

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 9/10/08>

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: None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held AUG 27, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve payment of invoice from Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc., \$42,833.16 for attachments for new Road Dept mowers. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$66,373.09 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$49,027.83 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION 27-08 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.** 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 payment of \$1,500 to Lockwood for applications completed for Issue 1 Kauffman Rd Project Phases 2 & 3. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles second by Petty to approve agreement with Fairfield County Commissioners, Bloom Township and Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias & Noland, Inc. for Kauffman Road Improvements – Phase 2; contract amount \$24,900. Motion carried 3-0.

Smith said he received a call from the County Engineer's Office regarding drawings for double chip and seal for Sitterley Road, South of Marcy Road. Solt said the drainage issue must still be resolved. Solt said he was planning on motor paving with a top coat; he does not like double chip & seal. Smith said that could be considered as more development occurs in the area.

Change Order for current OPWC project. Moore said the original estimate for the project was \$622,483 but the contract with Shelly was less at \$578,785.13 and the current contract price is \$20,572.17 less than that. Moore said Eric McCrady said there will be an expense for the township caused by the removal of the front property line pins for some residents during the project and some other minor issues. Moore said we are holding back some payment to guarantee that things are corrected including preventative measures to keep the gravel edging from migrating onto the road at the sharp curve. Shelly has provided a warrantee for the edge of the road for the entire length of the Phase One project for three years in case the pavement breaks down. **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve final change order for current OPWC project Phase 1 Kauffman Road Improvements. Motion carried 3-0.

- Moore said the final real estate tax settlement was received for 2nd half and is reflected in this meeting financial report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Basement problem:** Just prior to this meeting Randles talked with the Service Master contractor regarding further repairs that are needed. Removal of mold at bottom of stairs and removal of mold at exterior enclosed stairs. Randles recommended the firefighters on duty do the job instead of Service Master. They will put railing back up and clean up all of the mold. Moore said there could be a problem with Workers' Comp and questioned if the firefighters could be used to do mold clean-up. Gill said it is "Other duties assigned by chief." The trustees also directed Solt to address the cement needed repairs. Gill said "we are here to help."
- **Water Bill in Lithopolis:** The township owns three lots in the township and Lithopolis is considering assessing \$25 per lot per month (even though the one lot of the township does not have water). The trustees discussed the fact that two township lots have water but where the salt barn is, there is no water tap. Questions whether that is legal to charge a landowner without a house or water tap for the assessment.
- Petty said a fax came to the township office that is a request from Board of Elections as a plea for help for townships. The BOE needs to come up with new way of distributing voting machines and poll supplies. 14 box vans will be rented and supplies will be put in each van according to townships. They are requesting two heated bays to keep the machines. Our road department has one heated bay. If a fire department bay was used, a fire truck would need to be pulled out. Drivers are requested as well starting at 4am Election Day. Storage would be from Saturday afternoon until 4am Election Day. He is concerned about liability for the township if we get involved. The trustees made no decision. Will get more information.

OLD BUSINESS: None

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

- The court of appeals has ruled on a case regarding general welfare zoning which refers to setting community standards regarding noise control, hours of operation for conditional use businesses, types of activities conducted on a property, etc. Bloom Township still has this in our Zoning Resolution in addition to Township Resolutions such as the Noise Resolution and Noxious Weeds. Now that other townships in the state have tested these issues through the court system and they have withstood the test, we will be able to continue to enforce these issues.
- Tower Issue: Kim Reinbold, BZA President, asked that the trustees vote on the Stebelton/Southeastern Ohio Broadcasting Tower Letter of Credit and easement. Reinbold said these documents have been reviewed by Jason Dolin at the Prosecutor's Office and after numerous changes, he is now comfortable with the trustees approving both issues.

Motion by Petty, second by Randles, to approve the Letter of Credit from Southeastern Ohio Broadcasting, Century National Bank, in the amount of \$670,000.00 regarding the proposed erection of the radio tower at parcel # 008-00475-00. Motion carried 3-0

Motion by Randles, second by Petty, to accept the easement regarding the Southeastern Ohio Broadcasting proposed tower at parcel # 008-00475-00 also utilizing parcel # 008-00145-00 as presented and on file at the Township Administrative Office Building. Motion carried 3-0.

- If anyone is interested in attending a Farmland Preservation Seminar, one will be offered during a day long seminar at OSU October 2. The cost is \$40 and the deadline to register is September 17.

Access Management Letter: Cyphert presented the trustees with the letter from the County Commissioners to the Engineer's Office from last May that states they asked the engineer to involve input from the townships before submitting an access management plan.

Fox Chase: RPC desires comments by this Friday. Cyphert will notify them we will need an extension so we can review the plat.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- Gill explained the need for the two new volunteers.

Motion by Randles, second by Petty to appoint Jeremiah Downhour and Tyler Ashcraft to a 12 month probationary period as volunteer firefighters effective 9/10/08. Motion carried 3-0.

- Gill said the fire siren will be installed soon in Lithopolis.
- The fire department assisted in the Rickenbacker plane crash incident and was not able to participate in the Labor Day Parade.
- Eric Smith will be moving to another state. His last day will be 9/27/08 as a Bloom Twp. Firefighter. Gill will obtain a letter of resignation.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve deployment of Brad Shull to Mississippi for a maximum of 14 days and payment of his salary in accordance with the Task Force 1 requirements. This is retroactive to and Bloom Township will be reimbursed for the period beginning AUG 30, 2008. Motion carried 3-0. Gill said Shull was de-mobilized today.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Discussion and **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve quote from Klamfoth, Inc in the amount of \$3,500 to Hydro Seed ditch lines on Coonpath Rd. where banks were cut back for better drainage. Motion carried 3-0.
- Request from Village of Lithopolis for salt agreement: Discussion regarding whether Bloom Twp. has mowed for Lithopolis. Solt said the township does not have a contract for mowing this year. Solt said we do not know the firm price on salt this year. He said \$59 per ton will probably be the price delivered for Bloom Township. The trustees will not act on the issue until the township gets a price from ODOT for the township. The village can use their own equipment for loading. Bloom Twp. has requested 800 tons of salt from the state. In previous years we were permitted to buy 150% of our estimate, however, we may be limited to 800 tons this year.
- Cemetery discussion: Solt said they were all mowed. The trustees emphasized the need for them to look good especially during holidays.
- Randles requested a list of Sitterley Road culverts that need replaced; at least the addresses if Solt does not have the names of the residents.

OTHER:

Mark Heister of Alspach Road asked how the trustees feel about the Access Management issue. The township has taken the matter under advisement.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer