

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/14/07>>>

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; Road Supervisor Randy Solt 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: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Smith second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 10/24/07. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$63,567.17 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$95,415.70 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- OPWC update: Smith said the township has sent a request for extension of grant. Construction will not begin before May 1, 2008. Tree work will begin before then.
- Discussion of Starkey's cemetery proposals. Decided it will go on next meeting agenda.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin & B/Z Admin.

- Radio Tower Issue: Cyphert reported she met with Jason Dolin of Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office. He recommended the letter of credit from WHIZ be approved with a requirement of an easement from the property owner. Smith said he would like to see the easement before they approve the letter of credit. The trustees decided they would wait to approve it until the easement is attached to the letter of credit.
- Rini road meeting report: Cyphert reported that a meeting took place with Tim Rini, a land developer who is considering developing a subdivision, and representatives of the county and Violet Twp. All agreed a through road from Winchester to the Hill Diley interchange would be helpful but no government entity has the funds to do it.
- Prosecutor's Office assignment: Julia Dillon has been promoted in the prosecutor's office. Jason Dolin is the new prosecutor assigned to assist Bloom Twp.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Smith to hire (name on file) as a Part-time Firefighter effective 11/03/2007 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour on a one year probationary period. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Solt reported he received \$150 for a permit application for the REX (Rockies Express Pipeline).

OTHER:

Jon Albers, attorney for Bloom Township, discussed the proposed JEDD agreement, focusing primarily on the most recent draft, Draft #6.

Albers will call Al Schrader to obtain maps of the JEDD area. He said we are nearing completion of the process. He will guide Bloom Twp. through the next steps. Moore requested an estimate of Albers' anticipated fees to the township. She said the township had already incurred considerable legal expenses with regard to this JEDD and we need to be kept informed of the legal expenses we are incurring. Albers estimated that it will be 10-20 more hours. The trustees agreed that Albers needs to discuss the JEDD with Schrader and agreed to Albers' estimate.

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Herb Williams of Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) presented the trustees with a map of the proposed 42" natural gas pipeline project crossing three township roads. He said they would go deeper than any utility that might be there. He presented a proposed right-of-way agreement to the trustees. He told the trustees to add verbiage to the agreement as needed. He gave the example of the possible need for a larger diameter culvert than specified in the agreement. He suggested including an emergency number be added to the permit such as "911" or other emergency numbers. The permit will run from Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2008 but work will actually begin about April and they will be in the township only about a week to three weeks. Temporary road sections will be constructed to bypass the pipeline construction so that traffic will not be interrupted.

Williams said once the contractor is chosen, they will provide the township with the contractor name and legal documentation such as their liability insurance coverage.. He said we will see welding trucks when the project begins. He said the Federal Regulatory Commission will come out and sign-off and the township will sign-off when the project is completed. Williams will attend the November 28 meeting to seek approval of the right-of-way project. The trustees said he is not required to be here.

- Cyphert updated the trustees regarding the Hazel property on noxious weeds/expired issues. She has spoken with the prosecutor and an attorney involved in it and expects foreclosure to occur by next June.

ADJOURNMENT

Randles adjourned the meeting.

Brian E. Randles
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer