

>>>BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 02/23/05<<<

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, Admin. of Board Office & Bldg/Zoning; Tom Scholl, Road Department Superintendent; Terry Gill, Fire Chief; and interested citizens. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Pat Sheridan: Road Limit Concerns. He is building a house in the DiYanni development and is concerned his construction will fall behind if the road limits are not lifted.
- Mark Blair and Clyde Tucker: residents are concerned about safety and noise of target shooting and want the noise resolution amended to address the shooting noise. Blair said it is an oxymoron to have a noise resolution allowing trapshooting on residential roads. The trustees agreed to research the issue with the Ohio Township Association. Petty suggested the residents send a letter to the trustees addressing this problem. The trustees would then send a letter to the Sheriff with the residents' letter attached.
- **Public Comment on Proposal to adopt the 2004 Residential Code of Ohio:** Cyphert offered those present a chance to comment on the 2004 Residential Code of Ohio. No one offered comments.

CLERK REPORT:

- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty, to approve minutes of the 2-9-05 regular meeting. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$74,485.52 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$48,479.23 after being certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion passed 3-0.
- **RESOLUTION #17-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** that supplemental transfer from 2031-760-750 Motor Vehicles to 2031-330-360 Contracted Services is approved. This is due to additional funds needed to pay Arborturf bill (\$34,010) plus additional funds needed for tree/debris work needed for the remainder of 2005. Motion by Petty, second by Coyle.

ROLL CALL:

Coyle: yes

Petty: yes

Smith: yes

Resolution carried 3-0.

- **Motion** by Petty, Second by Coyle, to grant Aimee Hunkele 4 hours of holiday pay for each holiday in accordance with the guidelines that apply to non-fire employees, due to the increase in her hours. To be effective with Presidents Day 2005. Motion passed 3-0.
- Upcoming Meetings: The Clerk reminded the trustees of the following meetings and information:
 - **FEB 24 at 6:30.** Annual Twp Trustee meeting with Fairfield County County Engineer, Fair Avenue.
 - Letter faxed from Fairfield County EMA: Must attend this presentation if Twp hopes to receive FEMA assistance. Clerk should also attend. Must **RSVP** to Tom Moe, Director or Matthew Keefe, Deputy Director. **Friday, Feb 25 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Fairfield County Courthouse (210 E. Main St, Lanc.) The clerk and fire chief will attend the meeting. Petty briefed the board on his attendance at a FEMA Debris Management meeting wherein he learned about reimbursement from the damage from the ice storm within the road and fire departments that was storm related.
 - Fairfield County Dept of Health District Advisory Council meeting is **Monday, MAR 7, 2005.** No one from Bloom Twp went last year. It will be held at the Courthouse in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 3rd floor at 7:00 p.m. Need to return **RSVP** post card. If a trustee is interested in attending, they are to let the clerk know.
 - Letter to elected officials from county commissioners: Meeting **March 8 at 11:45 a.m.** Reservations required by FEB 28th. Cost \$10.00 ea. Clerk will put check in the mail after this trustee meeting. Petty and Coyle will attend.
- 2ND Real Estate Tax advance received \$358,000:

FIRE:	\$250,000
Road & Bridge	\$ 44,000
Road Improvement	\$ 64,000
- Sears credit card renewal. Fire Dept needs to sign out new card expiring 2/2007.

