

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 04-09-08>

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 Carol Moore.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty, to enter into executive session for the purpose of firefighter contract negotiations. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:20 p.m. the trustees were joined in executive session by members of I.A.F.F. Local 3465.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles, to come out of executive session for the purpose of firefighter contract negotiations. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was joined by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin. & B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt, and several interested citizens.

Smith 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lt. Vorhis from Sheriff Phalen's Office responding to citizens' concerns about area burglaries: Vorhis said a series of burglaries have occurred in the northern part of the county, typically homes sitting in an area where cross roads are nearby for a quick getaway. The doors were being kicked in. TV's and other items quickly taken. Some residents had alarms that were activated and suspicious activity was reported to the S.O. By those reports, they were able to obtain some descriptions. It continued for a while, then stopped, then picked up in Bloom Twp. Similarities existed. The detective bureau stepped up cruisers and deputies. Fairfield county deputies assisted Pickaway County deputies in searching a Pickaway County storage locker.

A Hocking Trail homeowner said his home was broken into and he was not satisfied with the Sheriff's Office response time. Vorhis said he will check into the matter. Vorhis explained the process of when the call comes in and how the deputies are dispatched. The resident would like to see response time improve.

Another resident not identified asked about the vehicle descriptions. Vorhis said a white panel van with ladder racks was one type of suspicious vehicle involved but that is a popular type of work truck. Also a four door older model Olds. Also possibly a black or blue Chevy.

Another unidentified resident asked about the break-ins. Vorhis said cul-de-sacs and corner lots are also a popular place for break-ins. He said a Bloom Twp. home that is vacant was also broken into. He emphasized the similarities in the burglaries.

An unidentified resident said he is concerned about night shift workers and asked if there is some sort of notification system that could be used to let neighbors know when break-ins happen in the area. Vorhis said they use the media to get the word out and he distributed a flyer that has tips for residents. He said if someone sees anything suspicious, they should call the Sheriff's Office immediately. Vorhis says community members are the best eyes and ears they can have. He said there have been about 17 break-ins in the county.

Vohris said the Community Watch group may possibly expand. There are 36 now and put in an average of 300 hours a month. They have been a great help and reported suspicious activity including possible speed problems. Vorhis said whatever the township needs, they are there to help.

A Wilson Road resident cited his concerns about people backing onto some of the area roads because they missed the stop signs and he is fearful there may be an accident. Vorhis will speak to the county engineer's office regarding possible sign improvements.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the regular meeting held MAR 26, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve \$2,000 Medic school tuition reimbursement to a firefighter (name on file) from Education Gift Fund; \$1,000 for each year he has been on the department. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$64,490.40 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$51,320.72 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Petty, second by Randles to appoint Randles as chief negotiator for the township so he can sign off on the contract when it gets back from the attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Basement water problem. Petty said he spoke with Road Dept. employee Mike Kouns and he recommended using the township Road Department to address the drainage from the west side. Petty said after the drainage issue is resolved, the damp basement issue can be resolved. Randles said the project of removing the east drive and installing the bilco door needs to be completed by the Road Dept.

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

Cyphert presented new construction 1st quarter reports as follows:

2008 1st Quarter Zoning Construction Permit Reports

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New Residence: 2 (2007=3)
Residential Addn: 1 (2007=2)
Accssry Bldg: 6 (2007=4)

- Cyphert reported she is meeting with the representatives from the Fairfield Health Department next week to view the Schumacher property on Route 674. She stated she is still awaiting documents for resolutions from the prosecutor's office and expects them soon.
- Cyphert updated the trustees on a report regarding the Carroll Interchange:

According to Bill Arnett, Fairfield County Economic Development Director, Julie Gwinn from ODOT 5 in Jacksontown presented to the Greenfield Estates Home Owners Association regarding the ODOT project: Her key points:

1. ODOT's preferred alignment for Carroll interchange is going to be tweaked a little due to bad soil conditions identified during geo-tech work. New alternatives are part of the presentation. The location of the interchange really doesn't change, just its configuration.
2. Carroll Interchange is a TRAC Tier-2 project. Due to legislation passed not long ago, all Tier-1 projects must be completed before Tier-2 projects can be done. Currently **no** construction funding is identified and **no** construction timeline has been developed.
3. The Pickerington Road interchange is not TRAC Tier-1 or Tier-2.

- Cyphert reported she is working with Insight Cable regarding the new law concerning franchise fees. They sent us a letter informing us they were no longer required to pay the 3% franchise fee to Bloom Twp, but since the board of trustees approved the franchise fee resolution in February, they are still required to pay the fee.
- Cyphert reported she is working with the U.S. Census Bureau in providing information to them in preparation of the 2010 census.
- Cyphert reported she and Fiscal Officer Moore attended the annual BWC Safety Council Awards Ceremony and during the ceremony, she was presented with Bloom Twp.'s Award for 100% Outstanding Safety Performance.

Petty said John Albers requested to meet with the trustees regarding the JEDD.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to move the time of the next meeting to 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Smith reminded everyone the Board of Health will meet tomorrow and discuss ground water protection proposal.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to appoint firefighter (name on file) as a 12 month probationary Step One career firefighter/paramedic effective 4/13/08. Motion carried 3-0.
- Discussion on Station 551 kitchen remodel: Gill said no work will be done until after the fish fry. **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve the kitchen remodel proposal at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gill presented the trustees with a new medic proposal. All quotes obtained are through the state bidding system. He will ask for approval at the next meeting. Randles asked how long a new medic would last. Gill said run it five years and then move it to back-up. Gill said it will be 5-7 years before he requests another EMS piece (of equipment). Gill proposed to sell the smaller medic unit either by sale or trade. He said it's easily worth \$10,000.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Solt reported he is obtaining tractor quotes. He has contacted four vendors and has received one quote so far.
- Solt met with Steve Eversole to discuss a possible 40x100 storage building to go in back of the Greencastle office building. Solt said the prevailing wage threshold for a new build is \$73,891. Solt said the building could be built for less than that. It will have to be bid out. Bidders would have to come up with their own design. Discussion of possibly putting in bathroom facilities. Smith proposed moving the Road Dept office to the building. Sewage issues discussed.
- Trash at Bays: Solt said the sheriff's office is working with Mr. Bay on the situation. Smith said Bay wants the trash moved out. Smith said the trustees want the road department to take the backhoe out and haul the trash to Waste Management.

OTHER:

- A resident asked if the trustees would attend the Board of Health Public Hearing. Smith said he will be there.

AJOURNEMENT: Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer