

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 12/30/08>>>

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Trustees Smith, David Petty, Brian Randles, and Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger. Also present were Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Road Supervisor; and Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator; and several interested citizens.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Moment of Silence was observed in honor of our troops who are serving in the Military throughout the world.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

- **Motion** by Randles second by Petty to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held DEC 10, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve Heritage statement of \$921.06 for EMS Supplies for Fire Dept. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve Then & Now Purchase Order #56-2008 for \$15,525.00 to Arcadia. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles second by Petty to approve and sign certified mileage document from Ohio Department of Transportation that states that as of December 31, 2008, the township was responsible for maintaining 51.85 miles of public road. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$79,855.59 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$103,813.65 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion: The trustees are not happy with the work the engineering consultant did on the OPWC application and want him to address it at a future meeting. That check will not be sent at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to set the 2009 organization meeting followed by a regular business meeting as January 7, at 7pm. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION #36-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the trustees and fiscal officer be paid the maximum salary allowed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) for FY09.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL:

Petty: Yes      Randles: Yes      Smith: Yes

Motion carried 3-0

**RESOLUTION #37-08: R BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the mileage reimbursement rate continues to be the same as the Standard Mileage Rates set by the IRS. (NOTE: Current rate is set at 58.5 cents per mile for business miles driven beginning 7-1-08.)

Motion by Randles, second by Petty.

ROLL CALL:

Petty: Yes      Randles: Yes      Smith: Yes

Motion carried 3-0

**RESOLUTION #38-08: R BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to close out the year, do FY09 appropriations and present them to the trustees for approval at the next regular meeting or special meeting so that bills can be paid at that meeting.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty.

ROLL CALL:

Petty: Yes      Randles: Yes      Smith: Yes

Motion carried 3-0

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**RESOLUTION #39-08: R BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to do supplemental appropriations between meetings for subsequent approval by the trustees at the following meeting for FY09.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty.

ROLL CALL:

Petty: Yes      Randles: Yes      Smith: Yes

Motion carried 3-0

**RESOLUTION #40-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to create Super Blanket Certificates for a period of up to one year for FY09.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL:

Petty: Yes      Randles: Yes      Smith: Yes

Motion carried 3-0

**RESOLUTION #41-08: R BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the Fiscal Officer is authorized to request advanced draws on taxes during FY09.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty.

ROLL CALL:

Petty: Yes      Randles: Yes      Smith: Yes

Motion carried 3-0

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve amended payment schedule for Danny Bailey: half of remaining payment by FEB 28, 2009, and other half by JUN 30, 2009. \$536 for each of the two payments. Motion carried 3-0.

**BOARD ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

- Insurance update: Cyphert reported on the transition of insurance third party administrator from MMO to Arcadia Benefits.
- Hazel House update: Cyphert stated the firm working on this house in Greencastle is requesting information from the file and that progress is being made toward taking the property to Sheriff's Auction.
- Update on New case Law: Cyphert presented a case from the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals regarding non-conforming use of junkyard space. The case decision was placed on the back table for anyone's review.
- Update on RPC Seminar: Cyphert stated most BZA and Zoning Commission members attended the recent seminar on meeting preparations presented by the prosecutor's office and RPC.

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

Gill thanked the trustees for purchasing the new fire truck. Orders have been faxed and everything is in the correct process. Gill asked if we want to put the down payment now. Pranger said no checks can be written until the appropriations meeting. Gill said the company said the interest rate may change but they are so far behind that won't be an issue.

- Discussion on Association Contract: Gill said it expires December 31, 2008. It pays for disability policy and start up money for the fish fry. Gill will present the contract at the second meeting in January.
- Gill said they fought a barn fire in Collegeview and were able to save the house & camper thanks to foam.
- Gill said the medic unit is in repair due to cracks in the box. It is under warranty.

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

Solt said the Sitterley Road culvert project has not commenced due to weather. He is not invoicing the residents until the job is finished.

**OTHER:**

Petty asked the other trustees what they think of the idea of mounting the Great Seal of Ohio and Flags in the front of the meeting hall. The trustees agreed.

Executive Session on 2009 Salaries: Motion by Petty, second by Randles to discuss personnel related issues. Motion carried 3-0. The trustees entered at 7:30 p.m.

- Motion by Randles second by Petty to come out of executive session at 8:08p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Randles, second by Petty that all annual salaries be calculated on the basis of 26 pay periods excluding elected officials who are paid monthly. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Petty, second by Randles to pay a 4% Bonus to the three Department Heads (Road, Fire, Zoning); a 3% Bonus to the fulltime Road Workers; and a \$300 Bonus to Lisa Fisher. Bonuses payable on the check for the first full pay period in February. All other salaries remain the same. Motion carried 3-0.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph Smith, Chair

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Anthony Pranger, Fiscal Officer