

>>>BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 07/13/05<<<

Joseph Smith, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Smith, Larry Coyle, David Petty and Carol Moore, Clerk. Also present were Fire Chief Terry Gill, Road Superintendent Tom Scholl and interested citizens. Smith led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chuck Schultz of Cedar Hill Road complemented the Road Department on the great job they are doing maintaining the roads. He said it is a dangerous job and they are to be commended.
- Smith announced that the Budget Hearing had been held just prior to this meeting. He asked Moore if she had any comment to make concerning the budget hearing. Moore stated that Chief Gill does an excellent job of monitoring and planning his budget, making the clerk's job easier. Moore expressed appreciation for Petty working with Scholl on the Road budget and Anne Cyphert always keeping an eye on her budget.
- Barry Holmes, M-E Engineering, addressed the trustees on the Greencastle Office Project. Holmes presented problems encountered and offered solutions. He said the handicapped Ramp has a drop-off due to the original architect's drawings. Holmes said the State has approved altering the ramp per the drawing he presented to the trustees. He said it will be less expensive. \$1,320 will be the change order for the change in the sidewalk. The only railing needed would be on the ramp itself.

Holmes is having Casey's Well Drilling move the well. An inside 70 gallon holding tank will be eliminated and replaced by a 15-20 gallon insulated pressure tank placed outside the building. Pump size will increase from 7 gal per minute to 15-25 gal per minute. The existing well will be filled with concrete and capped-off. Coyle asked if there would be any chance of the pipes freezing. Holmes said "no" because everything is underground now.

Holmes said there is no air-conditioning in the offices at all. There is only a small condenser leading into the main meeting room and that it will not adequately cool even that room. Coyle disagreed with Holmes in his assessment of the cooling ability of the current unit. Coyle said people who attended church there said you could turn "it" on and it would heat or cool the sanctuary in 3-4 minutes. Holmes said there is no problem with the heating, but the current system will not adequately cool the building.

The oil furnace downstairs was under water for an undetermined amount of time and it is on its last legs. Holmes said there was water in the basement and it took them three days to pump it out as the current sump pump was not working. Leatherman and Holmes replaced the sump pump.

Holmes presented a proposal for \$2,800 to replace the furnace with another oil furnace. If you want air as well as heat, then the proposal is \$6,259. The front section (to be the zoning public office) is currently heated by a separate oil furnace. Tom Scholl asked if the new furnace could be fueled by natural gas. Discussion of whether or not natural gas is or will be available. Discussion of various solutions to the heating/cooling challenge and various fuels to use; fuel oil, liquid propane, natural gas.

Scholl brought the conversation back to the water in the basement. Holmes said they put in a new sump pump and all new piping on that side. He suggested putting a back-up sump pump in above the one they put in.

The trustees decided Smith would meet with Holmes and the HVAC rep at 4:15 the following day to study the heating/cooling options.

CLERK REPORT:

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle to approve the change order for the sidewalk extension from the side door to the front door due to the drop-off of the current ramp at the side door. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$36,102.71 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$81,255.66 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.

- Announcements:
 - State Audit of Bloom Township will begin Monday, AUG 8. Chief Gill has agreed to host auditors Nicole Fields and Danielle at the Fire Department during the audit period.

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- Fairfield County Engineer's Office is offering CPR classes. Discussion of Bloom Twp Fire Department setting up classes for Bloom employees. Chief Gill says they have 3 or 4 instructors in the department. Gill will set up some classes for Cyphert, Aimee Hunkele and the Road Dept employees. Petty also expressed an interest.
 - 1st Real Estate Tax advance received from 2nd half real estate taxes: Total received is \$208,000 (\$150,000 Fire District, \$34,000 Road Improvement, \$24,000 Road & Bridge).
 - The Sheriff's Office has been billed \$1,365 for personnel & equipment used at Doss Scene, Coonpath Road.
 - Canal Winchester Human Services has requested contributions for their program of van transportation for handicapped and elderly persons who live in the Canal Winchester School District. After discussion, the trustees decided it was not appropriate for the township to contribute funds to this organization. Discussion of past problems when the township did provide funds to a charitable organization.
 - OTARMA ANNUAL REPORT 2004 is available for review.
- Moore stated that another job application had been received for the summer part-time job with the Road Department. Moore asked how she should respond to applicants. Road Superintendent Scholl said he is starting to catch up and he no longer has a need for a part-time employee. Petty and Smith said we need to look at hiring part-time employees earlier in the year. Scholl said the job needs to be advertised better and that we need to pay more than \$8.00 per hour.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Coyle brought up the Alspach and Sitterley drainage problem. Scholl said that Rick Althaus had looked at that area and did not agree with the opinion of the County Engineer's Office. Discussion of the drainage problem. Trustees decided that Coyle would arrange a time for Jeff Baird of the County Engineer's Office and Rick Althaus to meet with the trustees in a special meeting at the site of the drainage problem. The meeting date and time will be announced.
- Coyle brought up the Vance flooding situation on Alspach Road. Coyle stated he has a verbal commitment from the representatives of the Donley farm and the Sheiffer farm that they will give us an easement through both the farms that is a distance of roughly 2,500 feet.

Coyle reported that Baird said he doesn't have time this year and that we should hire Lockwood and Lanier at price of probably \$2,000-\$5,000. Baird will meet with Lockwood and Lanier at the site to get a price for the engineering work. Baird will also take us through the easement process. Donley rep wants to leave the old tile in place and put in all new tile. Scholl said old tile needs to be removed because it snakes thru the field and does not go straight across Alspach Road. Scholl said putting new tile in would break the old tile.

The project will involve survey costs, engineering costs, and the cost of materials and labor.

RESOLUTION #45-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that it has been determined that Alspach Road, Twp Road 182, needs drainage improvement in the vicinity of 11,300 Alspach Road. The improvement would consist of installing a new drainage tile from Alspach Road across the Donley and Sheiffer farms to the open ditch near the Sheiffer farm house. The County Engineer is hereby ordered to prepare surveys, easements, plans and specifications for this improvement.

Motion by Coyle, second by Petty. ROLL CALL: Petty-Yes; Coyle-Yes; Smith-Yes. Resolution passed 3-0.

Discussion of whether or not the Road Department employees can handle the job. Scholl said they can with the help of Rick Althaus.

Moore asked if she would be advised of the cost of the project before work begins. The trustees assured Moore she would have that information so that funds could be properly certified.

Smith said we will get what the cost is and get the easement and then we will proceed with the project.

Coyle said that in summary what we are going to do is the Clerk will get a copy of the minutes to him and he will get them to Baird. Scholl will talk to Rick Althaus and get a price from him. Smith added that Scholl needs to get a cost for the pipe and the cost to hire Rick Althaus. Petty added that Scholl needs to also get the cost of the survey.

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Discussion of what the size of the easement should be. Coyle stated that the representative for the Donleys said they want \$700 for part of the easement. He said Sheiffers will sign-off on it for free.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BLDG/ZONING/& BOARD OFFICE REPORT: Anne Darling Cyphert was out of town; however, she had emailed her report for the meeting. Cyphert requested that the trustees and department heads review the plans from Regional Planning Commission for the following subdivisions and submit any comments to Aimee Hunkele by tomorrow. Willow Wood Subdivision, Fox Chase Subdivision, and Cedar Knoll Subdivision.

Coyle said the only one he saw a problem with was Cedar Knoll. He said he thinks two of those lots are less than 150 foot road frontage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Terry Gill reported that on the 18th the Fire Safety Inspector from the state will come back to Eagle's Nest. The chief of the building department is coming out and Scott Weyland of Eagle's Nest will also be there. Gill said the State representatives promised him they would let him know which direction to go with inspections of the Eagle's Nest.
- The air compressor that the Fire Dept is using part of the American Legion money for is up and running. Firefighter Rex Williams ran the wiring. They used the rest of the money for life pak monitors with bells and whistles on it. Next Fireline newsletter will give the details of these expenditures.
- Chris DeBoard was the person selected to fill the fulltime firefighter paramedic position. Gill asked for a resolution to appoint him as fulltime firefighter as of July 2, 2005.

RESOLUTION #46-05: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that Chris DeBoard is hired as of July 2, 2005, as a fulltime firefighter paramedic on 12 month probationary period.

Motion by Petty, second by Coyle. ROLL CALL: Petty-Yes; Coyle-Yes; Smith-Yes. Resolution passed 3-0.

- Gill requested that Ben Wemer be appointed as a part-time firefighter paramedic as of July 1, 2005, on a 12 month probationary period.
- Gill stated that "Mr. EPA" has been visiting Bloom Township recently because of complaints and Gill has received 3 or 4 letters in the last couple of weeks concerning open burning. Gill stated he wants Aimee Hunkele and Anne Cyphert to include the pamphlet "Ohio EPA Rules on Open Burning" as part of the package when someone requests a building permit. Gill said when someone calls in to complain, the Fire Department has to put the fire out.
- Gill reported that two personal vehicles were broken into last night at the Fire House as well as a neighbor car across the street. Other vehicle break-ins were reported as well in the Lithopolis area.
- Gill reported that Anne Cyphert had written an article about the Fire Dept and they were also in the news for responding to a chemical chlorine spill at the Canal Winchester swimming pool.
- Gill reported that Brad Shull had been deployed to Atlanta, but was undeployed soon thereafter due to a hurricane being less severe than anticipated.
- Gill reminded the trustees that M-E Engineer Barry Holmes had said at the previous trustee meeting that the small building at the Greencastle complex was not worth renovating. He said that, in fact, Holmes said it should have a bulldozer driven through it. Gill presented a sketch of a Fire sub-station that, if located in Greencastle, would provide a 4 minute response time for most of Bloom Township. The sub-station would have 3 bays and living quarters and basement. The building would be 60 wide by 70 long with a 50 foot front ramp, 10 feet behind it and 10 feet on each side of it. It would have 2,400 square feet of living space and would house three vehicles. That would fit right where the current building (Annex) is now. Coyle asked what Gill would do for sewer and water out there. Gill said that is something we would have to find out. Gill said more planning needs to be done, but he wanted to give this idea to the trustees to think about.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Tom Scholl said Kokosing is giving him fits because he doesn't know if he can do the paving on Sitterley and Alspach Road with all the traffic rerouted from the Lithopolis Road project. Scholl told Shelly to hold off for now.
- Scholl said we need to get Anne or someone to write a letter about four pine trees at Mason and Lithopolis Road. Smith said that is a safety hazard. The county took the pines down on the front. As you approach the stop sign on Mason Road and look West you can't see. He

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proposed that Cyphert pull the abstract and get the names and addresses of the property owners at the corner of Mason and Lithopolis Road and have Jerold Schwarz write a letter and give them 20 or 15 or 30 days to remove them from the right of way or we will. Smith said the bad one is at the corner of Amanda Northern and Slough. Smith said we will get Schwarz to write a letter.

- Scholl requested an executive session for personnel matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Noxious Weeds: Smith said we have gotten complaints on noxious weeds on Bonds and the yellow house and 9444 Slough Road, a new house where the grass hasn't been mowed all year. Smith said he will get pictures and give them to Cyphert.
- Smith said he gave a copy of the prosecutor's opinion to the Millers and the Moreharts concerning the Slough Road issue. Smith said his concern is the tree across the street. He said we need to take the hoe out there and dig it up and pull it out of there.
- **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to go into executive session with Tom Scholl to discuss employment matters. Motion carried 3-0.

The three trustees and Tom Scholl held an executive session and upon returning **Motion** by Petty, second by Coyle to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

- Dental Insurance: Brad Shull reported that they had looked into switching to Guardian Dental Insurance. Shull said they voted to stay with Anthem and he said that Cyphert agreed to no change as well.
- Shull said that when driving eastbound on Alspach just before Sitterley Road, there is a big bush tree that hides the stop sign.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Smith
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Clerk