

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 06/13/07>>>

Brian Randles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Trustees Randles and 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. Trustee David Petty was absent.

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:

- Darrell Ball: Introduced himself as a candidate for County Sheriff.
- Sheriff Dave Phalen: Introduced Sgt. Forrest Cassel who has been assigned to second shift and we may see him patrolling the area and occasionally attending our meeting. Sheriff also informed the board about a community survey that said 96% of citizens believe the most important part of the office is the Detective Bureau. 94.5% are satisfied with services from his office but would like to see more patrolling of their neighborhoods. Based on that, he is proposing to start a citizens patrol unit. Also, they are parking patrol cars without deputies as a security measure for banks and other businesses. The Citizens Patrol Unit already has 30 volunteers. They will undergo a criminal background check, will not have enforcement power, and will have a deputy oversee the program. He hopes to have it in place in 60 to 90 days. This type of program has been successful in Arizona.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of Regular meeting held 5-23-07. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve Group Rating Fee to Frank Gates for services beginning July 1, 2007, at a cost of \$5,845.00 (was \$6,509.17 in 2006). Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve radio mixer purchase of \$903.00 and Fire Safety Services \$767 invoice for turnout gloves. Price increase subsequent to ordering put the invoice over the spending limit. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$55,041.63 and payroll/charges in the amount of \$90,264.63 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to set Public Budget Hearing for July 16, 2007, at 6:25 p.m. prior to regular meeting. Motion carried 2-0.
- **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Ltr form Frank Anderson regarding public viewing/hearing TUE June 26, 2007, at 9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m. bridge replacement Bloom Twp SEC 6 over a Tributary of Little Walnut Creek.
 - County Assoc. of Trustees & Fiscal Officers: Meeting SAT JUL 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Hocking Township's new facility – 1175 Cincinnati-Zanesville Rd, Lancaster- the old John Deere Bldg on Rt 22.
 - 2008 preliminary budget discussion. Moore distributed the 2008 proposed budget and gave a brief overview. She said Chief Gill had submitted a detailed budget for his department and did an excellent job as always. Moore invited questions from the trustees and anyone present. She said she will also be available to discuss the budget prior to next meeting and a more detailed discussion can take place next meeting. Randles said he would like to meet with Moore prior to the next meeting to discuss the budget in detail as he did last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Moore explained the urgent need to replace the windows in the three offices in the old part of the building. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to authorize up to \$2,000 for the installation of five windows located in the offices of the F.O., Trustees, and Board Administrator. Motion carried 2-0.
- Discussion of Lithopolis proposal that Petty asked to re-visit at last meeting. F.O. distributed packets of historical information on 5/27/07 for trustee review. The trustees will discuss this in more detail when Petty returns.
- Smith said he would like to see the county open up the roadway on Winchester Road at Mason Road to traffic in the near future. The road is closed due to a bridge replacement.
- Moore asked if anyone had heard whether the Village of Lithopolis Mayor and Council had approved and signed the TIF agreement. Moore said she had contacted the Lithopolis fiscal officer, Sandi Casey, and she was unsure if the mayor had signed the document, but said he would at the council meeting on June 12th if he hadn't already. Gill said he had no knowledge of the status of the project but will call the village office to inquire.

NEW BUSINESS: none

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

- Bay zoning amendment update: Cyphert introduced Donna Abram, Secretary of the Zoning Commission. Abram reported to the trustees that the Zoning Commission recently recommended denial of the zoning amendment applications filed by Lloyd Bay and Charles Bay.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to set the public hearing date for the application filed by Lloyd Bay for July 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. and for the application filed by Charles Bay to follow at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 2-0.
- Subdivision Regulation proposal: Cyphert said if the trustees would like to make comments regarding the latest draft, they need to see her by the end of the month so she can forward those comments on to RPC.
- Zoning Law update/ Big farms: Cyphert distributed an article to them from a newspaper regarding this topic.
- Letter from Auditor Barbara Curtiss regarding choices our township must make regarding 2010 Census. Cyphert stated she spoke with Dave Burgei of the Fairfield County Auditor's Office, GIS Division, regarding this project. It will be very labor intensive and he is willing to assist Bloom Township and work with Cyphert on the project. She said it is important the count is done right because it will determine Federal and State grant monies for Fairfield County.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the Option One of the recommendations from the Auditor's Office for the Census project and appointment of Anne Darling Cyphert to work with the county on the project. Motion carried 2-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve emergency expense of \$2,155 to remove termites from Station 551. Motion carried 2-0.
- Gill said windows at the fire department need to be replaced. He learned that the current ones are structural load bearing and to replace them will cost about \$20,000. He will update the trustees when more information is available.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Solt shared the letter he sent to the Engineer's Office advising how the twp's share of the MVF (\$5,325) will be spent.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve #411 gravel purchase up to \$3000 for summer culvert projects. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve expenditure up to \$2000 for the purchase of steam/power washer. The cost will be split between the Road and Fire Departments. Motion carried 2-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to enter into the contract as presented by ODOT for purchase of salt for next winter season. Motion carried 2-0.
- Greencastle Drainage update: Randles said the drainage problem is being worked on but will not totally eliminate the water coming into the basement.
- Solt and Rick Bennett from Shelly Company will meet in the near future to go over township road projects. Then a list will be presented to the Trustees for approval.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.

Brian E. Randles
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer