

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 02-12-08>

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30. Members present were Trustees Smith, David Petty, Brian Randles, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were 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: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 1/23/08. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve Carroll Marathon invoice for repairs to Engine 553 in the amount of \$1687.12, Bootsie's invoice for repairs to the Excursion (Fire Dept) in the amount of \$1235.10, and Ohio Fire Executive Tuition, year 2 for Lt. Williams in the amount of \$2500 from Training Services Fund. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve Then & Now Purchase Order for \$7,300 for VSP vision insurance. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$320,672.65 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$46,718.70 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Moore explained the bills amount includes transfer of money to Star Ohio. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Correspondence and Announcements**
 - FF Cty Assoc of Trustees and Fiscal Officers meeting at Pleasant Twp Fire House on SAT, MAR 8 at 6:00. Moor said we need a count of those planning on attending. All three trustees, Cyphert and Moore plan on attending.
- Moore addressed a letter from an employee that had been handed to her just prior to tonight's meeting. Moore said the employee was upset that school and city taxes were incorrectly deducted from his pay during part of 2007 and 2008. The situation had been resolved; however the employee was upset that he had to file a tax return with each entity to get his money back and he expressed that he was dissatisfied with the assistance he had received. Moore said she will write a letter of apology to the employee on behalf of her department. Fire Chief Terry Gill said that is not why he gave her the letter. Moore said the letter is addressed to the trustees and she needed to let them know she is handling it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from Petty to use the township meeting room Monday, July 21, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a bi-monthly Red Cross meeting. He said they want to move their meetings out to the townships. They will use Greenfield Twp and Violet Twp meeting rooms for other dates. Cyphert said it is related to the township because of the disaster plan. Petty said he is a member of the group and will be at the meeting to secure the building. The meeting relates to Bloom Twp. because we are part of the Disaster Preparedness Plan. All trustees agreed to the use of the building for this group.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of three quotes received for resolving the water issue in the Greencastle office building basement. Discussion of the uses of the basement. All agreed the extensive drainage work done by the Road Dept recently had relieved the flooding of the area around the building and the runoff onto the neighbor's yard; however it did not rid the basement of the standing water problem. Petty suggested the Road Maintenance Dept look at the quotes and make a recommendation to the trustees. All three trustees agreed.
- Moore said the trustees need to pass a resolution to award the OPWC project contract. Randles read aloud resolution 09-08 that was prepared by the county engineer's office as a result of the sealed bidding process for the Kauffman Road OPWC project.
Motion by Petty, second by Randles to adopt **RESOLUTION 09-08** approving Contract Bid Award FAI-TR205-0.287 Kauffman Road Rehabilitation Project which awards to The Shelly Company; 80 Park Drive; Thornville, Ohio 43076, a responsive and responsible Bidder, for the amount of \$578,785.13. Complete Resolution on file.
ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- Petty gave a report on the meeting with the engineer's office that he, Moore, and Solt had attended on 2/11/08. He said Jeff Baird said we need to begin now if we want to apply for a second grant to proceed with phase two of the Kauffman Road project.

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RESOLUTION #10-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to apply for phase two of OPWC grant to complete the Kauffman Road reconstruction project and to add Brandt Road. The reconstruction shall consist of widening the road and shoulders, correcting drainage, resurfacing with asphalt concrete and improving the roadway. The County Engineer is hereby ordered to make surveys, plans, profiles, cross sections, estimates, and specifications required for the improvement. Further, the trustees request that the engineering firm of Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias and Noland be the consultants used.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty. ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

Petty continued to report on the meeting at the engineer's office. He said our 2008 MVF allocation will be \$6,150.00.

- Randles suggested sending a letter to the Health Dept. and an editorial regarding the proposed ground water protection program. Discussion of what should be included in the letter. Smith said they are going to bill every resident regardless of whether or not they will receive an inspection. It was agreed Cyphert and Randles would work together to draft the letter.

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

- Cyphert presented a resolution that would be needed to set the video and cable fees. She said she received the resolution template from the Ohio Township Association. Randles said he does not favor increasing the fee from 3 to 5 percent because the cost would be passed on to the residents.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to adopt **RESOLUTION 11-08** setting the franchise fees at 3 percent.

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

- Cyphert reported that legal counsel Albers said we do not need to spend money on a transcript of the JEDD Public Hearing but that we should have the hearing taped and taped properly with microphones in the event we need a transcript in the future. She said Albers is willing to meet with the trustees prior to the hearing. Discussion of when the trustees will meet with Albers.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to move the starting time of the next regular trustee meeting up to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Randles suggested calling Bill Yapple and Gary Weltlich to let them know that the night of the Public Hearing we will not need the services of their attorney. All trustees agreed. Cyphert will notify them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to appoint five new volunteers on a one year probation effective 2/12/08. Motion carried 3-0. Names on file.
- Gill discussed a firefighter's child needs extensive surgery and advised the trustees may see the sick leave and question it so he is letting them know ahead of time. The firefighter was also present and spoke about his son's surgery.
- Gill reported on his progress in researching emergency vehicle replacement. He and a firefighter had spoken with the four major manufacturers in the area and looked at various options. Gill said they should have some firm numbers at the next meeting. He said if they decide to go with a certain chassis they need to make a decision next week because it would need to be ordered by the end of this month because the manufacturer is moving which affects their manufacturing schedule. A decision may need to be made at the next trustee meeting. Discussion of trustees getting information about the vehicles before the next trustee meeting.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve \$2303 for the Fire Department Instructor's Conference for Lt. Cotner. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gill said the letter about the payroll situation at the beginning of the meeting said the fiscal officer did everything she could do and he wanted to echo that response. Gill said the firefighter understands the difficulty of our payroll and our switching payroll companies. Moore said she appreciates Gill saying that but she said the employee is owed an apology. Gill said the employee's situation has been resolved.
- Petty acknowledged that one shift of Bloom Firefighters had encountered a series of difficult situations recently in one shift and they did an outstanding job.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Solt introduced and explained a Carroll Village permit application to the trustees. Petty asked if the trustees need to approve the permit. Solt said he can have it rewritten.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to approve the permit application by Carroll Village to make a cut across Lockville Road. He said they paid their \$50.00. Motion carried 3-0. The trustees signed the permit.

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- Solt said that at last night's meeting with the engineer's office, they proposed Bloom Twp go in with them as a package deal on the bidding of resurfacing projects this year. Petty said the engineer's office was taking a poll to see who would be interested. Discussion but no decision made.

OTHER:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty that Mr. Starkey's cemetery rules proposal be accepted. Randles said Starkey did a nice thorough job on this and his efforts are appreciated. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer