

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING 6/14/06>>>

David Petty, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 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; and invited resident Stanley Wilson).

The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the construction of a fire department substation to be located at the Greencastle township complex.

Petty introduced Stanley Wilson, former Bloom Township Fire Chief. Wilson will be attending the substation planning meetings to provide input as a community member and experienced firefighter.

Chief Gill gave the background that led to the decision to build the substation. He passed out a flyer from a company that had built a fire station for \$69 a square foot. Petty explained that with the price of steel on the increase, it will cost more than \$69 a square foot but still a deal. Petty said some area residents want to preserve the current building where the firehouse site is proposed which they are welcome to do if they make arrangements for the moving of the current structure.

Petty said the target price is \$400,000 cash with no financing and no need for a construction levy. Gill said the building will have three bays the same size as station 551. The trucks will pull straight out onto Lithopolis Road, with the building facing South. He said it will have living quarters and a full basement and should accommodate six people. He added that in the beginning there will be only three people stationed there. Petty said the township still plans to maintain a fire station in the village. He said this will be a second station with the main station in Lithopolis. Wilson said there will need to be a system to keep diesel fumes out. Gill said that would happen. Wilson asked about the water supply. Gill said trucks would be filled through a county fire hydrant. Smith said there is a possibility that another well could be drilled for water purposes. Gill said another septic system will be needed.

Petty said we need to discuss how to select the architect and design firm. Gill said he has copies of what Violet Township used when they built a firehouse. He suggested those documents be used for sample guidelines in choosing an architect and sending out RFP's. He said Violet Twp. suggested they inquire how many firehouses have they built, how many times did they go overbid, and how many times did they meet the timeline. Gill has a standard form (B141form) that the architecture counsel suggests. Wilson said we need to stand firm when spending taxpayer money. He said ORC has language that specifies what process needs to be followed. Randles clarified that the documents will be submitted to the county prosecutor for approval prior to sending out the RFP's. All agreed that is the plan.

Moore said there should be a standard bid evaluation form for all applicants. She suggested we should talk to the top three or so companies as part of an interview process. Wilson agreed. Cyphert said a company called builders exchange sends bidding information out to firehouse contractors. She said a firehouse contractor has also asked her last year to let him know of any firehouse projects being proposed. Gill said not to give him anything but the official notice. Cyphert said all companies should receive anything that the one contractor he has already talked to receives. All agreed.

Petty said all information we reviewed this evening should be reviewed by parties of interest before the next meeting so everyone is prepared to provide input at the next meeting. Discussion of possible target construction start date spring of 2007. Discussion about preservationists desiring to relocate the historic building. Brad Shull, firefighter, who had just entered the meeting, said a deadline should be established giving them a time frame to move it. It was agreed that March 1, 2007, should be the deadline.

Smith asked if a retired engineer should be involved for the township as a volunteer to assist in the project review. He said township resident Dave Cornell may be interested. Discussion whether township resident Lloyd Zuck can meet at a monthly Wednesday meeting. Cyphert said he can do an occasional Wednesday night meeting, but can meet with others at different times as well. The consensus was to invite Dave Cornell to attend the meetings.

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Petty announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., with the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Gill invited everyone to attend an open house where the contractor built a firehouse at Clarksville, OH.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer