

>>>BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 10/12/05<<<

Joseph Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Smith, Larry Coyle, David Petty and Carol Moore, Clerk. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin. & Bldg/Zoning Admin; Tom Scholl, Road Department Superintendent; Terry Gill, Fire Chief; and several interested citizens. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTE: This is the first trustee meeting held in the new Bloom Township Office complex in Greencastle, 8490 Lithopolis Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112. The township was recently issued an occupancy permit for the structure that used to serve as a church.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Charles Schultz complimented the new township facility at Greencastle
- Robert Stebleton, sitting on an oak pew in the meeting room, suggested the next time the township buys a church to buy one with padded seats.

CLERK REPORT:

- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty, to approve minutes of the 9-30-05, 10-5-05, 10-06-05, Special Meeting and 9-28-05 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve SBC phone installation charges at Greencastle in the amount of 840.00. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$11,186.58 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$40,380.27 after being certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements:
 - Today Jeff Baird of the County Engineer's Office approved the payment of \$13,000 that the trustees signed last regular meeting. It will now be mailed.
 - The Fairfield County Commissioners have set the time of Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. on which to conduct a review of the petition to annex 304.1 acres of Bloom and Violet Townships into the Village of Lithopolis.
 - Township has received a second proceed from Eagles Nest Ranch and Academy for liquor license.
- Moore said she needs clarification on the Brandt Road Project. At the last meeting it was thought by some that funds had been encumbered for the Brandt Road Project. After reviewing the minutes Moore found nothing had been formally approved by the trustees, just discussed. Moore said Road Superintendent Scholl indicated no more expenditure is necessary for Brandt Road this year, beyond the gravel that has been purchased. Moore informed the trustees there is still money in the contracted services line of the Road Improvement Fund for the "safety" road projects that had been discussed previously. There was very little discussion and no decisions were made by the trustees tonight concerning these possible contracted service expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Noxious Weeds: Cyphert announced at the next meeting there will be a motion on the agenda to authorize a contractor to cut noxious weeds on two residential properties on Lithopolis Road.
- Kauffman Road Issue II: Nothing new to report.
- Greencastle Update: Petty introduced the subject by suggesting the trustees talk with Barry Homes about a "punch list" such as lights now that the project is coming to a close.

Holmes of M-E Engineering reported that Final Occupancy has been approved and lights will be fixed. Holmes said roofing repair needs to be done near the cupola. Materials would cost \$743.00. Brian Randles offered to donate a cupola. Holmes said it would cost \$1,600 to rent a lift for the project. He said he is donating 100 slates for the roof. Petty said it needs to be fixed for safety reasons.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle to approve \$1,550 for lift rental for repair of the steeple. Motion carried 3-0

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Coyle expressed concern for the need for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Petty suggested a facility use policy needs to be done for community use of the building. Smith and Coyle said we need to wait until we are settled in and then talk about it after we see what it costs to operate the building.

Moore asked about thermostat controls. Holmes said the only functioning controls for the HVAC now are the new ones.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BLDG/ZONING/& BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Inspector Anne Cyphert reported on the following: New facility is working out very well. She mapped out the use of the zoning wing: 1st room will be storage, middle room will be for copy machine, and end room is Aimee Hunkele's Office. The trustees did not object to the layout.
- Discussion of records storage at the old Twp office and in the Basement of the new office. Petty said Jim Benson told him there may be old township records from the early 1800's at Wagnalls.

Smith called for the Fire Department report. Chief Gill requested to go last as he would be requesting an executive session.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Scholl asked what roads in new subdivisions have been awarded to the township. Cyphert referred Scholl to the Regional Planning Commission to get that information.
- Scholl said he would like three items to be approved for sale at the Fairfield County Commissioners' Fall Auction. He reports there are two mowers that haven't been used in 5 years, bush hogs, and a tractor.

Motion by Coyle, second by Petty to sell the three items at the County Commissioners Annual Fall Auction to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005, at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. Motion carried 3-0.

Moore requested Scholl obtain serial numbers before sending them to auction.

- Scholl asked if he could purchase a mini excavator. Coyle asked Moore if we have money to buy a new truck as well. Moore said there is \$5,000 in the R&B Vehicle line and money could be moved from the Equipment line to the Vehicle line for a truck purchase.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle: to purchase a KOMATSU hydraulic excavator mini excavator for \$54,258. Motion carried 3-0.

Scholl said his pick-up truck is not safe to drive. Smith asked him if he has looked around and he said no. Scholl said a pick-up truck and a ton and a half truck are both needed. Coyle asked if he could get by with just one truck. Scholl said both were needed for two different purposes. Mike Kouns, road worker, explained the costs of both trucks. Smith asked Scholl to get proposals together for the next meeting for a ton and a half truck. Kouns said it will take six months to get the truck once ordered. The cost to fix the current pick-up truck would be \$1,100. Gill suggested giving road department his fire chief truck so he can look for a used SUV. Coyle said Scholl should present a proposal for the next meeting. Scholl asked if an executive session could be held for employment matters in both Fire and Road Departments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Gill reported he is requesting an executive session for employment related issues.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment personnel matters for the Fire and Road Departments. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Coyle, second by Petty to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Smith
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Clerk