

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 03/25/2009>

Dave Petty, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Petty, Joseph Smith, and Brian Randles. Also present were Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger; Board Administrator Anne Darling Cyphert; Road Supervisor Randy Solt, and interested citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military troops.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Sandine reminded the trustees of his proposal of a 2.5 mill levy that would fund a police dept for both the village and the township. Randles expressed concern over the article in the Southeast Messenger. He said the article generated public comments to the trustees that were negative. Smith asked why the mayor would get comments from township residents when the trustees did not get those comments. Sandine said he told the residents to contact the trustees but they didn't. Smith said the sheriff's office is doing a fine job patrolling the township and the taxpayers already pay for that. He said Canal Winchester mayor recommended to him that if the township wants private police protection we should look for it from the sheriff's office and not the Village of Lithopolis. Sandine said the adversarial attitude doesn't help and said let the chips fall where they may. Randles said that maybe someday down the road we could consider it. Randles said the township will work with the village on road issues but can't support raising taxes for a police levy during these economic times.

Sheriff Dave Phalen said Bloom Township is a safe and secure community and does not get a lot of complaints. He said if the township wants to go to the taxpayers for a police levy, please consider giving the sheriff's office a chance to submit a proposal.

Sandine addressed the trustees about repairs/resurfacing for Columbus Street in Lithopolis. He said MORPC stood by criteria that would exclude Lithopolis from funding. They will readdress the issue with the Ohio Public Works Commission in October. The trustees said we will give a letter of support if needed. The engineer's office will replace the county bridge on Lithopolis Road west of the village. Elder to Route 674 will serve as a detour. Concerns were expressed about that being a dangerous intersection. Lithopolis police chief Jay Barton said speed was reduced in that area in 1995 and was recently adjusted again but speed continues to be a problem and the crest of the hill is dangerous.

Karen Pierano of Sitterley Road complimented the sheriff's office and said response time is very good.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by Fiscal Officer Tony Pranger

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$18,413.79 and Payroll/ charges in the amount of \$63,964.88 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

-9990 Sitterley (at corner of Lithopolis) Drainage Issue (Board of Health): Petty said he and Solt went with the Health Department to the address above to look at a septic issue. The problem is the drainage line to Sitterley Road is not carrying the load. It is an older system. When the county was working on Lithopolis Road last year, trucks parked in the easement and probably crushed some of the pipe. A second problem with the neighbor next door exists when rain water floods her yard, then the neighbor's yard leach field doesn't work. He said a 24x24 catch basin could be installed by the township but the resident would be responsible for his own line. The swale would be covered for about a half mile. This would allow the rain water to run into it and would prevent from having to push under the road. The trustees agreed to move forward on the issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Admin.

-Schumacher Resolutions: Discussion: Cyphert presented the prosecutor's office resolutions. Randles said he is torn on whether to do it. He said it's an eyesore but is concerned about going on a man's property and taking his vehicle.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the resolutions as presented by the prosecutor's office, attached to the minutes, and on file in the Administrative Office. Motion carried 3-0.

Phyllis Heister said she is a realtor and brought this to the township's attention in 1997. She said it probably has environmental issues. She said the township should consider other property owner's rights who live around there and not just consider Schumacher's rights.

-Update on Township Association Quarterly Meeting: The county association voted to suspend the funds given to townships to provide meals at the quarterly meetings. It will be up to the individual townships whether they want to provide a meal on their own.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Chief Terry Gill (Chief at Wisconsin on purchase of Fire Truck business)

-Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve Physio-Control Invoice for \$2075 for annual service contract on heart monitors. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Road Supervisor Randy Solt

-Bid Advertisement & -Bid Proposal for Resurfacing Project: trustees agreed bids should be submitted by Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

-Backhoe Repair Quote: **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to pay repair bill for backhoe to Franklin Tractor for \$5708.28.

ADJOURNMENT