

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 7/26/06>>>

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 Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin. & Bldg/Zoning Admin; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor; and several interested citizens.

Petty led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Eric Sandine attended the meeting as mayor of Lithopolis. He was interested in whether the trustees would like to pursue an agreement he had proposed that concerns future annexations into Lithopolis and utility service that would be provided by Lithopolis to Bloom Township residents. He said waste water providers are required to designate the area they wish to serve. According to Sandine, the map that he presented was Canal Winchester's proposed service area. Some of CW's intended service area includes Bloom Township. He said he is concerned about "Canal's land grab." Sandine would like Bloom Township to consider an agreement to have Lithopolis service areas of Bloom Township instead of Canal Winchester. He said Lithopolis intends to meet with the City of Columbus to discuss sewer feasibility. Sandine said once EPA locks into an area, then that would be the final plan. Randles read the proposed agreement to the audience. The trustees said they still need to see the map referred to in Sandine's proposal (referred to as exhibit A but not included) and then they would need to refer the proposal to legal counsel for review.
- John Eisz of 6774 Alspach Road stated he is concerned about water coming onto his property from his neighbor with a geo-thermal system that is damaging his property. Cyphert will view the property and call the Board of Health and Soil and Water Conservation on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Cyphert will report back to Mr. Eisz on her contacts. He stated noxious weeds are also a problem. Cyphert will give him a noxious weeds complaint form.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of 7-5-06 regular meeting, 7-5-06 special meeting for planning fire dept. substation, and 7-5-06 Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Hearing. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$47,480.38 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$95,689.47 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements
 - Third advance on 2nd half property tax received. Fire \$160,000, Road Improvement \$38,000, Road & Bridge \$26,000.
 - Tax Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2007 will be Monday, August 7, 2006 at 9:10 a.m. before the Fairfield County Budget Commission at the County Courthouse, 3rd floor.
- Correspondences:
 - FF Cty Commissioners Notice of Viewing AUG 8, 2006 9:00 a.m., Hearing @ 11:00 a.m. on proposed replacement of culvert over a tributary of Little Walnut Creek on Winchester Rd. NW, Bloom Township. Smith stated it is a public meeting if anyone would like to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Motion** to set next Firefighter/Trustee Quarterly meeting for 7:00 p.m. SEPT 27, 2006, prior to the regular trustee meeting which is at 7:30 p.m. This was decided at the previous FF/Trustee meeting but was not voted on. Motion carried 3-0.
- Roof quotes for Greencastle Office Building: Cyphert presented three quotes. Two are from the same company that gives a price for the meeting room roof replacement and the other for whole building roof replacement. Another company provided a quote for meeting room roof replacement. Smith suggested getting prices for installing copper on the top of the steeple and then side the rest of the steeple. Randles concurred. So did Petty. The trustees said those quotes should be obtained

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before deciding on roof replacement. Discussion on the details of the quotes. Cyphert will contact the vendors who quoted and ask them to include the pricing for the steeple as well. Randles thanked Cyphert for working on this issue.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve the following **RESOLUTION #8-06:**

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Notice to cut and destroy noxious weeds.

Whereas the Board of Trustees, Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, has been informed that noxious or harmful weeds are growing on lands of Mitchell Gamble, Parcel Number 0080080300, R20, T14, S25 NW, Alspach Road.

Therefore; be it resolved that Mitchell Gamble be notified that noxious weeds are growing on the aforementioned lands and must be cut and destroyed within five (5) days of this notice.

Failure to cut and destroy aforesaid weeds or show the Board of Bloom Township Trustees why there is not need to do so, will result in the Board of Trustees having the weeds cut or destroyed and the cost thereof will be placed upon the tax duplicate for collection.

ROLL CALL: Randles-Yes; Smith-Yes; Petty-Yes. Resolution passed.

Petty asked Cyphert if we have ever collected on the mowing of noxious weeds. Cyphert said we have liens on properties and that is the legal action we have taken.

- Report on Permits were presented and discussed. Permits are down but Cyphert explained there may be a leveling out on new builds based on interest rates. Sandine also stated the village permits are down.
- She stated she attended the county commissioners meeting where the county auction time was announced to be the Saturday after the Fairfield County Fair.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve advertisement and request for statements of qualifications from professional design firms to send to Prosecutor's Office for review. ROLL CALL: Randles-Yes; Smith-Yes; Petty-Yes. Motion carried.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to re-hire part time Firefighter/Paramedic (name is on file) effective August 3, 2006, at the rate of \$9.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.
- Harrison Township of Pickaway County has started billing for EMS auto accident runs. We share mutual aid with them. Gill said if they respond to Bloom Township, the person may receive a bill. Randles asked if we should amend our agreement with them. Gill didn't think so. Petty expressed concern about residents being billed. When Bloom Township does a mutual aid run to their township, the residents do not get billed. Gill said uninsured patients will not be billed. A firefighter in the audience said Amanda Township also charges for EMS runs. Stanley Wilson, Lithopolis resident, said there should be a "gentlemen's understanding" that our residents will not be billed.
- A firefighter will be on restricted duty for at least three more weeks.
- Pierce Engine will go in for annual maintenance and is expected to be more than \$750. Other township equipment maintenance will also be repaired with bills to be in excess of \$750.
- Gill said they have been working with an agency on Ohio Quick Clear that will re-open roads more quickly after accident scenes.
- Randles asked Sandine about providing free water services for the fire department. Sandine said it is under review.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Solt reported on the activities as follows:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to declare 18 concrete used culvert tiles excess material and of no value to Bloom Township. Further, Randy Solt is authorized to dispose of said excess material by offering it to whoever will haul it off. Motion carried 3-0.

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- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve up to \$5,500.00 for re-ground asphalt from CRC of Columbus for shoulder work (berm) along all those roads that are being asphalt-paved this season. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion about Greencastle Drainage Issue: Moore stated the funds would come from General Fund's Site Improvements line which would reduce the amount available for possible roof work. She suggested the board approve the drainage issue now and look at the roof project later with the possibility of doing a partial roof replacement this year. Moore stated the public records are vulnerable to water damage if the overworked sump pump would burn out. The trustees agreed that the drainage project should go forward.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve up to \$5,000.00 for materials to improve the drainage from the Greencastle office building. Project to begin late summer or early fall after this season's major road work is completed. Motion carried 3-0.
 - Solt said that Colledgeview Association wants the wooden signs replaced with standard signs. Colledgeview will remove the posts and the township will replace.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve \$850 to purchase 24 street name signs for Colledgeview Acres subdivision. Motion carried 3-0.

- Discussion of quote obtained from IRM for striping. Quote says work must be done while they stripe Fairfield County to avoid \$700 fee. It can be done in September.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the fee of \$765 for IRM to perform striping for Bloom Township. Motion carried 3-0.

- New truck has been delivered. ABC Body Manufacturer will have the body in next week. The following week they will install. Truck expected in service in September.
- Chip and Seal projects should be completed as of today.
- 3447 Kaufman Road has a tree in right of way ready to fall. Arbaugh tree service will be contacted.
- Discussion of Issue 2 project. Moore said Adam Lanier had inquired which trustee was handling the Issue II project. She gave phone numbers to Lanier who said he would contact each trustee prior to this meeting to discuss Issue II. The trustees said they had not been contacted.

OTHER:

- Petty said he will meet with Regional Planning on August 2 at the Engineer's Office on the proposed Chestnut Ridge subdivision. He will meet with Health Department August 1 on Pandemic Flu discussion. There will be an enterprise zone meeting on Friday August 4 at 9am. Smith will try to attend.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee duties. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer