

## **BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 01-05-26**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by 2025 Chair, Brian Randles. Members present were Brian Randles, Trustee Carol Moore, and Trustee Jason Smith. Anne Cyphert, Administrator, and Nicole Jurgensmier, Fiscal Officer were also present.

#### **Call for nominations for 2026 Chairperson:**

Carol Moore nominates Jason Smith

#### **Call for nominations for 2026 Vice-Chairperson:**

Brian Randles nominates Carol Moore

In keeping with the annual rotation of officers, nominations were closed. Smith assumed the chairperson position and conducted the next order of business:

ROLL: Moore: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: Yes Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve Resolutions 1-3:

**RESOLUTION #01-26: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the meeting dates for 2026 are set as: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. with agenda review and check signing 15 minutes prior to each meeting at 8490 Lithopolis Road in Bloom Twp or another location, which will be advertised on the township website and administrative office door at least 24 hours in advance. Occasionally, meeting dates will change to accommodate various scheduling conflicts and every effort will be made to ensure we have all trustees and department supervisors present. When this occurs, the change will be posted on the township website [www.bloomtwp.org](http://www.bloomtwp.org), administrative office door, and in addition to sending notice to any news media requesting it. Special meetings will be held as called by any trustee, as long as a quorum can be present with a minimum of 24 hours' notice to the news media that requests it. Every effort will be made to post it on the township website and front meeting door for public viewing. Emergency meetings called by any trustee, fiscal officer, or administrator to be held if necessary, under ORC 121.22. Meetings will be held at 8490 Lithopolis Road NW in Bloom Township unless otherwise announced at the administration building.**

ROLL: Moore: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: Yes Resolution Approved: 3-0.

**RESOLUTION #02-26 to authorize the use of legal services of Stacy Pollock; and the Prosecutor's Office on an as needed basis. Coordination and participation in meetings with legal counsel to be coordinated/participate with the Administrator/Legal Liaison.**

ROLL: Moore: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: Yes Resolution Approved: 3-0.

**RESOLUTION #03-26 to authorize the Fiscal Officer, Trustees, and Department Supervisors to attend local, state, and national meetings, public events, conferences, and seminars in 2026.**

ROLL: Moore: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: Yes Resolution Approved: 3-0.

## **REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AFTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order by 2026 Chair, Jason Smith. Members present were Trustees Jason Smith, Carol Moore, and Brian Randles. Anne Cyphert, Administrator, and Nicole Jurgensmier, Fiscal Officer were also present.

### **FISCAL OFFICE REPORT: Nicole Jurgensmier**

- Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file the minutes of the 12/15/25 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve payments in the amount of \$8,879.25 and electronic payments in the amount of \$324,842.90. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS:**

- Brief summary report from Planning First will have comments during the meeting: All 3 trustees met with the consultants individually for our Land Use Plan. Smith advocated for smoother traffic flow and single trash haulers. NDA's, CEDA's, TIFs and more were discussed. Randles said he spoke to her about CEDA and senior housing. Moore discussed maintaining the Township's rural look and feel and referred the consultant to RPC to discuss the Land Use Plan for Lithopolis.
- Carol Moore: Report on Fairfield County Ohio Township Association: She and Nicole attended the meeting last Monday. The speaker was from 2-1-1 Information and Referral Line. Richland Township is seeking a zoning inspector and a Road Department Supervisor. Walnut Township's new fire truck caught fire in the station. The fire truck was under warranty. Walnut Township added 6 new firefighters with grant money. Now all three fire stations are open. A county commissioner continues to promote high density housing.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Anne Darling Cyphert**

- Motion by Randles, second by Moore to appoint Jason Smith to represent Bloom Township to Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission for 2026 and to Fairfield County District Advisory Committee for 2026. Motion carried 3-0.
- She will be attending a meeting in Westerville next month regarding the Silicon Heartland Transportation Partnership, which is studying transportation issues in the area in preparation for companies opening up in the region. She will report on the meeting after it takes place.
- Discussion regarding March 30, 2026 FC OTA Meeting: Bloom is the host. It will be at Fire Station 552.
- The competitive bidding threshold for calendar year 2026 (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026) to be \$79,568.
- An employee is dealing with Anthem Insurance in regards to the denial of a life-threatening claim. Another official is experiencing the same issue. Acrisure has been notified.
- Audit will be done on cemetery plot sales over the last 5 years to ensure that all plots were sold at the appropriate prices.
- OTA is promoting township websites.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Anne Darling Cyphert on behalf of Chief Thomas Williams**

- Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the hiring of Abraham King and Aaron Hines as Part-time Firefighter/EMTs pending completion of pre-employment requirements. Motion carried 3-0.
- The chief is addressing septic tank issues at the station.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: Various Township Officials**

- Anne Cyphert: Update on number of resumes we have received for the opening for Road Department Supervisor: 4 have sent resumes. 1 will be interviewed.
- Anne Cyphert: Repairs will soon be underway for an issue at the salt barn.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to cancel meeting on 1/14/26 and set a special meeting on 1/16/26 at 10am for the purpose of holding an Executive Session to discuss employment. Motion carried 3-0.

The chair adjourned the meeting.