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- Smith asked if we are using Bootsies gasoline. No one is using it so Smith will try to work out obtaining credit with the owner. Cannot use Visa credit card because the tax needs to be deducted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Casey McKinnley of DiYanni Homes is proposing to have weight reduction limit sign moved to the eastern most entrance since they have already paved it. He said they will put up a barricade at the west entrance so construction trucks will not use that portion of Smith Road. Petty said he wanted to see a bond posted if the weight limit is lifted. McKinnley proposed posting a \$10,000 bond to be split between DiYanni and Joshua. Scholl said the costs have risen and said a \$15,000 bond is more logical. Both men agreed to the \$15,000 bond.
- Chris Buck of Joshua Homes said they plan to put in a turn lane and he doesn't think it's logical to re-pave any damage until all work is done. Coyle asked if a pot hole pops up would you repair it and Buck said "yes." Buck said if the road breaks up it will be repaired immediately. Coyle asked if that would be put in writing and Buck agreed. A "no-through truck sign" will also be posted and is to be permanent. Weight limit signs to be removed now and Bond to be provided in two weeks at the next trustee meeting.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle: to remove weight limit sign from north end of Smith Road pending successful \$15,000 bond and damages to be repaired in timely manner.
Motion passed 3-0.

- Cemetery Issue: Underpayment from Adams still not collected. Scholl said he has had difficulty contacting the lot owner. Smith asked Scholl to proceed with collection.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Anne Cyphert reported the ISO recommends adoption of the 2004 Residential Code.

RESOLUTION #18-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that Bloom Township adopts the 2004 Residential Code of Ohio (based on 2003 International Residential Code). Motion by Petty, Second by Coyle.

ROLL CALL:

Coyle: yes

Petty: yes

Smith: yes

Resolution carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Gill had nothing to report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Tom Scholl Road Department Superintendent asked if he should continue seeking prices on a pick-up truck. The trustees said yes. He has priced one for \$29,000. The bed would cost \$14,000. Both are on state bid.
- Discussion of tree removal/trimming bids for 2005: The clerk presented an example of bid specifications, a bid evaluation form, and bid ad to the trustees. She said it was difficult to get examples from other townships because most do their own tree work.

Scholl said there are several trees with dangerous hangers. Petty asked what the road department has done. Petty said he drove the roads identified as problem roads and failed to see where contract help was needed and thinks the road department should be doing some of the work instead of using outside contractors.

Scholl said for two days the debris was a major problem. Petty said that was then, what about now? Scholl said his department could do some of the work. The bill from Arboturf was \$34,010 for hauling and tree work. Moore suggested continuing with bid process for work that may be performed by outside contractors during the remainder of 2005 since we have already exceeded the \$25,000 limit prior to bidding.

Terry Cook from Arboturf instructed the township on how to proceed with FEMA work. He said FEMA will pay 100% for the first 70 hours of work if an emergency is declared. Moore suggested the trustees and Scholl study the bid set and discuss it at the next meeting.

Discussion of a chipper: Scholl said the chipper we have is totally unsafe. Scholl has a price for medium size chipper on state bid with trade-in: \$23,860. This is a 12 inch capability with diesel motor. Smith supported the chipper purchase. Moore expressed her

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concern that Bloom Township is unusual in the amount of contracting out for tree debris and removal compared to other townships in our immediate area.

Petty agreed the bid process should proceed with the addition of storm work pricing. Petty agreed to work on the bid packet to make the price list more comprehensive, including a tonnage rate. Cook said we need to use cubic yardage also.

Petty also agreed to the chipper needs but not the pick-up truck at this time. He said we should move \$24,000 to the Machinery appropriation line for the chipper, and then when we get reimbursed for the tree and debris removal from FEMA, we can discuss if there is a need for a new truck.

Smith asked if there was money for a truck. Moore said it would need to come out of another line item. She took \$20,000 from the Vehicle appropriation line to help pay the Arboturf bill and to put money in contracted services line to cover tree work that was being discussed now through the bidding process.

Discussion reverted back to purchase of a chipper. The old chipper will knock \$800 off the bid as a trade-in.

Motion by Petty, Second by Coyle to purchase 12" capacity chipper not to exceed \$24,000 trading-in the old chipper. Motion carried 3-0.

- Petty suggested taking the vacation policy from the fire department contract (minus 33.2 that does not apply) for adoption for non-union employees. He instructed Cyphert to put the issue on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. Moore requested that the sick leave pay-out policy also be discussed at that time. The trustees agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle for executive session for the purpose of discussing employment matters of the road department. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Smith
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Clerk