

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 5/11/2011

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.

Public Comment: Tom Fernandez of Steed, Hammond, and Paul Architects addressed the trustees about interest in involvement of potential future building projects. The fire chief explained the ORC process that would be followed if construction projects are planned. We will be watching the legislation on Prevailing Wage prior to finalizing any plans.

Mark Heister of Alspach Road addressed the trustees about his clogged drainage tile that he had repaired. He asked if the township planned to do anything. Solt said materials have been ordered and work is planned.

The trustees discussed a Slough Road resident who installed a drainage place without a permit. Solt will send a written communication to him notifying him of the right of way obstruction.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David Cyphert, Fiscal Officer

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the meeting held 4/27/11. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$29,060.81 and charges in the amount \$44,866.66 of having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the payments of: \$819.87 to Horton Emergency Vehicles for miscellaneous repairs to M551, payment of \$1,750.00 to APR Concrete & Construction for repairs to cellar doors, and payment of \$1,080.00 to Fire Safety Services for Turnout gear – hoods & gloves. Motion carried 3-0.

The biannual audit will be finished tomorrow and the report is very good.

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

-Discussion of Annexation Issue of 5.5 ac. From Bloom Twp into Lithopolis on Smith Road: the petition is before the commissioners. Trustees are concerned that Smith Road maintenance agreement needs to be addressed as recommended as an option by the county engineer. A letter will be drafted to the county commissioners with the township's concerns requesting that Lithopolis be required to maintain half of Smith Road and a maintenance agreement will be needed.

-Discussion of petition to vacate a part of a public road in Lockville: this involves vacation of a street and alleys: the trustees are concerned that someone would try to open an abandoned road at the expense of the taxpayers. There were 13 signatures on the petition favoring vacation of the street and alleys.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles

RESOLUTION 12-11: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. TRUSTEES to support the petition to vacate a part of a public road in Lockville: this involves vacation of alleys.

ROLL CALL: MOORE: YES RANGLES: YES SMITH: YES. Resolution approved 3-0.

-Newsletter communication update: Moore reported the newsletter is almost ready for review/approval by the trustees. She asked the fire chief and road supervisor also review the newsletter and offer any comments or suggestions to the board administrator who is coordinating the publication.

BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-RPC recommendations on zoning amendments: The Zoning Commission meets tomorrow night and will forward its recommendations to the trustees probably at our next meeting.

-Bids advertised for road projects: The legal ad appeared in last Thursday's paper.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-Protective clothing will soon be ordered at below state bid prices.

-Action Plan discussion: Discussion of size of possible building: it is proposed to increase a possible new building by 3000 sq. ft. This would allow bay doors to be larger and would add a fourth bay. This would also allow for more storage of public records and training records as well. The chief proposes the funds would need to be examined by looking at the carry-over. A bond issue is not being considered. Equipment inventory was also discussed. \$100 per sq. ft. would be the estimated cost. The elimination of Prevailing Wage might save considerable funds in construction. The trustees agreed a proposal to promote lieutenants to captains will not be considered so the chief was asked to take that out of the plan. Staffing needs were discussed, full time vs. part time. Discussions will continue.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-Pipe prices have been obtained. There was discussion on projects needing addressed in the township. Solt will research what would be needed to replace culvert at a site on Bowling Green Ln.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve ODOT salt contract for 1000 tons. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve expenditure of funds for culvert projects this year to replace culverts on Walker Dr, Bloomwood Dr, Lamb Rd, and 2 ditch projects; 1 Alspach Rd. at 674 with ODOT and Heister Rd north from Marcy Rd. The total pipe purchase estimate is \$6000.00. These funds will come from Line 2141-330-420, Road District. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.