

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 8/6/08>

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:

Mark Heister of Amanda Northern would like to see the township roadsides look better. He said it is an embarrassment to our community.

Donna Abram of Alspach Road said the road department is doing a good job on her road.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the regular meeting held JUL 23, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve Jones Truck and Spring invoice of \$1,314.59 for repairs to E-551. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to reimburse David Petty \$1148 for the purchase of air filtering machines for township building that were purchased at a discount at the Ohio Township Association summer conference. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$26,163.59 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$48,572.28 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- 2ND Real Estate Tax Advance received for 2nd half: Fire \$350,000; R&B \$62,000; Road Improvement \$85,000.
- 3RD Real Estate Tax Advance received for 2nd half: Fire \$76,000; R&B \$12,000; Road Improvement \$15,000

NEW BUSINESS:

Several township representatives attended the recent Ohio Township Association summer conference and reported on seminars attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

- OPWC Kauffman Rd update: The project is completed.
- OPWC applications for Phase 2 & 3 and contact for Sitterley drainage project: Petty met with Adam Lanier on Tuesday. Moore said we are still waiting for County Engineer's Office to return corrected contracts between Bloom Twp and Lockwood/Lanier for these three projects, however Baird says we can proceed with paperwork for Lockwood/Lanier to begin application for Issue 1 Grant, Phases 2& 3. Petty reported on the maximum points Bloom Township will have for the project. If both projects are funded, we could be spending \$183,000 next year on our share.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to adopt Resolutions 23-08 and 24-08. Complete resolutions on file in the office of the fiscal officer.

RESOLUTION 23-08 "AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION" which authorizes Board Chair to sign OPWC paperwork for Kauffman Road Phase 2.

RESOLUTION 24-08 "AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION" which authorizes Board Chair to sign OPWC paperwork for Kauffman Road Phase 3.

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

- Petty reported the Slate Ridge tornado siren has been installed and is in working order. The Lithopolis siren is in for service and should be back by October. Gill said the village will be billed for 50% of the costs. He reported he is doing the annual FEMA survey and Bloom Twp. is in compliance for another year. He is working with Bloom-Carroll to use Roller Field in case of emergency for debris management.
- Smith said regarding OPWC projects, we may need to look at a drainage issue on Alspach Road as well at a later date.

Petty said Solt will be turning in the survey for the OPWC project for phases 2&3. Solt explained the survey to the board.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles to accept the quote of Service Master in the amount not to exceed \$4600 to complete the mold remediation of township basement. Motion carried 3-0.

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

- The Health Department Environmental Review Board voted Tuesday morning to issue an order to clean up the Schumacher property on Winchester Southern Road by November 21. Cyphert spoke to Jason Dolin at the prosecutor's office and he is comfortable with the Health Department taking over the order to rid the property of the nuisances but said the township

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needs to stay on them to make sure they continue to follow the case. Cyphert will attend a hearing before the Environmental Review Board on November 3 to make sure they are following up on the case. Since the Health Department is spearheading the case, we will not be sending the order from the township that was approved at the last meeting unless something changes.

- Mr. Dolin just received the documentation to review from the radio tower applicants regarding the trustee's need to approve the easement and the letter of credit. He will hopefully have an opinion to give to the trustees at the next meeting.
- Mr. Darrell Hardin cut the noxious weeds at the Hazel property as soon as possible since the property owner failed to comply with the August 1st deadline to cut them.
- At the OTA Conference, we were updated on the actions at the statehouse that could eventually lead to the elimination of township government in its current form. Representative Larry Flowers would like to see governments consolidate. This would mean less representation for local residents and increased taxes are probable. OTA Executive Director Mike Cocheran would like for us to write to our state legislators expressing our strong opposition to HB 562 and to cite examples in our letter of how our township already works with other governments in sharing resources. Department heads are requested to get with her before August 20th to list examples of how we already cooperate with other local governments that saves tax dollars. This will be incorporated into a letter for the trustees to review at the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- Having received the county auditor's formal Certification of Current Tax Valuation & Revenue Amount based upon a 2.5 mill continuous replacement levy, the trustees took the final step needed to place the fire levy on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

RESOLUTION #25-08 DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION: David Petty moved the adoption of the following

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio;

RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Bloom, Fairfield County, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Bloom Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company; at a rate not exceeding 2.50 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-five cents (0.25) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a replacement tax of 2.5 mills for a continuing period of time commencing in 2009, first due in calendar year 2010. This is a replacement and reduction of the existing 2.75 mill 5-year levy passed in 2004.

RESOLVED, That the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said Bloom Township at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said Bloom Township on the 4th day of November, 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Officer of this Board of Trustees be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Fairfield County, Ohio, this resolution is to be passed and certified to the Board of Elections 75 days prior to the election upon which it will be voted. And notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Brian Randles seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes.

Petty said this would result in about a \$9 annual increase in taxes for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Approval of roads to repair for the summer maintenance project. The trustees discussed the list of roads and prices Solt had presented at the previous trustee meeting for paving with asphalt

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and/or motor paving. The trustees discussed the following changes to the list: Asphalt Coonpath instead of motor paving, drop Waterloo and Cedar Creek Subdivision from the list. Whether or not to pay the Wesley Chapel Cemetery chip & seal out of the same fund as the rest of the project.

The trustees discussed problems on Sitterley near Slough where there are plugged up driveways and steep embankments. Trustees expressed concern about safety issues. Randles asked if we could put the culverts in for the residents. Smith said yes, if they pay for the pipe. Trustees said a legal opinion should be sought.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles to ask the prosecutors office: If there is a culvert that needs changed, and if the property owner refuses to replace it, can the township replace it and assess the property owner's taxes to make them pay for it. Motion carried 3-0.

More discussion regarding what changes to make to the proposed road maintenance list.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to approve the proposed list of roads to submit to The Shelly Company for summer maintenance project with the following changes: Remove Waterloo and Cedar Creek Subdivision from the list; Asphalt rather than motor pave Coonpath; pay the cemetery roads out of the R & B fund. Motion carried 3-0.

- Discussion of quotes provided for Crack/Seal. **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve quote from Leader Machine up to \$8000 for Crack/Seal project for Smiley Dr. and E & W Glenhurst Dr. (Heather Lake Subdivision) contingent upon proof of Workers' Comp and Insurance. Motion carried 3-0. A form W-9 is needed also.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve quote from Rascal Trucking up to \$12,000 (11.25 per ton; 1,000 tons; trucking included). Motion carried 3-0.
- Solt presented a right-of-way permit from Jim Meutzal of 7179 Edenborough. The trustees approved the project and stipulated that if problems exist in the future then the pipe will be removed.
- Discussion regarding dead end of Market that abuts Stoney Bluff. The village placed a fire hydrant in the township right of way that may be a safety issue.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer