

<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 07/27/2011

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:

Jeff Baird from County Engineer's Office: discussed a major drainage and road-widening project that had been previously discussed by the trustees for Sitterley Road south of Marcy Road. Baird presented several options for the trustees to consider. Project estimates ranged from \$287,341 to \$362,459 for the drainage project and widening of the road. The board could opt to do just the drainage option at an estimated cost of \$175,000. He said that would protect the existing road and the patching of the road would hold up better. Moore said we need to consider the cost of this project and the cost of the storage barn we have been discussing and make some decisions.

Fiscal Officer Dave Cyphert said there is about \$199,000 set aside for the project and Randles said he prefers addressing the drainage and not do the paving. The trustees will review the options and discuss at the next meeting. Baird needs to know soon how we want to proceed because further engineering needs to be done. He could bid out by October or November and do the project November of next year. He will wait to hear from Moore before proceeding.

Baird also presented speed studies for Kauffman Road. The trustees would like to have seen a change to 35 mph instead of 45 mph which the studies recommended.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve the lowering of the speed limit on Kauffman Road to 45 mph. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike Nienkark who is the homeowner that Randles spoke to regarding drainage issue on Charity Drive inquired as to the status of the investigation. Road Supervisor Solt said he took some road elevations and is he obtaining pricing for a trench drain. Solt hopes to complete the project before this fall.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: by David L. Cyphert

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to receive and file minutes of the meeting held 7/13/11. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles to approve payment of \$2051.93 to Summral Tires for work for Medic 551. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$21,826.92 and charges in the amount \$52,141.36 having been certified by the Fiscal Officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

Fiscal Officer Cyphert also reported:

- Contract for Sodium Chloride was awarded by the state to American Rock Salt Company.
- PO was received from Lithopolis for the collaborative effort between the township and the village for repairs to Delaware Street/Smith Road. He has been working with the Lithopolis FO to arrange the financial details.
- Cyphert announced the County Engineer is notifying us about guardrail federal funding available which Fiscal Officer Cyphert will look into.

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

- update on county association meeting: Cyphert's, Smith, & Moore attended and received some mixed information on noxious weeds but determined the best practice is to follow the advice from the Prosecutor's Office which has approved the Bloom Twp. Policy.
- Moore: she was asked by Adam Lanier if we want to pursue application for OPWC grant for phase (2) of Kauffman Road at a cost of approximately \$300.00. The trustees agreed to pursue the application. Moore will notify Lockwood Lanier to complete the application.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Administrator

-Update on Rock Mill: the illegal jumpers are still showing up but she spoke with the sheriff's office and they dispatched two cruisers to the area to notify the trespassers to leave. The safety issue seems to be improving.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Terry Gill, Fire Chief

- He updated the trustees about medical helicopter issues.
- Medic Staffing: He proposed staffing one shift with a part-time person due to leave time being used. The new engine goes on about 1000 runs (5,000 miles) annually, and about 25% are mutual aid. The engine truck is often needed as back up, especially on auto accidents. 3 people on the medic unit and 3 on the engine would be his preferred scenario. He proposed using a part time person for Unit 2 which would address the situation above. Cost savings would be in turn-out gear as well. The plan will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Motion by Moore, second by Randles, effective August 1 to allow the usage of another part time firefighter for Unit 2 through December 31, 2011 at which time the trustees will review the need and financial situation. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion about EMS billing in the future that could help address salary requirements for the extra person plus for medical supplies.

Motion by Randles, second by Moore to promote Daniel Cain and Kirk Sigman from volunteer status to part time effective AUG 1, 2011. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT: by Randy Solt, Road Supervisor

-Report on Storm Damage: trees were down on Mason Road. Smith and Randles helped clear the debris plus the road department employees were working on numerous other township roads cleaning up downed limbs. Moore was notified by the Sheriff's Office that a resident was throwing limbs into the roadway on Sitterley Road. She communicated with the road department regarding the reported problem. Solt said mowing projects are very active right now. Solt said he will notify the Board Administrator about publicizing road projects in the neighborhoods where they are planned once he knows the schedule.

Joe Smith, Brian Randles, Carol Moore, and Dave Cyphert thanked the Bay family for their service to Bloom Twp. over many years at Bay's IGA. Smith adjourned the meeting.