

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/12/2008>

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, Assistant Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Road Supervisor Randy Solt; and several interested citizens.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to enter into executive session for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel regarding litigation. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Randles, second by Petty, to come out of executive session for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel regarding litigation. Motion carried 3-0.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty, to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held OCT 22, 2008 with the correction adding "second by Petty" to the motion to sell salt to Lithopolis. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to approve payment of Lancaster Sporting Goods invoice of \$3838.00 for annual uniforms. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to approve payment of Horton invoice of \$6131.44 for the balance on the new medic. Note that the prepayment earned \$4364.38 in interest. We will take delivery on 11-14-08. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty, to approve the Ohio Fire Academy invoice of \$1200.00 for Fire Behavior Lab Training. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to approve within fund transfer of \$2200.00 from 2031-330-221 to 2031-330-323 for payment of repair bills for remainder of 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION 29-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to approve supplemental appropriation of \$10,000 to 2021-330-360 from unappropriated money for contracted services for remainder of 2008. 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 Then and Now Purchase Order for payment of Leader Machinery Company invoice in the amount of \$7425.00. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$494,287.98 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$42,083.47 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION 28-08: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to transfer \$50,000 from 2111-910-910 (Transfers-Out) to Reserve Fire Building Fund 4902-931. Motion by Petty, second by Randles. ROLL CALL: Petty – yes; Randles – yes; Smith – yes. Resolution adopted 3-0.
- Moore asked the trustees to move the DEC meeting to the 30<sup>th</sup> due to year end closing of the books. **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to move last meeting in December from the 24<sup>th</sup> to December 30, at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty, to approve and sign the Tornado Siren Agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Petty reported on a transit meeting he attended in Lancaster. The transit authority would like to extend into townships. Townships would pay \$900. Transit authority wants letters of support to go to commissioners. Trustees agreed Cyphert should write a letter of support to county commissioners asking them to further investigate a plan for the transit authority to explore establishing routes into the townships based upon a study that the townships would contribute \$900 due to Federal matching money.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Chief Terry Gill

- Gill reported a firefighter that worked at another fire department would like to transfer his sick leave to Bloom Twp. The trustees discussed it. Gill said limits could be placed on it. Smith asked if the union objected. Several firefighters that are part of the union were present. They nodded in agreement with Gill's proposal. **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to accept transfer of up to 30 hours of sick leave for future fulltime firefighter hirees. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gill said we might want to think about replacing the Grumman fire truck with a brand new Impel Pierce Chassis. Petty said the Pierce we have is 22 years old and that years ago the average in the county for replacement was 20 years. We refurbished the 22 year old Pierce so would replace the 17 year old Grumman. Randles requested paperwork to review and discuss at next

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meeting. The new fire engine would come from Wisconsin. Gill said due to increases in steel prices, it should be done as soon as possible.

Gill said the price will increase and in 2010 the EPA will have new requirements. \$509,112 is the starting price. They will pay 7.25% interest (currently) for the amount we prepay. If we prepay \$450,000 you can deduct around \$21,000.

Randles said he has concerns that Clintonville Electric went out of business and people did not receive merchandise that was paid for. Gill said our contract would have a performance bond.

Petty said we would sell the Grumman for \$25,000 to \$30,000. Discussion that it may sell for \$23,000.

Gill said the trustees agreed to set aside money for a new fire station but the growth just didn't come. Now is the time for a new fire truck to reduce response time. He said we need to get our apparatus and manpower squared away and later, down the road, ask the voters for money for a building. Randles asked for clarification as to whether Gill said he wants to build a fire station with bond money. Gill said not necessarily. Petty and Smith said we keep building the fund and Randles agreed that is the thing to do.

Gill said he sat down with all three shifts of firefighters and most agreed the new fire truck is what we need now rather than a new building. Petty said the sale of current equipment would go into the reserve fund for the fire department. Gill said the reason so many fire fighters were in the audience was because he asked them to attend in case there were questions. This truck will serve two purposes as an engine and a rescue. Gill presented a brochure on the Impel for the trustees to review.

- Petty asked if he had a presentation for fire Lieutenant Williams to explain Fire Department Nominal Group Technique. He will present it at the first meeting in December.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles, to start the meeting December 12, 2008 at 7:00 for Lieutenant Williams to give his presentation. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

- Discussion regarding mowing for Lithopolis: The contract is for this year only. Mowing has been completed.
- Discussion of crack/seal job completed by Leader Machinery. Randles questioned the job done recently. Randles said the contract we signed was too vague. Smith said next year all the trustees will be involved with the contract. Solt said some of the work in question may have been done in a previous year. Trustees requested the payment to the vendor be held until Solt reviews the issue.
- Pipe for Sitterley Road is now in stock. Solt will individually bill the residents who will be getting the pipe. Ditch concerns were discussed and the trustees agreed they need to be addressed.

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** by Anne Darling Cyphert

Cyphert reported on the following:

- Brooks Davis, Director of Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission is retiring. There will be a reception for him Tuesday, December 2, at 5:30 p.m. for anyone that wants to attend and they are collecting donations to purchase a gift for him. Hollie Mattei has been appointed to take his place. Speaking of RPC, the township received an invoice for \$1153.00 for Bloom Township to consider for 2009. Even if the township chooses not to pay the invoice, RPC is still legally obligated to represent us.
- Tower Update: The BZA has approved the application 4-0.
- Stakeholders Group update: The group is meeting tonight to discuss objectives of the development of the bike, pedestrian, greenway, and parks plan.
- County Water Update: Cyphert met with Tony Vogle of Fairfield County Utilities Department. Vogle said businesses are interested in the areas that now have utilities along Route 33. A bill collections office will be built across from the water plant in the future. There has also been discussion about what to do with the fields where the water plant is. He will be coming to the trustees at a later date to discuss this more.
- Schumacher update: The Health Department reports that progress is being made by Mr. Schumacher with exception of the vehicles. As long as they see progress is being made, they will continue to grant extensions to him to clean up the property. They have given him until the end of December to finish clean up of debris.
- Insight Franchise Fee: Cyphert has been working with Insight regarding the franchise fee issue that recently surfaced. Today she spoke with Vickie Hopkins who is in charge of the department that handles the franchise fees. Hopkins agreed to start an audit of the Bloom Twp. area to correct any problems. She conducted a partial audit today and found two that had Violet Twp. listed instead of Bloom Twp. She said Hopkins told her the problem exists with certain customers who have started subscribing to cable within the last year. Cyphert put an

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announcement in the Eagle Gazette reminding Bloom Twp. residents to check their cable bills to make sure their franchise fee is going to the right place. No calls regarding this issue have come into the Administrative Office.

- Insurance Report: She spoke with Sean Sprouse of Burnham and Flower several times this week. He said we are getting a 3% reduction in our rates for 2009 but that will actually equate to about 1.5% reduction since we will have to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> party biller. There will be changes in the administration of the program. Medical Mutual no longer wants to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> party biller. So what they are looking at is going to a debit card system where the township will purchase the pre-loaded debit card with the deductible able to be used for any qualified medical expense from the new 3<sup>rd</sup> party biller for the amount of the deductible. Then each employee will get that as part of their insurance card. They will then use it when they go to the doctor or pharmacy to pay their deductibles with. If after the debit card is used up, the deductible will be met. There should be no cost to the employee and the only inconvenience to the township is having to pay for the debit cards up front. The third party biller will set limits on how the card can be used (only for approved medical purposes according to our policy) and anything left over on the card goes back to the township. If it is the trustees pleasure, at the next meeting there will be a request for Motion to renew the current Medical Mutual Supermed Plus2500HRA/HAS Compatible set up of Set-UP HRA Debit Card Administration to be used by Eligible Bloom Twp. Insured Employees per the the allowable deductible expenses approved under the current Plan and Medical Mutual Supermed Plus2500HRA/HAS Compatible Plan Insurance policy.
- The Vision policy will increase 3% and Dental at 4.5%.
- There have been several other agents calling including Marc Hollinger, Frank Harmon, and Jim Odgon that would like to offer insurance services for the township. The trustees would like to continue with the agent we have for now.
- OTA is conducting a salt survey to get an idea of any townships that may have had issues with obtaining road salt. Cyphert will get with Solt to provide the proper figures to OTA for the survey.

Petty inquired about the plans around the water plant and whether the county was considering future road plans. The trustees discussed the plans.

**OTHER:** Solt said the OPWC applications would be decided by February.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph E. Smith  
Chair

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Carol J. Moore  
Fiscal Officer