

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 07/13/2011

Joseph Smith, Chair called the agenda review session to order at 7:15 and 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sgt. Cassell of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office: They are working with the county parks department to enforce the no trespassing, cliff jumping, open alcohol consumption, and swimming at Rock Mill. The Sheriff's Office has posted no trespassing signs. The sheriff's office will enforce the law and start issuing warnings and citations. The deputy said Dave Fey from Parks Department said it was OK for them to swim but his concern is that will lead them to jumping. The trustees are very concerned about safety issues. The trustees and deputy are concerned Fey is sending a mixed message by allowing swimming but no jumping. The Bloom Twp Fire Chief said the swimming is as much of a concern because their last several runs down there have been due to head injuries from slipping during swimming. The chief said injuries resulting from this illegal activity ties up our emergency equipment so we might not be available to respond to other township emergencies. Sgt. Cassell said they are trying to get Prosecutor Terre Vandervoort to assist them in the enforcement of the citations. A letter from the township will be written to Vandervoort and to Fey to ask for enforcement to protect the public safety and to keep from tying up our emergency equipment unnecessarily due to allowing the illegal activity to continue. The sheriff's office is doing everything within its power to enforce the law but must have cooperation from the other entities. A citizen reported they were concerned that 10TV was promoting the illegal jumping and even using their own TV reporters to jump while on camera for the public view. This is setting a poor example from 10TV for the public. The Board Administrator will communicate with 10TV about responsible journalism and setting a good example.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the meeting held 6/22/11. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$46,369.16 and charges in the amount of \$109,446.80 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

-Fiscal Officer Cyphert announced that 213 riders from Bloom Twp have been able to use the Lancaster Transit System so far. Last year Bloom Twp officials opted to participate in this transportation service which is primarily supported by grants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/NEW BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS from the trustees:

-Drainage Issue Charity Drive: Brian Randles received a complaint from Mike Rinehart on Charity Drive about a drainage issue that he believes our gravel is running down the road onto his property. Road Supervisor Solt will review the situation.

-MORPC: Walnut Creek Watershed: Joe Smith met with the MORPC personnel and reviewed their proposed plans for the watershed. A map was submitted for the trustees to review.

-Debris Management Report: Carol Moore received a communication regarding updating the Debris Management Plan. Solt is still the Debris Manager for the Bloom Twp and Lithopolis area and will follow up with Bill Gilliam, Operations and Planning Manager with Fairfield County EMA.

-Joe Smith said he spoke with Jeff Baird at the County Engineer's Office regarding drainage and road issues at the dead end of Sitterley Road. Plans will be submitted in the future. The trustees discussed using that fund for building projects for road storage. No decision has been made yet.

-Update on State Budget: Carol Moore updated the trustees on the impact of HB 153 on township government. She reported that townships had been excluded from using "design build" but are now included in the final Bill. This will assist in the planning of our building projects. The final State Budget bill eliminates estate tax JAN 2013, reduces our Local Gov't Funds, takes away our Public Utility and TPP Reimbursements. Prevailing Wage Thresholds increase for new construction to \$125,000 effective this year, \$200,000 one year later, \$250,000 one yr after. Competitive Bidding Threshold increased to \$50,000 except for road construction/improvements.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-OTARMA Renewal Policy: Paperwork is being submitted so that our new rate can be sent to us.

-OTARMA Courses: Free courses and webinars are being offered by them that she will be participating in plus possibly attending a seminar this fall on HR laws.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-Road Resurfacing Projects: Trustees agreed Solt did a good job with the list of roads for this project.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the proposed list of 2011 summer road projects as presented by the Road Supervisor contingent upon receiving an authorized purchase order from the Lithopolis Fiscal Officer which must be presented and approved by the Bloom Twp. Fiscal Officer prior to any work beginning on Smith Road. The Purchase Order is to cover the cost of paving the part of Smith Road that is located in the Village of Lithopolis. Motion carried 3-0.

-Crack Sealing: **Motion** by Randles, second by Moore to approve the quotation from American Pavements for crack sealing as presented in a written proposal from the Road Supervisor at the price of \$12,350.00 conditioned on the approval of required documentation of Workers' Compensation and liability insurance, plus the possible requirement of a bond submitted to and approved by the Fiscal Officer prior to work beginning. Motion carried 3-0.

-Solt requested approval of a proposal to refurb #1 Dump Truck. The quote from ACE includes a new stainless steel dump body, LED Emergency Light System, and stainless steel salt spreader. Solt said the

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truck has another 8 years of useful life. Randles said he had inspected the truck and agrees with the proposal. Moore asked if the prices were in line with ACE's prices on the International truck we bid out last year. Solt said the prices are only slightly increased.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to accept the proposal from Ace Body to refurbish Truck #1 at a cost of \$23,092. Hydraulic hose and fitting replacement will be done on a time and material on an as-needed basis. Motion carried 3-0.

-Solt reported they have finished with the drainage work at Amanda N. and Salem Church Rd. at the Stebelton property.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-Workers Compensation Rate Information: Bloom Twp is the only 1 of 13 townships in the state to participate in this greatly discounted program which is a major savings to the township.

-**Motion** by Randles, second by Moore to enter into Executive Session to discuss hiring and employment matters. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION #17-11: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the Social Media Policy proposed by OTARMA consultants and presented by the Fire Chief and Board Administrator is approved as policy for all Bloom Township employees.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL: Randles-yes; Smith-yes; Moore-yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith, Chair

David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer