investigation be done regarding bidding requirements. She said the total price should be considered when we bid that out. Randles said with the longevity we are looking at with these trucks at about 20 years, the five year plan will show more information regarding other replacement needs for aging equipment. Smith said in the future we should look at more than International brand truck.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore:

**RESOLUTION # 16-10:** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to authorize the purchase of Contract # 023-09 International Maxx Force Model 2011 7400 SFA 4x2 at price \$70,588 from Miami Valley National Trucks.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVED 3-0.

-Plow #2 cutting edges purchase due to them being worn out. Three other quotes were verbally given to him and he said Ace was still the lowest. Moore requested in the future please provide to the trustees a written summary of verbal quotes for the trustees to see and also for the fiscal officer to retain for the records.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve the expenditure of up to \$1500 to cover the cost of new blades. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Brian E. Randles, Chair

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David Lee Cyphert, Fiscal Officer