

>>>**BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 11/09/05**<<<

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; Tom Scholl, Road Department Superintendent; Terry Gill, Fire Chief; newly elected trustee beginning 2006, Brian Randles; and several interested citizens. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Smith gave the floor to Trustee Larry Coyle. Coyle congratulated Brian Randles and David Petty for winning the trustee election. Coyle said he will do whatever he can to make the transition as smooth as possible in January.
- Smith then opened the floor to public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Robert Stebelton said that due to the election results he won't have to put in any more manufactured homes.

**CLERK REPORT**

- **Motion** by Coyle second by Petty to approve minutes of special meeting held 10-29-05. Motion carried 3-0.
- 1 Discussion of \$800 bill for Issue II Application. Moore said the bill needs trustee approval but also asked if that was the final bill. Coyle said it was for driving the road and the application fee but no other knowledge than that. **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to pay the \$800 invoice. Motion carried 3-0.
- 2 **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$27,825.22 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$47,312.55 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3 **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to approve supplemental appropriation transfer within the ROAD & BRIDGE FUND in order to pay Road Dept share of truck purchase. Move \$10,000 from 2031-760-740 (Machinery, Equipment, Furniture) to 1000-760-750 Motor Vehicles). Motion carried 3-0.
- 4 Announcements:
  - o Maurine Markwood, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, has left the Prosecutor's Office. She will be missed by Bloom Twp. Moore said Markwood was always good at getting back to the township with legal advice and was great to work with.
  - o Fairfield County Assoc of Trustees and Clerks Annual Banquet 12/11/05 @ 6:00 p.m. @ Rodeway Inn, Lancaster.
  - o Received from Ohio Dept of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control: NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES concerning Permit Renewal Objections.
  - o Board of Health will be addressing the plumbing resolution Thurs. 11-10-05 at 6:00 at Fairfield Medical Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room. This is 3<sup>rd</sup> reading & Board of Health wants public input from trustees.
- REMINDER TO DEPT HEADS: All bills are due to the clerk by DEC 14. Any bills that will come due in January that are incurred in December need to be reported to the clerk so a purchase order can be created to carryover to the new fiscal year. If anything is put on a charge account like Lowes, Bolenbaugh etc. after DEC 14, you need to get that information to the clerk immediately so that a carryover purchase order can be created for the bill to be paid in 2006.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Approximately 301.7 acre Annexation filed November 4, 2005: Coyle reported that due to Lithopolis's improper filing of their request, they have re-filed properly. Another public hearing will be necessary. He stated he will be meeting with Eric Sandine from Lithopolis and Mayor Jeff Miller from Canal Winchester to discuss the issue.
- Coyle reported that township attorney Jerrold Schwarz has drawn up reimbursement and easement agreements for the properties on Alspach Road involving the drainage issue. Coyle will handle the signing of these agreements.
- Coyle said the Vance drainage issue was discussed with the county engineer who assured him he will send it to the county commissioners to schedule a viewing of the area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to approve holding the Zoning Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at a cost not to exceed last year's amount with arrangements being handled by the Zoning Administrator. Motion carried 3-0.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve the request from Columbia Gas to work in township right of way at Mason Road South of Winchester after right of way permit fee of \$50 is paid to the township and conditioned upon Columbia Gas restoring the right of way to its original or better condition. Motion carried 3-0.

**BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:**

- Cyphert stated she would be out of the office using a combination of sick leave and vacation leave for part of next week due to a medical procedure.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Gill reported that severe weather last night caused them to re-evaluate their tornado sirens. A Collegeview resident sent an email asking for a siren to be installed so their neighborhood could hear it. Gill stated that Tom Moe with Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency has a plan through Homeland Security. They sent a survey to townships and villages to determine the need for sirens. Bloom Township would need five sirens. Gill said the cost would be about \$15,000 for each siren. He recommended Bloom Township buy one siren to begin with and locate it in the center of the township.

Discussion of where the funds would come from and where siren(s) could be mounted. Smith asked Will Yaple who works for Violet Township if their sirens can be heard in Lockville. Yaple said he thinks so. Scholl asked why the siren last night blew so long. Gill said it was probably from Franklin County. He said our sirens are activated and shut off by the sheriff's office.

Stebelton recommended checking on locating it at the cell tower site on Pickerington Road. Randles offered to contact the cell tower owners. Gill said he thinks he has the phone number already.

Smith said he will discuss the need with the American Legion to see if they could donate funds for the project. He suggested the funds given to the volunteer association could be earmarked for sirens. Gill said a diesel generator was purchased recently with funds from the American Legion. Smith said the fire department could also solicit donations from the public.

- Gill reported that one of his firefighters who works part-time for Bloom Township and full time for Greenfield Township is to be commended for reporting a house fire in Bloom Township as he was driving by with his family, and for helping save the cats, toys, furniture and other belongings. The off-duty firefighter kicked in the back door to look for people inside. The fire department responded within seven minutes and used foam to extinguish the fire, thus minimizing water damage. Gill said the firefighters did an excellent job in minimizing the damage to the house and its contents.
- Gill said he met with Brooks Davis about a proposed housing subdivision that would like to enter into a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) agreement with the township that would help pay for fire services and school. He is concerned about promoting a development when it would be costly to the township. The development would be located in Bloom and Violet Townships. He said the current levy funds would not cover the costs of the fire department if this development is built out. The project is just in the discussion stages right now. Scholl also met with him about costs that the Road Department would incur if a development took place.
- Gill presented a picture of the SUV he is looking at purchasing to use as the Chief Mobile. It is a 2000 Ford Excursion XLT four door 4x4. He said he is concerned the public may think they spent \$44,000 on the vehicle when they spent less than \$15,000.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Randy Solt of the Road Department presented a report on the Mini Excavator that was just delivered.
- Solt said the truck they are taking possession of from the Fire Dept. will need county tags and a new set of tool boxes at a cost of about \$500. Moore will apply for the tags. Truck will also

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need new lettering. The light bar will stay on the truck but they will change the color of the light to amber. He asked for up to \$1,000 to spend for equipping the truck. Moore verified \$1,000 is available.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve up to \$1,000 for equipping the truck that is being transferred from the Fire Department to the Road Department. Motion carried 3-0.

- Smith asked if the township cut trees down for Gary Benedum. Solt said they did not. Smith said the tree has been cut down and is in our right of way and is more of a safety issue now than it was before. Smith directed the Road Dept to take a backhoe or a truck out there and push the tree out of the right of way because it is a road hazard right now.
- Discussion of recycle bin that is stored at Benedum's. Bloom Township is obligated to keep the bin for 10 years due to the grant requirements associated with the recycle bin. Solt agreed to move the bin back to township property.
- Smith made an official announcement to advertise for a Road Worker I position. Cyphert offered to place the ad for the position in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette. She requested the Board Chair to approve the job description wording before she sends it to the paper. All trustees agreed.

**OTHER:**

**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle for Executive session to discuss employee pay and benefits and other employment issues. Motion carried, 3-0. Smith announced to those in attendance that there might be action taken following executive session.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to come out of executive session. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to change "Columbia Gas" to "SBC" in the previous motion concerning permission to work in the right of way on Mason Road. Motion carried, 3-0.

- Moore stated that Road Superintendent Tom Scholl has submitted a letter to the trustees announcing his retirement. Moore read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #59-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the retirement date of March 1, 2006, for John Thomas Scholl, Bloom Township Road Superintendent, is accepted. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees approves Mr. Scholl's request to remain on sick leave, per his physician's statement until his retirement date of March 1, 2006. Motion by Petty, second by Coyle. Roll Call: Coyle-Yes; Petty-Yes; Smith-Yes. Resolution carried, 3-0.

**RESOLUTION #60-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that Randy Solt is appointed Acting Supervisor for the Road Department until further notice with a supplemental pay of \$.75 per hour in addition to his regular hourly rate. Motion by Petty, second by Coyle. Roll Call: Coyle-Yes; Petty-Yes; Smith-Yes. Resolution carried, 3-0.

- Discussion of need for a third Road Department worker if we get snow or storms.  
**Motion** by Petty to give the Acting Road Supervisor the authority to hire emergency help at the rate of \$10.00 per hour. Further moved, that he also notify the Board of Trustees Chair of the temporary hire. Motion carried 3-0.

- Discussion of Salt Contract with Lithopolis.  
**Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve Salt Contract with the Village of Lithopolis with terms the same as last year except for the increase in price. Motion carried 3-0.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

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Joseph Smith  
Chairperson

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Carol J. Moore  
Clerk