

**<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 6/23/2010**

Brian Randles, Chair, called the review session to order at 7:15 p.m. at which time trustees signed checks for payment of the bills and the agenda was discussed. Randles called the regular business meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Trustees Carol Moore, Brian Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer David Cyphert. Also present were Township Department Supervisors and interested citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** by Fiscal Officer David Cyphert

**Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve minutes of the meeting held 6/8/10. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$44,298.69 and charges in the amount of \$63,458.82 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

Initial Review and discussion of 2011 budget: Fiscal Officer Cyphert gave an overview of the proposed 2011 Budget and asked that the Budget Hearing be set. **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to set 2011 Budget Public Hearing for July 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. prior to regular meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion by Moore, second by Smith:**

**RESOLUTION # 28-10: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES** to approve a policy that no Building/Zoning/Cemetery Fees are to be paid by cash. Only checks and money orders will be accepted as form of payment.

**ROLL CALL:**                      **Moore: Yes**                      **Randles: Yes**                      **Smith: Yes**

**Resolution approved 3-0**

-Letter received from Barb Lamp, Sec & Treas. of FF Cty Assoc. of Trustees and Fiscal Officers. Logistics of planning the event were discussed. Mrs. Cyphert will get with the elected officials and any township personnel that might be needed to help set up for the event.

**Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve Then and Now for Fire Safety Services for \$13,191 and to approve Then and Now for Fire Department for \$14,500 for Felix Construction. Motion carried 3-0.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

Smith reported we need an update from the Engineer's Office on the progress of Fairfield Farms. Solt said he received an update and will prepare a report.

Randles said he received two noxious weeds complaints.

**Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to approve AT&T Right of Way Permit for Heather Lake contingent on it being restored to better or original condition upon completion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-OTARMA: She spoke with OTARMA regarding Randles request to allow J&R's to use the township parking lot while Columbus Street is being resurfaced. OTARMA suggests not allowing this to happen but if we choose to do so against their desires, we must require J&R's obtain a \$5 million bond and have a legal agreement drawn up by their attorney to present to the county prosecutor that would clear us of any legal responsibility in the event of an accident.

-BZA: Ms. Reinbold is stepping down. A recommendation to replace her will be coming to the trustees for approval in the near future.

-Red Fox/Cedar Hill area home issues: She elaborated on the noxious weeds issues. We continue to have problems with high weeds on foreclosed properties. Per the prosecutor's advice, we are not to mow the foreclosure properties even if the bank buys it back until the process has come full circle. Regarding the one acre that was mowed: this is because that is all that Fannie Mae can mow without additional approval. We have been told the rest of it will be mowed soon. After hearing about neighbor concerns, Carol Moore spoke with the realtor who is going to list the house where an abundance of feral cats lived. He assured her all the cats are out and the house is now sealed. Moore thoroughly questioned him about all the cats being out due to the concern of a number of people about cats possibly being trapped in the house. Moore also spoke with the Fairfield Area Humane Society regarding the numerous cats reportedly living in and around the residence. The agency made several trips to the house and captured 16 cats. Moore was advised the cats are feral and there is nothing more they can do to catch the remaining cats and that any cats caught at the house would probably be euthanized as they are feral and considered unadoptable.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-**Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to accept a volunteer firefighter effective 6/23/10 on a one year probationary period. Motion carried 3-0.

-MECC Mapping Demonstration: Gill and one of his full time firefighters presented mapping software that could be used on both the medic and engine. This national program would assist

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Bloom Twp. firefighters using the county's GIS data which would make it easier to find properties in the township. The initial fee is \$600, then \$100 per vehicle, plus \$100 maintenance fee. **Motion** by Smith, second by Moore to approve the expenditure for the new software program. Motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:** by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-Approval of list of roads to receive maintenance for the 2010 Summer Road Project. Moore said she agrees with the list of roads as presented by Solt and Rick Bennett of Shelly Co. but would like the trustees to agree to consider East & West Glenhurst Dr. (approx 1 mile) as a top priority when deciding the 2011 Summer Road Project. All agreed. Randles expressed concern about the speed limit needing lowered in Castlewood after it is paved. Solt said all subdivisions should be 25 mph. Smith said speed limits should be addressed for safety concerns. Moore said we should seek input from the people of all subdivisions before making these decisions.

**Motion** by Moore, second by Smith to accept the list of roads for summer maintenance projects as presented by the road supervisor and to include an increased performance bond for the full amount of the quote. Motion carried 3-0.

-Solt met with a representative from the engineer's office regarding ditch work at Fairfield Farms. He encouraged the trustees to view the site. He said water will continue to be in the ditches because there is no way to get rid of it. It is coming from sump pump drainage and springs. A walk through will need to be done by the township before we accept it. Solt said there are turn around problems in the subdivision. Once the work is done to the engineer's specifications, it will be signed off by the County Engineer, approved by the County Commissioner's, then turned over to us. A letter will be sent by the Engineer's Office to the resident's explaining to them they will always have a water drainage problem. Moore asked Solt to make sure the township gets a copy of that letter.

-Smith reported a tree was down and he had a road worker take care of it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Brian E. Randles, Chair

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David Lee Cyphert, Fiscal Officer