

## <BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 06/13/2011

Joseph Smith, Chair, called the agenda review session to order at 7:15 and the regular meeting followed.. 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:**

Marianne Daily, 11738 Smith Road, addressed the board about reducing speed limit on her road and obstructions in the right of way along that road in front of the Betty Anderson property. She said she spoke with Trustee Randles who encouraged her to attend the meeting. The road supervisor agreed the obstructions are in violation of the right of way policy and will work with the board administrator in sending a letter to Betty Anderson to seek cooperation in removal of the obstructions.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles:

**RESOLUTION 15-11:** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES to request the Fairfield County Engineer's office to conduct a traffic/speed study on Smith Road, from State route 674 to the municipal limits of Lithopolis. This is in response to a request from residents, and the trustees are proposing the speed limit be reduced to 40 mph.

ROLL CALL: Moore: Yes Randles: Yes Smith: yes

Resolution approved 3-0.

### **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

**Motion** by Moore, second by Randles to receive and file minutes of the mtg held 5/11/11. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Randles, second by Moore to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$44,537.60 and charges in the amount of \$118,045.04 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

- Reminder to dept. supervisors and trustees to submit budget items by next week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/NEW BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS from the trustees:**

- David Lowery filed amendment to Petition for Annexation to have 5.2675 Acres in Bloom Twp annexed to the Village of Lithopolis. The trustees discussed the matter.

-Newsletter : The trustees agreed that the newsletter draft is ready to be published.

-Update on HB 153: Moore reported the Ohio Senate passed HB 153. House refused to concur on Senate changes so a conference committee will be convened to work out the differences. Senate version grants the state, counties and schools, not the townships, the option of hiring design-build firm for public improvement up to \$600,000. House version was more favorable for townships. Nothing finalized yet.

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator**

-Noxious Weeds: The Board Admin. is preparing packets for noxious weeds issues to be reviewed by the county prosecutor's office. They will also discuss the possibility to see if there is interest in her, as a Bloom Twp. employee, to write a newsletter on the county prosecutor's behalf to all of the township trustees/fiscal officers in the county regarding legal advice on common issues.

-Zoning: Former BZA member Kimbra Reinbold has expressed interest in serving on the Zoning Commission.

**Motion** by Moore, second by Randles to appoint Kimbra Reinbold to the vacant seat on the Zoning Commission for the unexpired term. Motion carried 3-0.

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

-He reported he has safety concerns about the diving going on at Rock Mill. EMS crews have been dispatched to the area three times within two weeks. The trustees requested a letter of concern be sent to the Sheriff and Director of Parks regarding safety issues and asking for their assistance in halting this activity for the safety of those involved.

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

-The road crew has been addressing the problems of concern from Mark Heister on Alspach Road regarding gravel from the roadway going onto his property.

-Road dept. storage: He will present plans and estimates for the trustees to consider for driveway and other needs at the new Greencastle property across from the Administrative Office building.

**OTHER:** Township residents Stanley Wilson and Phil Crist discussed plans for the county to ask voters to approve a levy for the historical parks in November. They asked the trustees to pass along information to any resident who may inquire about the matter.

**Motion** by Moore, second by Randles for an executive session for employment duties. Motion carried 3-0.

Following the executive session, Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph E. Smith, Chair

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David L. Cyphert, Fiscal Officer