

>>>**BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 06/08/05**<<<

David Petty, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees 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. Petty led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Joseph Smith arrived following the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLERK REPORT

- **Motion** by Coyle, Second by Petty to approve minutes of the 5-25-05 regular and 5-28-05 special meetings. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, Second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$62,482.33 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$44,811.55 after being certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

- **RESOLUTION #35-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following additional appropriations are approved:

- \$125,000 in the Road District Fund (2141-330-360) for road maintenance. Total appropriation for 2141 Road District Fund is now \$565,000. Unappropriated funds now \$82,028.71.
- \$46,500 in the Road & Bridge Fund (2031-760-740) for the purchase of Road Dept equipment. Total appropriation for 2031 Road & Bridge Fund is now \$435,000. Unappropriated funds now \$120,825.77. Motion by Petty, second by Coyle.

ROLL CALL: Coyle-Yes; Petty-Yes; Smith-Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- **RESOLUTION #36-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following budget revenue increases are approved:

- Increase budget in General Fund, revenue account number 1000-701, by \$30,000 due to increased interest earnings. Total budget revenue amount is now \$237,850 for Fund 1000.
- Increase budget in Fire Dept Education Gift Fund, revenue account number 2901-891, by \$12,400 to reflect actual funds received this year. Total budget revenue amount is now \$12,400 for Fund 2901.
- Increase budget in Federal Receipts Fund, revenue account number 4901- 510, by 30,095.53 due to emergency debris removal grant. Total budget revenue amount is now \$90,587.53 for Fund 4901. Motion by Petty, second by Coyle.

ROLL CALL: Coyle-Yes; Petty-Yes; Smith-Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle: to set the Public Budget Hearing for July 13 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting, at the township hall 36 E. South Street, Lithopolis. Motion carried 3-0.
- Clerk Moore asked that the trustees activate the township records commission so work can begin on a one time disposal and the development of a records retention schedule. The one time disposal would be helpful when organizing the move to the new offices at Greencastle in the next few months. No meeting date will be set at this time, however, all meeting times and location will be announced just as trustee meetings are announced.

RESOLUTION #37-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the Bloom Township Records Commission is activated and is composed of the chairman of the board of Bloom Township Trustees, Joseph Smith, and the township clerk, Carol Moore. Motion by Petty, Second by Coyle

ROLL CALL: Coyle-Yes; Petty-Yes; Smith-Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Slough Road Issue: The Prosecutors Office has not yet rendered a legal opinion on the issue. Smith explained to interested neighbors that the issue was referred to the prosecutor's office due to it possibly affecting the entire county if we set a precedent in the way we handled it. This could be an issue. Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Michelle Miller and Mrs. Morehart of Slough Road expressed concern the matter was not addressed at this meeting and stated it has been an issue since 1998. Smith stated the township will notify them when the prosecutor's office renders an opinion.
- Greencastle update: Petty stated concrete has been poured. Coyle stated Kokosing has been hauling trash out of the annex building.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BLDG/ZONING/& BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Cyphert reported she met with a potential developer who may be applying for PUD zoning in a few months.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill reported a memorandum of agreement between the union and the township regarding agreement for the drug testing program has been signed by the union and is ready for trustee signatures. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to accept the memorandum of agreement. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gill presented information from a Leesburg company regarding pricing for a potential new firehouse substation. Petty said we are a long way from considering anything but the information is being made available.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle to move Nick Searle from volunteer to part-time position within the fire department effective Friday, June 10, 2005, at the pay rate of \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

- Gill presented paperwork for a federal grant for additional full time firefighters with a contribution of payment from the township. It is a five year prorated position with gradual increases in the township's costs. The deadline for the application is June 30, 2005. Gill would like to consider hiring three employees under the grant. Moore suggested not approving anything tonight until the trustees have a chance to review it. Petty said Gill already had him review it. Petty said it would replace our part-time employees. Moore suggested the trustees read it carefully. Moore also pointed out that the 5 year fire levy would be up the same time the township would be picking up the full cost of the additional fulltime employees.
- Gill reported that Lithopolis Road will have 37 culverts replaced over the summer. This will result in road closures over the summer.
- Gill reminded the trustees that BWC employees training is 6/21/05: 7pm-9pm. The supervisor training will be 6/28/05.
- Gill presented the 2006 proposed budget for the fire department. He said he worked with Petty on coming up with the figures. Moore said she would like to meet with Gill and Petty to discuss the Fire Dept budget. Moore offered that Gill and she could also meet with each of the other trustees if they would like. Petty said the budget reflects two additional firefighters. Moore said we should not commit to adding more than one firefighter at this time. Petty agreed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Smith asked Scholl why the township was involved in a criminal investigation at the Doss Property on Coonpath Road. He said the Sheriff's Dept. should have called a private contractor. Cyphert reported she received a call from the Sheriff's Office asking for a backhoe and operator. She referred them to Randy Solt because she was not able to reach Scholl. Scholl will provide an invoice to the clerk listing township personnel hours, benefits, and use of equipment in order to bill the county for the townships expenses.
- Moore asked Scholl if he had an additional list of roads for the trustees to approve for the summer road maintenance project. He said he will have a list at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible real estate purchase and/or sale. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Smith
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Clerk