

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 8/27/08>

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Smith, David Petty, Brian Randles, 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Frank Anderson, County Engineer: reported to the trustees on the need for access management. He said the county commissioners were given a report AUG 27, 2008, that no one else ever saw because the commissioners did not do anything with it. Anderson said the county cannot have access management for the county roads only.

He said uniformity between townships and the county is necessary. A committee has been formed to re-visit the issue. A draft was presented to the trustees to review. Anderson went through the document point by point to explain the meaning. The types of roads were discussed as to the categories they may fit under. Most township roads are category 5 and the only thing needed for those roads is to check for sight distance.

Sight distance checks are very important for safety reasons when new driveways are constructed and he said not all townships are currently checking for sight distance.

If the township wants to be involved in the process, the township needs to appoint a person to represent the township. Anderson welcomes any comments and asked to have comments to his office by some time in SEP. He presented the board with a FAQ list.

Anderson said he is willing to discuss changing the fees if the townships want to. He said he is not trying to take over township roads. He said if the engineer's office does the engineering test of access; it takes the liability away from the townships.

- Diana Uther and Bob Cottrill from the County Health Department spoke to the trustees: Uther presented information about health department activities. She gave a packet to the township with forms regarding issues in our township that can be sent to their office for communication. Discussion regarding the health department running their own levy to cover health department expenses rather than the current practice of assessing the townships a large annual fee. Cottrill said that idea is being explored but nothing done yet.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the regular meeting held AUG 6, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve OTARMA Property/Liability insurance premium of \$38,290.00. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of \$67,810.27 to John Deere for 2 Road Dept. tractors. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve OFA invoice of \$850.00 for John Abram's EMT course to be paid from 2901-220-318. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #26-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that new FUND 2905 is created with Revenue line 2905-511 and Transfers-Out line 2905-910-910 for the transfer of \$8,102.00 snow removal FEMA Grant money to the Road & Bridge Fund Transfers-In line. This increased annual appropriations by \$8,102.00 and annual budget revenue by \$16,204.00. Motion by Petty, second by Randles.

ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$185,788.45 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$84,577.89 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- Moore said Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland, Inc. has filed our OPW Applications for Issue 1, Round 23. She told the trustees a copy of the application for Kauffman Road, Phase 2 and the application for Kauffman Road, Phase 3 are on file in her office and to let her know if they would like to see it.
- Moore said we are waiting on the County Engineer's Office to provide us with 3 revised contracts for the engineering services of Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland, Inc. Two of those are for the Round 23 Issue 1 projects and one is for the Sitterley Road project. She will contact Jeff Baird for status of the contract revisions.
- Liberty Township will host the qtrly County Trustee/Fiscal Officer Assoc. meeting that will be held at Basil Joint Fire District, 410 Washington Ave., Baltimore, OH, on SEP 6, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. Moore asked for a count of those who plan on attending so the host township will know how many to plan for.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Gill reported tornado sirens are functioning. The replaced one for Lithopolis is being installed. An invoice for half of the cost was submitted to Lithopolis. These sirens will cover the whole township and our township will be the only township in the county with total coverage.

OLD BUSINESS: None

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

- Update on tower issue: The BZA held a public hearing on this issue last week and tabled it until the next meeting in September. The prosecutor's office (Jason Dolin) is still reviewing the easement issue and letter of credit as well as working out issues with the other attorney. He will have it to me for action at next meeting. The prosecutor's office received the request for legal advice regarding the culvert issue. The prosecutor said it was a very good question that will be needed for other townships as well. He is still reviewing it and will get an answer back as soon as possible. The prosecutor is working with Cyphert on coordinating a county-wide meeting with all code enforcement officers who are handling the junk cars, along with the sheriff's office on how to proceed under the new law.
- Access Management Draft: The Engineer's Office has sent this draft for our review. We will plan to discuss it next month.
- Update on Bloom Twp. Nuisances: Cyphert presented a list of nuisances in Bloom Township that have been investigated by the county Health Department. The only one the county is investigating at the present time is the Schumacher property.
- Cyphert said that she spoke with several of the zoning volunteers regarding the annual appreciation dinner. Everyone liked the idea of changing it around this year. It will be a buffet dinner along with a dance floor and unlimited time for the party room.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles to approve plans as presented for 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Columbus Marriott for Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- Gill said the firefighters are taking a new route out of town to minimize damage to our fire trucks. He said the Pierce Engine has damage to the eight cab mounts. The two medics are also damaged because of the poor street conditions in the village. New bushing material was ordered but then the cab metal started hitting the ground. Two firefighters have welded them back together. The firefighters did the repairs and the engine was never taken out of service. Structural cracks are found on boxes of both medics. They have to turn left to go out on South Street due to the condition of the street. Intersection of Columbus and Market Streets is the main area causing problems to the fire equipment.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve the Right-of-Way permit AT&T Sitterley Road South of Marcy. Motion carried 3-0.
- Solt received a letter regarding updating our radio transmission tower license. Petty will check into it.
- Solt said Dan Starkey will be over 20 hours per week on his pay timesheet.
- Solt said he is moving extra dirt to Stebelton's.

OTHER:

Violet Township picnic discussed. The trustees asked Cyphert to reserve a table for Bloom Twp participation in this Bicentennial event to be held SUN, SEP 7.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer