

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 06/22/2011

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the agenda review session to order at 7:15 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.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting from 6/13/11. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$13,064.26 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to set 2012 Budget Public Hearing for July 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. prior to regular meeting with regular business meeting to follow. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-Discuss meeting with Pros. Office: Counsel agreed with our procedures for 2011 for noxious weeds. We are also discussing a possible collaborative effort with the county prosecutor's office to produce a quarterly newsletter for all townships to use as a guide for common issues. The Prosecutor's Office is willing to assist us with legal advice with the potential building projects for fire and road departments. We are advised to seek their guidance prior to hiring of architect, etc.

-Results of BZA: The BZA has granted a conditional use permit to allow a parking lot expansion and practice football fields at Roller Field.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-Medic vehicle staffing and equipment needs: He recommended adding a part-time firefighter person to save having to place both the engine and medic out on service at the same time. The part-time person would be used as needed to fill in when a full time firefighter is off duty. He said it currently fits in his budget line for salaries. His other proposed projects have all been planned and budgeted and no loans would be needed. They discussed the need for a new medic unit which has been in the plans submitted in prior years. Other budgetary plans were discussed and Gill reported there will be no need to take out loans for the needed equipment.

-Excursion refurbishment: He said this would come out of the vehicle repair line in the budget for this year. There is some rusting on the vehicle that needs repaired. Several repair options were discussed. Excursion has 104,000 miles on it. The plan he most prefers would cost approximately \$1200.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the expenditure of \$1200 for refurbishment of the Ford Excursion. Motion carried 3-0.

The discussion returned to staffing options. The trustees discussed approving the proposal for the remainder of 2011 and then re-evaluate next year. The trustees will discuss this at a future meeting.

-Fire Dept. Action Plan Option C: Gill presented a newly discovered option that could meet the needs for a new substation. It's an existing building that would easily house the fire equipment and personnel. With collaboration from a neighboring township, this would improve response time to meet the four minute maximum standard in two townships. He believes it could save the township several hundred thousand dollars and achieve the goals for improved safety service for the residents. He is willing to consult with building contractors for price estimates if the trustees are interested in obtaining more information. The trustees discussed possible maintenance costs, location, and economic feasibility. The trustees agreed to support the chief in his efforts to explore feasibility and cost options and report back at a future meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-Solt presented The Shelly Company estimate on roads proposed to be resurfaced this year. Trustees will view the proposed roads between meetings and the list will be discussed at the next meeting.

-Grain spill: A farmer lost a large load of grain from Alspach Road into Llthopolis. The township and county road crews assisted in the clean-up efforts.

Joseph E. Smith, Chair

David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer