

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 8/09/06>>>

David Petty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor; and several interested citizens.

Petty led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Eric Stevenson, Ohio Institute for Fair Contracting, asked the trustees to file a wage and labor complaint against three contractors who worked on the Greencastle office building project. He said he understands the township did their best, however, he said the workers did not receive proper wages. Stevenson said he would like to see the contractors write a check since it does not involve any criminal action. F. O. Carol Moore said she had spoken with Barry Holmes of M-E Building Consultants after speaking with Eric earlier that day. She said Holmes expressed confidence that his contractors were correct in the wages they paid, however, he had spoken to the contractors and they were all willing to meet with Stevenson and if he could show them an error they would write a check on the spot. Stevenson said in his 12 years of experience of "doing this" he has never had a contractor respond when he has extended the olive branch so he had not tried to reconcile this issue with Holmes and the contractors. Petty asked if Stevenson was willing to meet with Barry Holmes and the three contractors; Stevenson said not without a township representative. Petty suggested our legal counsel, Jerrold Schwarz, represent the township at the meeting. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to ask Jerrold Schwarz to get involved and set up a meeting with Stevenson, Holmes, and the contractors to try to resolve this issue by the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- Eric Sandine, mayor of Lithopolis, said council did not come to any resolution with their plans at yesterday's meeting. He said he brought attachment "A" for their proposed Annexation Moratorium Agreement with Bloom Township. He distributed copies to the trustees. He said it isn't set in stone and is open to negotiation. He discussed Lithopolis' 208 plan. At this point, Randles asked for an update on the Chestnut Ridge development which Petty provided because he had attended a meeting concerning the development plans. They will meet again September 20 and the developer is supposed to come back with a TIF plan for the 4-5 mile parkway with bridge. Petty said Ed Laramie had estimated the project to cost \$17M over 30 years. Petty discussed variations of TIF agreements he learned about at the OTA Summer Conference. Sandine said they are more than willing to do anything the trustees need them to do to stop Canal from annexing.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve minutes of 7-26-06 regular meeting and the 7-26-06 special meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$29,003.59 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$39,625.56 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements
 - Follow-up on Greencastle Office well: The well-driller has submitted all required documents to Dept. of Health and the well has passed all the Dept. of Health water sample tests.
 - Final 2nd half property tax advance received today: Fire \$430,000; Road & Bridge \$73,000; Road Improvement \$104,000.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Petty read the written opinion received from Julia Dillon, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, concerning whether or not the township should sign the documents to become the Plan Administrator for the new deferred compensation plan being proposed to replace the current Ohio Firefighters Plan. Petty said that, to him, that says we should not sponsor the plan. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to follow the advice of the prosecutor's office and not enter into the proposed agreement with SFR. Motion carried 3-0.
- Petty reported more on the Chestnut Ridge development meeting. He said the developer had said he would make the school district and Fire Department whole. Petty said Jon Meyers had said the county had no problem with the county administering the TIF. Petty said the developer had said there would be no houses or businesses on the main thoroughfare and that he will pay for all the other streets, sewers, water lines. Petty offered to invite Greg Davis of the OSU Extension office who was a presenter at the OTA conference to come to our next meeting to talk about TIF's. The trustees agreed to hold a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next regular meeting if that can be arranged. Petty will notify the F.O. so that a notice can be sent to the newspaper.

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ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to appoint Lisa Fisher as Temporary Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$10.00 per hour retroactive to August 1, 2006, to work up to 40 hours in a two-week pay period with no benefits. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Terry Gill requested approval of new volunteer firefighters. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to appoint six new volunteer firefighters to a 12 month probationary period effective August, 9, 2006, and they must pass a driving test. List is on file with Fire Chief and Fiscal Officer. Motion carried 3-0.
- Petty reported on information received during a "grants" seminar at the Ohio Township Association Summer Conference. He said grants are offered by insurance companies such as Nationwide Insurance for such things as converting a second fire engine from water to foam.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Solt said the new truck was delivered to ABC. It will be finished by end of this month.
- Road striping crew will start striping the county roads on October 2. Solt will try to get that time pushed up.
- Solt gave an update on the road resurfacing projects. He said the crew that did Alspach, Pickerington, and Sitterley Roads did a super job. He hopes the same crew comes back for the rest of the work.
- Solt said his department has started back on the culverts. They had to call Columbia Gas to move a line the company had improperly located.
- The Collegeview street signs are in.
- Next week the Road Dept. will begin using the re-grind material on the berms.
- Solt said the township has a right-of-way policy and people need to call and coordinate with the Road Dept.
- Discussion of Alspach/Lora Lane culvert drainage project. Smith reported the engineer's office has estimated the project at \$181,000 while the original estimate was \$80,000. The requirements went from 12" pipe to 24" pipe. Baird recommended we finish the engineering and make a motion to get the easements. Moore asked if the recommended engineering involves expense beyond the current contract amount. Smith will call Jeff Baird to see what the cost will be to finish the engineering. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to allow Smith to spend up to \$7,000 with the county engineer clearing up loose ends of engineering and easements. Motion carried 3-0.

CEMETERY:

- Dan Starkey presented a plan that he wants to do over the next two years. He said it would take under \$2,000 to mark old cemetery lots and create maps. No decision was made as to the presented plans. The trustees agreed to review the plans.
- Starkey said Durable Slate does not want the slate from the old roofs because it is so common.
- Starkey reported someone had planted an old millstone in Wesley Chapel Cemetery- truck tracks were left. Solt said it is unstable with no foundation and will fall over. They will try to find out who put it there.
- Randles asked Starkey to weed Wesley Chapel Cemetery tomorrow. Starkey said it is on his plan for this week.

OTHER:

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to enter into executive session to follow-up on assignment and performance of job duties and to discuss settlement of two BWC claims. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to allow Frank Gates Company to negotiate two BWC claims on behalf of the township. Motion carried 3-0.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer