

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 3/9/2011

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the agenda review session to order at 7:15 p.m. and the regular 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and we paused for a moment of silence in honor of our military.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Randles, second by Moore to enter into executive session to confer with legal counsel about legal matters. Following the executive session, the chair resumed the meeting in public session.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore:

RESOLUTION 06-11 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Delores O. Johnson, Successor Trustee of the William S. Johnson Revocable Trust and as Trustee of the Delores O. Johnson Revocable Trust is the owner of the following described real estate located within Bloom Township, Fairfield, Ohio (see attached, Exhibit "A"; hereinafter, the "Real Estate"); and WHEREAS, Delores O. Johnson, Successor Trustee of the William S. Johnson Revocable Trust and as Trustee of the Delores O. Johnson Revocable Trust has offered to sell the Real Estate consisting of 4.793 +/- acres with frontage on Lithopolis Road, Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio to Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio for the sum of Sixty Two Thousand, Five Hundred and no/00 Dollars (\$62,500.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio that the purchase of the above described Real Estate and the expenditure of all incidental and necessary closing costs, attorneys' fees, survey fees and filing/recording fees and related fees and costs is hereby approved for the purpose of providing the Township and the Board of Trustees with additional real property necessary for the building, construction and/or other development at the site for use by the Township and the Board of Trustees as a Township Garage, a Township Services Facility, a Township Fire Substation or for any other lawful purpose, and the Fiscal Officer and/or the Clerk of the Township are hereby authorized to issue his/her Warrant and Voucher for payment of the same, with one half of the sum above being paid from the Township's General Fund and one half being paid from the Township's Road & Bridge Fund. RESOLVED FURTHER, that Mr. Joseph E. Smith, as Trustee, be and is hereby duly nominated and appointed to attend the Closing on the Real Estate transaction herein referenced, on behalf of the Township and its Board of Trustees, and to sign and execute all documents and do all other things necessary, and as otherwise may be permitted by law, to effectuate and consummate the Real Estate transaction and Closing.

ROLL CALL: Moore: yes Randles: yes Smith: yes Motion carried 3-0.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David Cyphert

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the regular meeting held 2/23/11. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$173,131.95 and charges in the amount \$96,087.24 of having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS from the trustees:

-Smith: DAC meeting: He reported the DAC met last Monday. He reported there are serious financial issues with the health department and also reported it will be over a year until they hire a new health commissioner to help save on debt.

-Randles said he spoke to the Board Administrator about an article regarding high speed internet options in the area.

BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-Closing on property: The closing on the property for parcels 0080067900 and 0090187000 will be held Friday, March 11 with the board chair and legal counsel representing the township.

-Cemetery info: Copies of cemetery information from Ohio Revised Code regarding township responsibilities were presented to the trustees.

-separation agreement between Bloom Twp. & Jerrold Schwarz, Esq.: the chair signed a letter authorizing the township's maintenance employee to retrieve all township paperwork from Schwarz's office.

-Facility discussion: the trustees requested in January that this be put on the March agenda. The leaking bilco doors on the east side of the administrative office building continue to leak and still need replaced. Also, the concrete on the township steps is starting to crumble. Potholes in the driveway need to be patched as soon as possible for the public use. Solt recommended outsourcing the bilco door installation. We will continue discussions about the doors and crumbling concrete steps in April.

-Schumacher property: She attended a meeting at the property with Fairfield County Health Department today and it continues to be littered with junk. The Health Department will continue its legal proceedings to get the property cleaned up.

-A handout from the OTA conference was distributed that addressed road liability issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-Former firefighter has been brought on part-time at our department. **Motion** by Moore, second by Randles to approve the hiring of Eric Smith as a part-time firefighter at Station 550. Motion passed 3-0.

-Howell Rescue School: Several firefighters are interested in attending this school for training purposes.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the total expenditure of \$2100 for four firefighters to attend the training school. Motion carried 3-0.

A firefighter is requesting paramedic school reimbursement. Our policy is to reimburse \$1000 for every year of service. **Motion** by Moore, second by Randles to approve reimbursement to the firefighter for \$2000.

Motion carried 3-0.

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- Follow up on the fatal fire last fall where dispatching issues became a problem. Madison Township Franklin County assistant chief has met with cell phone tower engineers to try to get the emergency cell phone calls to not come from the Pickaway County tower.
- Generator issues on top of the new fire engine are being addressed with the maker of the truck.
- The wife of the medical director, Dr. Robert Dominguez has passed away.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles:

Resolution 07-11 of intent to explore building a second fire station for Bloom Township

Whereas the Bloom Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the recommendations submitted January 24, 2011, by the Bloom Township Fire Department Planning Committee, and

Whereas the Bloom Township Board of Trustees believes it is in the best interest of Bloom Township residents that a four (4) minute response time, which is an industry-wide standard measure as addressed by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), be achieved for fire and EMS incidents to the fullest extent possible, and

Whereas the Bloom Township Board of Trustees agrees with the fire committee's recommendation that a second fire station be built near Greencastle, in the vicinity of Lithopolis and Amanda Northern Roads, which is near the geographical center of the township, and

Whereas there are already two funds in place to accumulate money for the construction of a second fire station and for procurement of apparatus, and

Whereas the Bloom Township Board of Trustees intends to pay for a second fire station without raising taxes.

Therefore be it resolved by the Bloom Township Board of Trustees that the Fire Chief is tasked with drafting a proposal, for trustee review, that includes, at a minimum:

1. Approximate size of building to serve as a second station.
2. Location of the building.
3. Intended staffing that will be utilized for both fire stations upon completion of the second station (detailed as to number of employees and rank and part-time or fulltime for each station).
4. Apparatus and major Equipment that will be located at each station.
5. Cost of additional apparatus, equipment, and staff that will be needed. Include a breakdown of costs.
6. Time line for the entire process of achieving a second station from start to finish, including hiring of professionals, advertizing for bids, land preparation/clearing prior to building, final landscaping.
7. Anticipated costs for the entire process of achieving a second station from start to finish, including hiring of professionals, advertizing for bids, land preparation/clearing prior to building, final landscaping, materials and labor and all other costs associated with the bldg. project.
8. Anticipated annual costs for utilities including: Propane, electricity, phone, routine maintenance, and any other routine costs generated by the second fire station.
9. Any other anticipated costs to the township that are not covered above.

ROLL CALL: Moore: yes Randles: yes Smith: yes Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-update on Speed Limit signs in Castlewood Subdivision: Per the directive from the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, Solt's department erected two more 25 MPH signs in the cul-de-sacs in that subdivision which will allow the engineer to sign the amended paperwork for the state.

-He is awaiting quotes for radio equipment. **Motion** by Randles, second by Moore to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1000 for radio equipment. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph E. Smith, Chair

David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer