

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 12/28/05>>>

Joseph Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Trustees Smith, Larry Coyle, David Petty and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin. & Bldg/Zoning Admin; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor; Ester Coyle; Trustee Elect Brian Randles; and several interested citizens. Fire Dept. Chief Gill arrived during the meeting.

Note: Swearing-in of trustees David Petty and Brian Randles took place just prior to this meeting.

Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Cyphert then read aloud a **RESOLUTION (68-05)** of appreciation for outgoing Trustee Larry Coyle.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LARRY COYLE**

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle has served two terms on the Bloom Township Board of Trustees, and prior to that as a volunteer on the Bloom Township Zoning Commission and has devoted countless hours to the duties as a trustee; and

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle has been instrumental in developing technology needs for the administrative office and zoning department;

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle has served as Bloom Township's liaison to Regional Planning Commission and various sub-committees thereof;

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle initiated the purchase of the new Bloom Township Administrative Office and served as liaison in the purchase process;

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle served as the Board's representative for solving drainage issues within the township;

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle initiated the process for developing a township Comprehensive Land Use Plan;

*Whereas;* Larry Coyle has devoted eight years of his life to the enhancement of lifestyle for the residents of Bloom Township

Therefore, be it resolved by the Bloom Township Board of Trustees that our sincere appreciation is extended to Larry Coyle for all of his endeavors he has dedicated to Bloom Township.

Motion by Petty, second by Smith.

ROLL CALL: Petty-yes; Smith-yes; Coyle-Abstained. Resolutions carried.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve minutes of regular meeting held 12-14-05. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$37,460.05 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$51,211.01 having been certified by the FO that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve supplemental transfer within funds to meet year end expenses as follows:
  - FROM 1000-110-122 Salaries – Clerk's Staff TO 1000-110-330 Travel and Meeting Expenses, \$400.00.
  - FROM 2181-130-190 Salaries TO 2181-130-330 Travel and Meeting Expenses, \$300.00.Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to set the 2006 Organization Meeting followed by a regular business meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty for resolutions numbered 69-05 through 75-05:  
**RESOLUTION #69-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the trustees and fiscal officer be paid the maximum salary allowed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) for FY06.

**RESOLUTION #70-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the purchase of Health benefits for David Petty and Brian Randles to be commensurate with their terms of office is approved.

**RESOLUTION #71-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the mileage reimbursement rate continues to be the same as the Standard Mileage Rates set by the IRS. (NOTE: Current rate is set at 44.5 cents per mile for business miles driven beginning 1-1-06.)

**RESOLUTION #72-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to close out the year, do FY06 appropriations and present them to the trustees for approval at the next regular meeting so that bills can be paid at that meeting.

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**RESOLUTION #73-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to do supplemental appropriations between meetings for subsequent approval by the trustees at the following meeting.

**RESOLUTION #74-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the fiscal officer is authorized to create Super Blanket Certificates for a period of up to one year.

**RESOLUTION #75-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that the Fiscal Officer is authorized to request advanced draws on taxes during FY06.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Petty reported on the Fairfield County Commissioners' ruling on a residential developer's request for a 15 year Tax Increment Funding (TIF), \$20 million for about 1100 acres in both Bloom and Violet Townships. The County Commissioners met with Larry Coyle, David Petty, and Terry Gill to discuss the concerns of the townships. The Commissioners questioned the last-minuteness of the TIF prior to the law changing in January 2006. The commissioners did not see the merits of the request of the developer and did not approve the request. A Violet Township trustee told the commissioners the developers will most likely continue discussing development in 2006.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trustee Smith said that the trustees elected not to have Arborturf cut a tree on Gary Benedum's property and then Benedum had Arbaugh Tree Service cut it for \$250. Smith said Benedum is here to request reimbursement in the amount of \$250 for the tree cutting and removal which was done by Arbaugh Tree Service. Benedum said Ken Ellinger told him it was in the minutes that the trustees had appropriated the money for the tree removal. The trustees agreed no money had been approved for the tree work.

Moore reminded the trustees that the township has a contract with Arborturf for tree work for FY05. She said the trustees had agreed that any tree work by Arborturf in 2005 would have to be approved and that the trustees had not chosen to approve any yet under the current contract. Discussion by the trustees of how the township might be able to reimburse Benedum. It was decided that payment to Benedum for the tree removal services done by Arbaugh would violate the current FY05 contract with Arborturf and therefore there would be no reimbursement.

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

- Cyphert had nothing to report but will have a lot on the next agenda.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Gill said he was satisfied that the developer of the TIF request was offering an incentive to build a fire station.
- Gill reported he has two firefighters planning to go to the Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indianapolis. **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to approved the Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indianapolis in March. Motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Solt reported Amanda Northern guardrail has been repaired. He said his two brothers are willing to work on a part time emergency basis for the township. After some discussion, the trustees instructed Solt to use two finalists from the recent Road Worker interviews for the part time emergency help. Moore stated she could provide him with the applicants' phone numbers following the meeting.

**OTHER:**

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to enter into executive session for discussion of personnel wages within the Road Department. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned by Smith.

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Joseph Smith  
Chairperson

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Carol J. Moore  
Fiscal Officer