

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

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; and several interested citizens. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Sam Miller would like the Slough Road encroachment issue to be addressed during the meeting.
- **Motion** by Coyle, second by Petty to approve minutes of the 05-06-05 Special Meeting, 5-11-05 Special Meeting and 4-27-05 Regular Meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

CLERK REPORT:

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$13,189.41 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$38,289.28 after being certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve payment of \$4,425.00 bill submitted by M-E. Moore stated this is the first payment to M-E for the Greencastle Project. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to approve deed transfer of Lot # 109-B in Wesley Chapel from Sharon Van Meter to Mary Rooker. Motion passed 3-0.
- 2006 Budget time-line: Moore presented a time-line for completing the 2006 budget. ORC sets May 31 as the deadline for department heads to submit estimate of contemplated revenue and expenditure for the ensuing fiscal year (O.R.C.5705.28). Moore extended the deadline to June 8 for department heads this year.
- Change Order for Greencastle Office Project: Barry Holmes had contacted Moore regarding a problem with the drawings not specifying rebar for the concrete ramps. The original architect Trepicone did not respond to Holmes's request for a letter to take to the State for approval for the rebar. Trepicone's phone number has been disconnected. Holmes will have an M-E engineer write the letter for the change. A change order will be presented to the trustees by Holmes. Holmes projects the additional cost to be \$300-\$400.
- For the record, we now have an address for the "annex" building at Greencastle. The address is 8512 Lithopolis Road, Canal Winchester 43110. Discussion of the new address: should it be Carroll rather than Canal Winchester? Moore will check with the Engineer's Office.
- A company called D-C Cunningham was using our water this evening claiming they were spraying guard rails. The concern is whether they have permission to use our water. No one was aware of any permission granted to the company. Moore will conduct further inquiry.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to enter into agreement (on file) with Violet Township for apportionment of boundary roads. Trustees signed the agreement with Violet Twp. for apportionment of boundary roads. Motion carried 3-0.
- FEMA report from Dave Petty: Petty reported that the total from the FEMA grant application, including the State share, would be approximately \$29,000. The check should be arriving soon.
- Drainage Issue at Sitterley/Alspatch: Smith reported there was a meeting last Friday and the cost will be split between the property owners. The engineer's office will draw up the surveys. Coyle said the township desires to cooperate. Smith said the problem was created by a developer in the area.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

BLDG/ZONING/& BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Anne Cyphert reported that CountryTyme Development has submitted a preliminary plan for a new subdivision connecting with Fairfield Farms. She said there is a comment sheet for the trustees and department heads to sign after reviewing the plans. She asked that it be returned by next week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Terry Gill reported the Pierce Engine Truck was inspected and the front rotors are cracked. The repair is anticipated to cost over \$1400. He plans to budget for an engine brake on it next year. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to authorize the expenditure up to \$2000 for repair of Pierce brakes. Motion passed 3-0.
- Gill asked the trustees for a decision on the Drug Free Work Place policy that he provided to the trustees at the previous meeting. The trustees reminded him that the union must still agree to it. The trustees asked which comes first, the union agreement or the policy? Gill stated the policy first and then the agreement with the union. Gill presented the trustees with a letter that will be given to each employee. **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to accept the Drug Free Work Place Policy. Motion carried 3-0.
- Gill extended an invitation to the trustees to view a fire station proposed by an architect in Leesburg Ohio. He will be going May 25, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. to view the station.

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- Gill stated that a testing policy is needed to fill two vacancies within his department. He has two testing programs, a written and oral assessment center. T.G. Gurile Company is willing to do the testing process at a cost of \$1800. The process uses three other fire chiefs who do the interviews that are expected to last about an hour.

Discussion regarding the hiring of additional firefighters. Petty said he thought the trustees decided to hire one fulltime firefighter in July and another one in the fall.

Moore stated that a review of previous minutes would show that the decision to hire an additional fulltime firefighter was going to be reviewed by the trustees in the June/July timeframe, but that no decision to hire had been made. Gill said regardless, a running list of candidates should be available. Moore said the fire salary budget is already higher than anticipated. Smith said the decision whether to hire an additional firefighter could be looked at with the upcoming planning of the 2006 budget. Gill said the \$1800 could come from the Education Fund in the budget.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle to establish an employment list and to approve up to \$1800 for T.G. Gurile for the testing procedures. Motion carried 3-0.

Petty asked when we can make a decision as to how many new people can be hired. Moore suggested that decision be made after assessing the fire budget for the remainder of this year. Gill said the fire truck in Florida will not be purchased by the township because it will not meet the department needs. He said personnel is priority and that could be followed by a substation. He said a new vehicle is at the bottom of the priority list.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Tom Scholl presented a list of the roads he proposes to have work performed on this summer for the summer maintenance project by Shelly Company. The cost is projected to be \$292,196.67.

Motion by Coyle, second by Petty, to accept the list of road projects as presented by Scholl. Motion carried 3-0.

- Scholl also stated he needs assistance from Rick Althouse for a backhoe for loading and unloading. He has 10 culverts to put in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding Slough Road encroachment issue between trustees and neighbors, Nancy Morehart, and Sam and Nancy Miller. Smith said the problem needs to be corrected. Mr. Miller said he is upset nothing has been done and something needs to be resolved. Smith said the next time it is paved, then the township will correct the problem. Smith stated the township needs to cut a tree to prepare for the work. Mr. Miller said the road right-of-way is gone. Smith said the roadway needs moved to the north. Scholl stated much earth moving would need to be done.

Mr. Miller asked for a time table as to when the work will be performed. Mr. Miller said the township can claim imminent domain and costs can be determined later. The township will compare costs of imminent domain versus removing the road encroachment. Cyphert said if the township opts for imminent domain, a variance for a smaller lot size may be needed.

Scholl will present cost figures for removing the road encroachment to the board of trustees. He thinks it may cost around \$10,000 to \$15,000. The trustees said the road crew will cut the tree down in the near future and that Arborturf will not be needed for that project. Smith said let's get something in black and white by June 8th to have the information to make the decision.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Smith
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Clerk