

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 2/8/2011

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the regular 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 and our former BZA member, Bill Martin, who passed away today.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David Cyphert, Fiscal Officer

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the meeting held 1/24/11. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$55,486.28 and charges in the amount \$116,987.33 of having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve the annual inventory list and forward it to the county engineer. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the payment of \$8,468.00 to Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland for the Kaufman road phase 3 project having been approved by the Fairfield County Engineers Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the payment of \$1,397.24 to Finley Fire Equipment for chasis, generator, & pump service on E551 & E553. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS from the trustees:

- Waterloo Bridge project in Violet Twp will soon be replaced.
- Smith: DAC meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- Randles, Smith, and Moore agreed the concerns about a driveway apron will be discussed at a future meeting.

BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

- RPC has distributed a document regarding CDBG funds which will be in the trustee's mailboxes in the near future if they want to follow up on this issue.
- Counsel is finishing up the cemetery easement issue for Greencastle.
- Board of Trustees annual meeting with Jeff Baird at the Fairfield County Engineer's Office will be held Feb 22, 5:30pm
- Motion** by Randles, second by Moore to hold special meeting Tuesday, February 22, 5:30pm at the office of the Fairfield County Engineer for the purpose of discussing road projects for 2011. Motion carried 3-0.
- Information from Ohio DAS Office of Procurement Services regarding the cooperative purchasing program has been distributed to the fire and road department
- Elected officials emergency guide from Fairfield County EMA was distributed to the four elected officials of the township.
- Newsletter publication was ready but tonight we learned Lancaster Transit may have lost its grant which was going to be part of our newsletter announcement so we will need to redesign it.
- She said there was recently a report that the county was considering asking townships to help pay for repairs to the communications system, however the prosecutor recently informed the Board of Commissioners that there is an Attorney General's opinion that indicates the Board of Commissioners does not have authority to pass on communications costs to the municipalities and townships.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

- He furthered explained that Bloom Twp. has already paid for other communication repairs which saved the county a lot of money.
- He distributed copies on the recently approved bargaining agreement with the firefighters union.
- He distributed the January EMS/Fire activity report. He reiterated the need for improved response time.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

He presented information about cemetery mowers and prices for a new mower from Taylor and Sons. Our current ones have 480 hours and the other has 496 hours. Solt said the Taylor quotes were from the state contract pricing. Moore had obtained the pricing list online and asked why the prices Taylor quoted to Bloom Twp were higher than the prices on the state contract price list. She said the Hustler mower that Taylor quoted was not listed on the state contract. She recommended getting prices from other vendors as well since the quotes presented from Taylor weren't from the state contract and no explanation for the higher prices had been provided.. Randles suggested we might consider waiting another year to review the issue. Moore said storage of our current road department inventory is already a problem and we have potential liability issues. New equipment shouldn't be purchased until we can house it on township property. Smith said we should hold off purchasing the mowers right now. Moore concurred. Randles said he will call a professional landscaper to ask how many hours on a mower are standard.

OTHER: Motion by Moore, second by Smith Executive Session under 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code: to consider the purchase or sale of property. Following the session, motion by Randles, second by Moore to come out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT