

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 9/24/08>

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:

- Mark Heister asked if we will get a sign warning of the stop sign at the hill at the corner of Alspach and Amanda No. It is being taken care of.
- Pat Brooks of Kauffman Road: is upset about Kauffman Road. There is a new patch installed. She is concerned about deep ditches and has difficulty mowing. Concerned about narrow bridge. Upset about trees being taken out. Said it was not a well thought out project. Drainage issues also are a concern. Smith said berming issues are being addressed. Smith said he contacted the engineer's office to put sign up at the curve and the bridge. Smith said more stone is needed. He said he is awaiting a call from the engineer's office to address these issues. Brooks said speed is an issue. Smith advised them to get a petition together regarding the speed issues. Smith will have the representative from Shelly Company contact her about dirt/rock issues. Randles said the engineer's office could have a meeting with the concerned neighbors. Brooks said delivery trucks are driving too fast.
- Robert White of Kaufman Road: said he was told his property value would increase. He was told that was up to the auditor's office. He is concerned about old stumps and gravel in his yard and he can't get grass to grow. Mowers are throwing rocks and could cause damage. He wants to trust the trustees to not destroy the looks of the neighbors' houses. White said he never asked for money from the township. Randles said White sent two emails asking for compensation for his land. A bus driver is put in a dangerous situation due to lack of signage on the road. Randles suggested having the sheriff's office patrol it. He asked Cyphert to check with the sheriff's office about that issue. Smith said he was offended by a news report that cast the township in a bad light. He said he met with the man who has the issue and asked him for permission to cut bank back which was refused. Smith thanked Brooks for allowing her bank to be cut back which enhanced the project. Mrs. Kourtney White questioned whether Kauffman Road was really unsafe before the repaving project. Smith will have Cyphert draft a petition and he will circulate it regarding the speed issue.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Carol Moore

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held SEP 10, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve Disbursement Request #2 (final invoice) for OPWC Project Phase One of Kauffman Road Improvement. OPWC share is \$373,090.98 and Local Share is \$113,807.58. Total Retainage of approximately \$30,000 will be due per the contract in the first part of January, 2009. Our share should be approx \$7,000 or 23.3%. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$139,761.89 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$60,102.78 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** Petty, second by Randles to approve Buckeye Accounting for payroll services. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- Faxes from Fairfield County Engineer's Office:
 - Open House THU SEP 25, 2008 @ 3:00p.m to 6:00p.m.
 - Info for the public regarding ORC 5589.33 right-of-way obstructions
- Fax regarding new county auctioneer for the annual county sale SAT OCT 18th @ Fairgrounds. Also received letter from Ralph Fetheroff, former auctioneer for the county, who is also holding an auction at the fairgrounds. Trustees asked Solt to decide which auction to participate in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve up to \$850 for Service Master to complete basement project. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The trustees complimented the road crew for cleaning up the storm damage in the township and Solt thanked the trustees in return for their help.

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

- The BZA approved the radio tower project last week but did so with the condition that the applicant moves the tower south 500 feet. Jason Dolin, Asst. Pros., is concerned that the BZA's decision may not be legal for several reasons.
 - 1) That is not the area the applicant applied for.

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- 2) It makes the easement that the trustees approved at the last meeting useless because if it is erected, we now have no access to it in the event of abandonment because the easement that was approved will not reach the new proposed site.
- 3) The applicant is really the land owners who are Robert and Harold Stebelton. They were not at the hearing and did not agree to moving the tower.
- 4) Part of our zoning requires the vote to pass by four. We only had three members at the meeting. Mr. McWhorter had to abstain because he is an adjoining property owner and objects to the tower. Mr. Canini did not attend the meeting. Jason is studying ORC to see if that still holds true that it must pass by four votes. If it does, the application is turned down.

Jason Dolin is working with the attorney for the tower to get his views and possibly a solution. Bottom line is the vote may be declared failed by the prosecutor's office for lack of quorum or because the movement of the tower is not what was on the application. OR, Jason Dolin may request the BZA reconvene and vote again.

- The Ohio Township Association has sent to us a new notice of rights and responsibilities under Ohio Partition Fence Law. We should read this document thoroughly and discuss it at a future date.
- Three employees of Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission asked that Cyphert take them on a tour of Bloom Township as part of their open space plan they are working on with Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission. The tour was conducted earlier this week and the MORPC reps were very impressed with our township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill

- Gill said Brad Shull was re-deployed for Ohio Task Force One due to hurricanes. He was deployed twice. **Motion** to approve extended deployment of Brad Shull from AUG 31 through 0600 SEP 19, 2008. Motion carried 3-0. Township expenses will be reimbursed by FEMA.
- Gill presented a letter of resignation of firefighter Eric Smith who is moving to another state.
- Gill presented a copy of the article in Columbus Dispatch regarding response time where he was quoted.
- The fire department battled a blaze on Alspach Road at a residence around 2:00 a.m. It started in garage but spread to some of the house. Smoke detectors woke the family up who all got out safely. Response time was 9 minutes and 50 firefighters from seven departments around the area fought the blaze.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Redirected complaint from resident regarding county and Greenfield Twp roads: Solt said he communicated with the resident to direct her concerns to the county because they involved county roads.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve quote from Interstate Road Management Corp. for \$2,127.50 for striping of roads. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Petty to approve new tires for 4 dump trucks up to total of \$6,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.
- Solt reported on the status of the road paving projects.
- Salt price is \$59.34/Ton- discussion from last meeting regarding village request for salt. It does not appear we can obtain overage on salt. There are concerns there could be a shortage of salt. The township will have to address the village of Lithopolis regarding the situation we may not be able to provide salt to them.
- Discussion of Sitterley Road pipe: \$3700-\$3800 would be the anticipated cost.

OTHER:

Motion by Petty to accept the resignation of a firefighter Eric Smith, effective OCT 1, 2008. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph E. Smith
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer