

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 10/08/2008>

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. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board and B/Z Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; several interested citizens.

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 SEP 24, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve Working Partners invoice of \$870 for the annual drug free work place training. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve the OFA invoice of \$1,000 for Joey Walker's Firefighter I & II training. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$26,806.08 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$47,905.06 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** to accept the Fiscal Officer's old Dell Computer system due to issuance of a new Dell computer system. Motion carried 3-0. The State issues a new computer to UAN customers every three years due to warranty expiration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- OTARMA Annual Report for 2007 received and available for review

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- Gill presented the Fiscal Officer with a check for \$725.79 from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. He said we would receive another around the first of the year.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to appoint Martin Bowen as probationary volunteer firefighter. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to appoint Kevin Benedict as a probationary full time firefighter/paramedic retroactive to October 2, 2008 with a 12 month probationary period. Motion carried 3-0. Gill said he has been with us part-time for 5 yrs and replaces Eric Smith.
- Gill presented an article that was in the Columbus Dispatch about our levy. He said he was glad the reporter mentioned that if the levy does not pass, the building capital funds would have to be used to operate the fire department which would affect future planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to enter into Executive session for the purpose of employment matters. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to come out of Executive session for the purpose of employment matters. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to appoint Anthony Pranger as Assistant Fiscal Officer at \$14.00 per hour not to exceed 10 hours per week and to approve a bond up to \$1000 from OTARMA. Motion carried 3-0.
- Randles said he had spoken to Sitterly Road residents and said they are more than happy to pay \$155.70 for culverts going across their driveways. All are on the east side of the road. Smith said we need to do it now because it is a safety issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Greencastle tornado siren: Petty explained the reason for the location of new tornado siren on the west side of the building rather than the east side was due to water pipe issues. Trustees discussed the need for a light to be posted. No decision reached. Petty said the siren replacement in Lithopolis is expected to occur in the near future.
- Board of Elections request for storing voting machines; Petty said Debra Henderly from Board of Elections spoke with him regarding providing township resources for the upcoming election.. Smith suggested having them use the road department. Randles inquired about using the main fire station. Gill said the new medic unit may arrive by then so that would not be practical. Randles requested a written hold harmless. Petty will secure one. The trustees decided to use the Lithopolis Road Department to store the vehicle.
- Update on contracts for OPWC phase 3 and Sitterley Rd drainage project- Moore said we are still waiting for the corrected contracts from the Engineer's Office.

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

The owners of the radio station tower are considering another piece of property in the township. Asst. Prosecutor Jason Dolin and Cyphert have discussed the legalities of the proposal and believe there may be a resolution to the tower issue. Updates will be provided to the trustees as this issue progresses.

Third Quarter Update:

- New Residence Permits: 10 have been issued. This compares with 15 from the first three quarters of last year.
- Accessory Building Permits: 27 have been issued. This compares with 29 from the first three quarters of last year.
- Residential Addition Permits: 4 have been issued. This compares with 6 from the first three quarters of last year.
- Pool Permits: 3 have been issued. This compares with 9 from the first three quarters of last year.

County CHIP Program: Fairfield County Community Action wants us to be aware of the CHIP program because we are often a point of contact for residents in the community. CHIP is Community Housing Improvement Program grant which helps the disadvantaged and homeless residents. Brochures will be located on the table for any interested resident. If trustees get a call or hear word that a resident may have economic issues, please feel free to give them a copy of the information, or we can hand it out at the office as well.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Solt was absent due to vacation, but the trustees discussed funding the purchase requests he made. Fiscal Officer Moore will review the need to move funds around for the reground asphalt.

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve purchase of reground asphalt up to \$6,000 from Rascal Trucking to finish berming on various township roads. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve excess equipment list from Road Dept for OCT 25, 2008, Auction by Ralph Fetherolf at the Fairfield County Fair Grounds. Motion carried 3-0.
- The trustees did not approve request for three saws and caster wheels and brackets. They would like to discuss the purchases with Solt.

OTHER:

- Cyphert said she contacted the sheriffs officer per the trustees request regarding patrolling Kauffman Road and they have agreed to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer