

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 08/10/2011

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.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Nienkark who is the homeowner that Trustee Brian Randles spoke to regarding drainage issue on Charity Drive inquired as to the status of the investigation. The Road Supervisor presented an acceptable solution to the problem. **Motion** by Randles, second by Moore to approve the expenditure of \$3000 to repair right of way damage in front of 3954 Charity Drive. Motion carried 3-0.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David L. Cyphert

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the meeting held 7/27/11. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Fiscal Officer Cyphert also reported: He would like to change some investments to obtain better interest. He is obtaining information on interest rates and will need approval from the trustees. The trustees supported the idea and more information will be presented at the next meeting.

He also reported on the following:

GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE

In May OTA reported that Governor Kasich has been talking publicly about creating a commission to study consolidation of local governments in Ohio. He will provide us with more information as it becomes available.

PROPERTY REVALUATIONS

Under state law and Department of Taxation rules, real property in all counties is reappraised every six years and property values are updated in the third year following each sexennial reappraisal. The Department of Taxation has a schedule as to when Fairfield County will undergo the next sexennial reappraisal or triennial update. Fairfield County's is expected in 2013.

CONSTRUCTION REFORM SEMINAR

The Associated General Contractors of Ohio will be offering several workshops around the state to help educate folks about construction reform changes included in HB 153, the state's biennium budget. Carol will be attending one tomorrow and Trustees Joe Smith, Brian Randles, and Fiscal Officer Dave Cyphert will also attend a future session this fall. This is vital information as we move forward with our construction projects here in Bloom Twp.

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS

Fiscal Officer Cyphert is discussing with the fire chief information regarding applying for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/NEW BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS from the board:

-Trustee Carol Moore reported she spoke with representatives at the county engineer's office and the consulting engineer. The grant information will be submitted in the near future. We will submit the application for the grant for Phase 2 of Kauffman Road. Phase 3 is also proceeding. She also said the engineer's office will be submitting documentation for the Sitterley Road drainage project. FO Dave Cyphert said \$150,000 is budgeted for the project. We are preserving money in the gas fund to help fund the project. Brian Randles suggested inquiring about motorpaving in 2012.

-Discussion about future road storage building. FO Dave Cyphert said we need to consider priorities on projects depending on the needs. We will need to consider the new design build guidelines issued by the state. Trustee Brian Randles reviewed past figures and the Road Supervisor is investigating prices.

-All trustees Brian Randles, Carol Moore, and Joe Smith agreed the Sitterley Road drainage project needs to be prioritized. FO Dave Cyphert also agreed.

-Road Supervisor Randy Solt reviewed his requests for the storage building. The trustees stated at this point we are only considering a storage building for the road department and future needs will be discussed when that time is appropriate. But right now they are only interested in a storage building.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to instruct the County Engineer's Office to proceed with drawings for drainage for Sitterley Road. Motion carried 3-0.

-Trustee Carol Moore reported on an update the township received regarding Debris Management. She and Road Supervisor Solt are communicating with EMA officials to review the debris management site. Ours is located at Roller Field.

-Trustee Brian Randles reported the township received an updated amendment for the public records policy **Motion** by Randles, second by Moore.

RESOLUTION 18-11: To accept and approve the attached amendment as presented to update the public records policy.

ROLL CALL: MOORE: YES RANGLES: YES SMITH: YES

Motion carried 3-0.

Newsletter: Trustee Randles received compliments from many township residents pleased with the management of the township.

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BOARD ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: By Anne Darling-Cyphert

- She said she spoke with Sean Sprouse regarding 2012 rates and will keep the trustees informed.
- Road Paving Communication update: This was delivered along with the newsletter to residences affected by paving projects.
- Census Update: She is expects to receive the complete report this November.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

-Station 551 Back up generator: The generator needs additional equipment in the event of a power outage.. If the power goes out, there is not heat for the building including emergency equipment that cannot be stored in cold temperatures. Estimates have been received. He believes the project can be done for \$2500 to \$3000.

Motion Randles, by second Moore to authorize the expenditure up to \$3000 for upgrade to existing generator. Motion carried 3-0.

-C-550 computer for MEC Mapping: To avoid confusion of cell towers relaying wrong address information to the dispatcher, they installed a video camera and updated mapping to the emergency vehicles. The computer in the fire engine needs updated for current information. The cost was looked into through the competitively bid process through the State of Ohio however his department was able to find it at a lower cost from a Cincinnati company. The firefighters will do the mounting labor to save costs.

\$4148 for engine equipment and \$360 to transfer the other equipment to the Chief's vehicle.

FO Dave Cyphert verified the funds are there to purchase the equipment.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve the expenditure of \$4148 for engine equipment and \$360 to transfer the other equipment to the Chief's vehicle. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-Discussion of needed repairs to 5610 for tractor estimated to cost \$2152.33. This is a 1986 model. This will have to be repaired this season to complete mowing projects.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve the expenditure of 5610 For tractor estimated to cost \$2152.33. Motion carried 3-0.

-Discussion to repair berm on Coonpath Road at an estimated cost of \$1200. Randy Solt also discovered a culvert pipe on Bloomwood Drive that needs repaired for \$142.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve up to \$1500 for repairs as stated. Motion carried 3-0.

-Discussion of driveway installation for property across from township offices. Some fencing will need removed. Road Supervisor Solt is obtaining estimates for the driveway to accommodate Road Department trucks. A site plan will be needed. Fiscal Officer Dave Cyphert has been working with him on producing a scaled site plan before proceeding. Trustee Brian Randles will meet with them to review the project. Trustee Joe Smith said it is important we have a good base for the drive. Trustee Carol Moore asked about using the existing building now for storage purposes for tractors and mowers that Solt confirmed will be done.

OTHER: Mark Heister expressed concern that the county is not mowing along Cedar Hill Road and requested the township's assistance along the Lithopolis Cemetery section of that road. Road Supervisor Solt said it would take about 45 minutes to mow. The trustees agreed to allow the township road department to cut the small section of Cedar Hill Road in the right-of-way near the cemetery.

Joseph E. Smith, Chair

David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer