

**BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING 12/14/05 6:30 P.M.**

Joseph Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Greencastle Board Office. 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; and several firefighters. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with members of I.A.F.F. Local 3465 to discuss departmental issues. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lt. Frank Reis updated the trustees on several insurance proposals. Lt. Reis reported that the union members had voted to request the insurance proposal with Medical Mutual due to the benefits. The trustees agreed that it is the most comparable to the current policy.

Lt. Reis reported that Gretchen of Trimmer Insurance will provide a new proposed dental policy with Guardian Ins. because Medical Mutual does not offer dental coverage if the individual is not also taking the medical coverage. Lt. Reis said the life insurance will also have to be changed from Anthem. He said Gretchen said the life ins. Should be similar in cost for the same coverage.

Question was asked if the trustees had set a date for hiring a new firefighter. Smith said no.

Trustee Smith reminded the firefighters that the American Legion has been very generous to the Fire Association and it would be nice if they would volunteer their time to assist the Legion with their Steak Dinner.

Question regarding tornado sirens: Brad Shull said they are not very useful unless you live right under them. He said the sirens benefit people at a sporting event, outside. For citizens in their homes, he said NOAA Weather Radios are the most effective warning system.

The next quarterly meeting between the trustees and the union was discussed. Shull said they would like to continue meeting quarterly in 2006. Possible first meeting date would be the first meeting in March; all agreed the first meeting would be better than the second meeting of the month. The time of 6:30 p.m. was agreed to as the best starting time, prior to a regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Smith.

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Joseph Smith  
Chairperson

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Carol J. Moore  
Clerk