

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 06-25-08>

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 Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt; and several interested citizens.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Dale Lamb said the Fairfield Farms housing development off Sitterley Road where his daughter lives has ditches that the developer did not handle properly. Ditches have standing water and weeds and cannot be mowed by the residents. Smith told Lamb we can't do anything until the road is turned over to us. Lamb said the neighbors are having a meeting tomorrow night.

Jason Baugess who lives across from Lamb's daughter said an 8" pipe goes under the road and has 36" ditches going into an 8" pipe.

Smith said he asked Lamb to come to the meeting to let the other two trustees know the problem.

Bob Mullenbach from the area said if the ditches had been put in correctly they would be stable. His property has had a lot of erosion. Mullenbach said he is a wildlife biologist. He said they created a wetland with those ditches. The homeowners want an engineer to solve the problem.

Smith said the three trustees need to go out and take a look at this. He said the meeting will be advertised as required.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to set a special meeting for July 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at 10464 Fairfield Farms Drive in Bloom Township for the purpose of viewing drainage/ditch problem. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Supervisor Randy Solt said he and Randles went to a walkthrough last year late June and they had advised that the ditches and cattails needed to be addressed. Solt said the ditches are too steep. Lamb added that the ditches are a safety hazard.

The trustees asked fiscal officer Carol Moore to ask Anne Cyphert to check with RPC on the bond for Fairfield Farms phase 1 and 2.

- Dan Boyer said he still does not have his wood. He said the neighbor who said he didn't want his wood now wants his wood. Boyer said 6-8 cords should be his; limbs and two complete trees. Smith said the trustees will talk to Bob Stebelton to see if they can get some wood to deliver to Boyer. Smith said it needs to be done before the 30th because the project will be really taking off then. Randles agreed to contact Stebelton.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the regular meeting held JUN 11, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty second by Randles to approve payment of invoice regarding cemetery mishap in the amount of \$81.86. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty second by Randles to approve Then and Now Purchase Order in the amount of \$44,103.75 for the first payment to The Shelly Company from the OPWC Grant line 4401-538-0000 Contracted Services. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$40,088.52 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$60,118.06 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty second by Randles to approve vehicle repair Bader invoice for Fire Dept: \$1,777.59. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Budget Discussion:** Moore asked the trustees if they had any changes they would like to see for the proposed 2009 budget. Brian asked if changes could still be made at the Budget Hearing on July 9th. Moore said they could, however it would be best to make them prior to the hearing if he is aware of needed changes. The trustees had no changes at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- Moore said the OTA publication Grassroots reported that township officials will no longer receive the annual cost-of-living raise. Legislation only covered through 2008. Pay will be based on budget size as usual, at the 2008 pay scale.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Petty said there will be a meeting tomorrow morning with the Village of Lithopolis, Fire Dept representative, Police Chief, Bloom Twp representative, regarding Debris Management. Gill will be at the Fire Academy so Petty would like a fire lieutenant to attend in his place. The township needs to appoint a Debris Management Manager to work on policy development and to represent Bloom Township at Debris Management meetings etc.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to appoint David Petty as the Bloom Township Debris Management Manager. Motion carried 3-0.

Petty said our policy will be modeled after the county policy. He said FEMA will reimburse us 85% rather than 75% for debris mitigation if the township develops a Debris Management Plan with the Village of Lithopolis. Other entities are combining as well for this purpose.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Randy Solt reported on the Basement Water Problem at Greencastle. He said a leak was discovered under the crawl space and was already fixed by a plumber. Problem was an elbow joint that had been improperly welded resulting in a substantial amount of water running into the crawl space and ending up on the basement walls and floor. The Road Dept crew has also done extensive excavating and wall repair. Mike Kouns has been a great asset as he is skillful with the backhoe. The job is not yet completed. More excavation, waterproofing to do.
- OPWC Kauffman Rd Project: Smith talked with Jeff McGrady of county engineer's office. Estimates received for Brooks and Anderson issues. McGrady said he has saved money in some areas; the project will come in under budget so the fixes will not increase project costs.

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

- Cyphert is on a family vacation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- Kitchen cabinets are in and look good. Put in double ceiling, fire retardant. \$600 drywall estimate will be more like \$900-1,000. Firefighters are installing items to save on labor costs. New appliances, deep sink.
- 65 year old alarm needs repair, motor is shot.
- Next (third) siren will be installed July 1st at Slate Ridge. Gill reminded trustees we have paid for four. Fourth siren will replace broken one in Lithopolis. We may get a fifth siren for Greencastle. Gill said more sirens may become available from bits and parts. Tony Vogel was present and said not to give up on receiving additional sirens.
- Gill said the copier they received from the school finally died after providing lots of service. Gill presented price quotes for new copiers ranging from \$3411 to \$5312. He will decide at next meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Solt discussed his written request for trustee approval for up to \$2000 for 150 tons of gravel. **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve Solt's request as presented for up to \$2,000 for 150 tons of gravel for culvert replacements. Motion carried 3-0.
- Dan is doing a great job helping with water project. He will have more hours than usual. The trustees agreed that was fine. Solt gave a summary of the work being done to improve the drainage around the building.
- Smith asked if the Road Dept is fixing the damage done to Mrs. Banker's driveway during our digging. Solt said they are going to fix the driveway.

OTHER:

- The trustees decided they would not address the JEDD this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer