

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 07/16/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Randles, David Petty, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board and B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Road Supervisor and several interested citizens.

Randles asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a Moment of Silence in honor of our troops serving in the Military throughout the world.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Donna Abram, asked if anyone knew about the county historical parks commission holding a program this weekend at Rock Mill. Cyphert referred her to view the county's website for more information.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve minutes of Regular meeting held 6/27/07. Motion carried, 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve \$1160.10 payment to W.W. Williams for Repairs to Engine 551 (\$955.30) and Medic 551(204.80) and \$840.00 for the Annual Maintenance Agreement with Medtronics for Heart Monitor. Motion carried, 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$44,933.46 and payroll/charges in the amount of \$41,632.49 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried, 3-0.

• **CORRESPONDENCES and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Flyer from *District 17 Round 22 SCIP and LTIP funding for Road, Water & Sewer Projects* offering District 17 OPWC Application Training for townships, etc.
- RE TAX Advance received \$94,000: FIRE 68,000; RD IMPR 16,000; R & B 10,000. Moore said that subsequent to receiving this advance, we have been unable to obtain further tax advances since Kristy Short retired from the county auditor's office. We are told the software is causing problems and they are unable to process the requests for real estate property tax advances at this time. We have a standing request at this time.
- REX (Rockies Express Pipeline): Notification received of 42" natural gas pipeline crossing through Bloom Twp. Maps included. Construction to begin spring of 2008.

- Moore said we need to amend the 2007 budgeted revenue and appropriations as follows due to the grant award from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Kauffman Road Project.

**RESOLUTION #14-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that FUND 4902 is established with revenue line 4902-931 to receive the OPWC Grant amount of \$526,132 for Project No. CQ18K. Further, that the grant amount of \$526,132 is appropriated to account line 4401-330-360. Further, to better track the spending of the township share of the project cost, BC 21-07 in the amount of \$176,314 is closed and that amount is transferred from 2031-330-360 to 2031-330-360-4401 (cost center added).

Motion by Smith, second by Petty.

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

- Moore said the Fire Fund "Transfers Out" line needs to be reduced to \$153,000: \$150,000 will be transferred later this year, per Resolution #40-05, to the Fire Substation Building Fund; \$3,000 to the Fire Retirement Fund.

**RESOLUTION #15-07: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the following within fund transfers are approved for the Fire District Fund:

- \$64,823.39 from 2111-910-910 (Transfers Out) to 2111-760-750 (Motor Vehicles).
- \$20,000 from 2111-910-910 (Transfers Out) to 2111-220-323-0066 (Repairs/Maintenance-facility).

Motion by Petty, second by Smith.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Update on OPWC Project – Kauffman Road: Smith reported we need to get trees topped so South Central Power can move their lines. We can either have South Central do it which will be some time next year or we can hire it done so the project can proceed. Randles will meet with Mike Schalfan, an engineer with South Central Power, at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Brandt and Kauffman roads to view the property and discuss what needs to be done. Everything from Brandt to Bartlett is involved.

Smith said Adam Lanier does not yet have all the work agreements signed.

Smith spoke with Jeff Baird of the engineer's office today regarding gas lines that need to be two feet deeper than posted outside of right of way.

Smith reported he spoke with Mike Boding about the Benson water spring. The EPA will not be getting involved because the water source does not serve over 25 people. The Board of Health

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will be doing the investigation and a permit of non potable water will need to be obtained from the Fairfield County Commissioners.

- Petty asked what the trustees wanted to do with the Fire Department's request of the EMS Coordinator position. Randles stated it will be discussed with the Fire Department report.
- Cyphert has been working with AOL since 2003 to reimburse funds she paid on behalf of the township for the township's ISP. In 2003, they sent her a notice acknowledging her notice to terminate the account but they refused to do so and caused her to have her credit turned over to a collection agency. After the trustees authorized her to have Jerry Schwarz, attorney, work on the case, it was his recommendation that to conserve attorney fees, the township should reimburse her. Cyphert stated she has heard rumors there may be a class action suit against AOL from others who have experienced the same problem and if she can join in it without expense, she is willing to reimburse the township any money she might receive from the class action suit that happens. She said she and Randles worked on wording for a motion to make sure that future reimbursements occur within 90 days. Randles read aloud the letter from township counsel Schwarz with his recommendation to reimburse Cyphert.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve reimbursement of \$866.40 to Anne Cyphert for internet services expenses incurred by her for the township internet service account. Motion carried, 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion** by Petty, second by Smith, that any reimbursement to township representatives due to use of personal funds or credit card for township use must be presented for payment to the Fiscal Officer within 90 days of receipt of bill. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin & B/Z Admin.

- Recycle bin: Cyphert said the County will be taking the recycling bin back that is in our parking lot.
- 2007 Stats: Cyphert said first half 2007 permits are considerably down. Only 10 new home permits have been issued, compared to 21 during the first half of 2006.
- Fairfield Farms Walkthrough: RPC will hold the walk through of Fairfield Farms on Thursday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m. Solt and Randles will attend to address issues from the township.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Summer Road Maintenance Project: Discussion of the list of roads to resurface. Randles suggested taking Evergreen Drive off of the list and do it next year. Discussion then occurred about the request from Solt to buy a backhoe. With the levy being up for renewal next year, and with increased prices for road materials, Randles said we should pave as much as possible this year and talk about the backhoe purchase next year. Solt said the residents were promised more asphalted roads. Evergreen Drive will be considered next year for the blacktop project.

**Motion** by Smith, Second by Petty to approve Solt's summer road project proposal list for 2007 with the deletion of Evergreen Drive. Motion carried 3-0.

- Petty stated a woman came into the lot this evening where the drive was closed and drove around the barriers. He suggested signage be placed so people won't do that anymore.
- Solt said all road department personnel passed their DOT tests. They are good for two years.
- Randles suggested having Dan Starkey address the weeds at Sitterley and Lithopolis Roads.
- Moore said a stop sign in Collegeview is completely blocked with graffiti. Solt was aware of a speed limit sign that is also vandalized. He will address these while his crew is in the area doing culvert work this week.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Chief Terry Gill

- Gill said the first tornado siren in the new county program was installed on Carroll Cemetery Road. This will cover the Carroll area and the Castlewood part of the township.
- Further discussion on windows for Station 551: Gill presented several estimates and found Logan Glass had the most reasonable estimate and plan for their needs.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to authorize the expenditure up to \$20,900 for the installation of windows as proposed by Logan Glass. Randles reminded Gill he needs to get proof of Workers' Compensation and insurance coverage.

- Gill said he discussed with Moore moving a considerable chunk to the motor vehicle line. He said there is no plan to purchase this year but maybe next year. We are building it because that will be a major expense down the road. Randles said that Moore had praised Gill to him for looking ahead to that expense.
- Gill requested an executive session to discuss possible personnel promotion.

**OTHER:**

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- Randles said Eversole Builders will be starting on the roof this week.
- Smith stated Homestead Exemptions forms will be available on the township table for citizens over 65 years of age to take advantage of the new exemption. Only one owner of the property must be 65 or older to receive this exemption. Petty said there is a new ASA Farmland Preservation grant available.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Petty to enter into executive session to discuss Fire Department possible personnel promotion. Motion carried 3-0. Randles said there may be action taken following the executive session.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Randles adjourned the meeting.

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Brian E. Randles  
Chair

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Carol J. Moore  
Fiscal Officer