

>>>BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/23/05<<<

Joseph Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Smith, Larry Coyle, David Petty and Carol Moore, Clerk. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin. & Bldg/Zoning Admin; Randy Solt, Acting Road Department Supervisor; Terry Gill, Fire Chief; and several interested citizens. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Lt. Tim Vorhis of Fairfield County Sheriff's Office complimented the new township office facility. Said they are working on getting laptop computers for cruisers for LEADS and mapping information.

National Incident Command Training for EMA was completed in Lancaster. They held a mock disaster of a semi truck blowing up. Halloween weekend netted 48 violations along the Route 33 corridor.

Cruisers are fueling at Engineer's Office to save money. Cruisers are trying to sit 15 minutes out of each hour to save fuel. Reviewing call for service list to improve services to citizens. No problems reported in Bloom Township but some graffiti found in other townships and charges are pending. Seven juveniles and one adult charged with spray-painting signs throughout the southwestern part of the county. Lt. Vorhis says to let him know if any signs were damaged in Bloom Twp.

Canal Winchester Council renewed its contract with Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Vorhis thanked Trustee Coyle for his service and dedication to the residents of Bloom Township. Said Coyle has always done a good job.

Smith told Lt. Vorhis the township plans to post lower speed limit (40 mph) signs on Slough Road between Mason and Amanda Northern per instructions from the county engineer's office.

**CLERK REPORT**

- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to approve minutes of regular meeting held 11-09-05 and special meeting held 11-19-05. Motion carried, 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$132,452.67 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$38,928.44 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried, 3-0
- Moore proposed passing a retroactive resolution designating from which funds the trustees' salaries would be paid for 2005. She explained that although this has not been past practice for Bloom Twp, review of other township audits on the State Auditor's website suggests this would be good practice.

**RESOLUTION #61-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** retroactive to JAN 1, 2005, to pay all three trustees' salaries and Medicare from Road and Bridge Fund (2031) for eleven months and to pay all three trustees' salaries and Medicare from General Fund (1000) for one month to reflect the duties of the trustees. Further, in order to accomplish this, funds are moved within the General Fund as follows: Move \$1,500.00 from 1000-120-323 *Repairs and Maintenance* and \$2,000.00 from 1000-130-190 *Other Salaries* to 1000-110-111 *Salary Trustees*. Motion by Petty, second by Coyle.

ROLL CALL: Coyle-yes; Petty-yes; Smith-yes. Resolution carried 3-0.

- Clerk received "CHANGE TWO" of the County's Emergency Operations Plan. Moore asked who maintains this document. Gill said he maintains the document and will review the new supplement after the meeting. Cyphert said there is also a copy maintained in the Board Office.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Coyle stated we received a resolution for passage from Moots, Carter & Hogan to oppose the annexation of approximately 301.7 acres from Bloom and Violet townships. Moore said the annexation petition was filed November 4, 2005, and is a second attempt to annex this property into Lithopolis. This resolution would need to be passed by the Board of Trustees and filed with the Fairfield County Commissioners on or before November 29, 2005, if the trustees so choose. Thus far, MOOTS, CARTER & HOGAN have been paid \$3,214.35 of the \$5,000 previously approved for this legal representation.

**RESOLUTION #62-2005:** Motion by Coyle, second by Petty to adopt the resolution as presented by legal firm Moots, Carter & Hogan opposing the annexation of approximately 301.7 acres to Lithopolis. ROLL CALL: Coyle-yes; Petty-yes; Smith-yes. Resolution carried 3-0.

Further discussion. Petty said the annexation would create an island that would include his property and he would be cut off if he wanted to annex into Canal Winchester. It would remove any choice for him in the future.

- Smith asked Cyphert for an update on the Road Worker I applications. Cyphert said she has received about 25 applications.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Motion** by Petty, Second by Coyle to appoint Smith and Petty to serve on the board of the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund for 2006. Motion carried, 3-0.

**BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:** Nothing to report.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Chief Gill reported that the front line medic has been in for brake and tire repair and the bill would be over \$750.00. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve the expense. Motion carried, 3-0.
- Gill is working on obtaining the same GIS mapping program that the Sheriff's Office is looking at. He hopes there may be funding for this purpose in the future through the Homeland Security program.
- Gill said the Road Department now has possession of the former Fire Chief's pick-up truck. Gill's replacement vehicle is not in service yet because they are still working on the light bar replacement.
- Gill has further researched the need for tornado sirens and says that was the topic at a recent Homeland Security meeting. EMA Director Tom Moe said the tornado sirens are designed for outdoor audio and are not designed to be heard inside the home. The EMA wants to get the word out that a combination of sirens and individual home weather radios needs to be used. Moe has discovered 50 sirens in a warehouse in Cuyahoga Falls that have been deemed surplus. Gill has requested four of those. Gill said Moe will have a better idea if he can get those after the February EMA meeting. Gill would like to install these throughout the township. Grant opportunities may be available. If only one siren would become available he thinks it should go in a populated area. Gill said the next most populated area after Lithopolis is the Collegeview area. Gill would like to put the purchase of sirens on hold because Moe is optimistic about acquiring the surplus sirens. Petty said that no one wanted the surplus sirens until they found out that other people wanted them. Gill said he is looking into applying for a grant for 3,000 weather radios for residents.
- Gill stated he has two strong candidates he would like to add to his list of volunteer firefighters. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to appoint the two candidates as volunteer firefighters effective 11-23-05 with a one year probationary period. Motion carried, 3-0. Names on file with the Fire Chief and with payroll records.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Solt discussed two incidents where guardrails were damaged on Amanda Northern Road. He got the sheriff's report and estimate of \$1,000 for repair for the guardrail where a car caused damage on November 13<sup>th</sup>. He got a price of \$450 for repair of the guardrail where a fallen tree did the damage. Trustees instructed Solt to contact our insurance carrier to see if they are going to reimburse us.
- Letter from Fairfield County Engineer about signage requirements for Slough Road was presented. Solt reported the Road Dept. has already installed the signs on Slough Road between Mason and Amanda Northern as instructed.
- Solt said the brakes on the #4 dump truck need replaced at a price of \$1,250 which could go higher once Company Wrench looks into it. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve up to \$1,750 for brake repair to Road Dept. #4 dump truck. Motion carried 3-0.

- Solt contacted Canal Winchester Bus Superintendent to request she ask her bus drivers to slow down when using the township Greencastle Office parking lot as children sometimes play in the parking lot.

**OTHER:**

- Road Department employment resumes have been received. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to go into executive session to review Road Worker I applications. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to come out of executive session for the purpose of reviewing Road Worker I applications. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to set two special meetings for interviewing Road Worker I candidates: Monday, November 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. Further, that applicants will be notified by Cyphert if they have been selected for an interview. Those who are not offered an interview will be notified by letter. All applications will be kept on file for at least two years. Motion carried, 3-0.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph Smith  
Chairperson

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Carol J. Moore  
Clerk