

>>>**BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 09/14/05**<<<

Joseph Smith, President, called the meeting to order. Members present were Smith, Larry Coyle, and Carol Moore, Clerk. Trustee David Petty was absent. Others present were Terry Gill, Fire Chief; Anne Darling Cyphert; Administrator of Building/Zoning./Board Office, Tom Scholl, Road Superintendent; and several interested citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mark Mitchell of Lora Lane, expressed concern over a flyer he saw advertising an event scheduled at Eagles Nest Ranch and Academy for a Country Western Concert to raise money for disabled children. The flyer advertised a “cash bar.”

Cyphert read a letter that was sent to Eagle’s Nest from Jerrold Schwarz, counsel for the Township, that states the event must be cancelled or it may proceed back to court.

Phil Brunney of Sherry Ann Pl. echoed Mitchell’s concerns.

Trustee Smith asked that a letter be sent on behalf of the board of trustees to the sheriff asking whether he has knowledge of or involvement with Eagles Nest being granted temporary liquor licensing, bypassing the trustees altogether.

Carol Alf expressed concern that not enough is being done by elected officials to help her neighborhood. She wonders if the trustees and other officials are being intimidated and rendered ineffective.

Mike Orabella, Alspach Road, stated he is very concerned that the operation is not school related.

Chief Terry Gill stated his department and the State Fire Marshall’s Office inspected the Eagle’s Nest facility and numerous citations were issued. Eagles Nest has a right to appeal within 30 days. Then the state will refer to them as a place of assembly. Gill said Eagle’s Nest is not zoned as a school; it is zoned rural residential.

CLERK REPORT

- **Motion** by Coyle second by Smith, to approve minutes of special meeting of 08-10-05 and 8-24-05 regular meeting. Motion carried, 2-0.
- **Motion** by Coyle second by Smith, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$68,816.41 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$33,639.61 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried, 2-0.
- **Motion** by Coyle second by Smith, to approve supplemental appropriations transferring money within the General Fund as follows in order to certify additional funds as approved for the Greencastle Project at the 8-24-05 meeting.
 - \$3,000 from 1000-110-230 Workers’ Comp to 1000-760-730 Improvement of Sites.
 - \$1000 from 1000-110-410 Office Supplies to 1000-760-730 Improvement of Sites.
 - \$1,600 from 1000-110-342 Postage to 1000-760-730 Improvement of Sites.The clerk certifies that an additional \$5,600 has been added to Improvement of Sites for the Greencastle Project. Motion carried, 2-0.

- **RESOLUTION #52-05** as attached accepting The Rates & Amounts of tax levies. Motion by Coyle, second by Smith. Roll Call: Coyle-Yes; Petty-Absent; Smith-Yes. Resolution carried, 2-0.

- Announcements:
 - Card of praise for Tom Scholl sent to the trustees was read by the clerk.
 - County Commissioners Annual Fall Auction to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005, at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. Any department having items to be auctioned must notify the county commissioners by October 7, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS:

- SBC Damages \$795.95. Still waiting reply.
- Issue II project update. Moore presented the documents to Smith, as chairperson, to complete the application, the clerk’s certification of funds having been signed.
- Greencastle Office Project update: Cyphert stated she met with Barry Holmes of M-E Building Consultants today. She asked the trustees if they had any objections to using Ohio Gas for supplying the propane. No objections were noted. After the gas company installs the tank, we will be closer to obtaining a final occupancy permit.

Coyle presented three ideas for a sign at Greencastle. The trustees decided to have the sign say Bloom Township, Est. 1805, Offices.
- Alspach Road Drainage Project (near Sitterley Rd.): James Bailey objected to the current plan which he said is to use his land and have him pay for it to fix his neighbor’s problem. Bailey said if they re-route the old tile and dig his tile out and leave an open ditch, he won’t be able to mow his property. It was discussed to add 3 more sections of pipe to Bailey’s property and run the open ditch down the property line. Bailey said he had discussed this option with Jeff Baird of the Fairfield County Engineer’s Office. The trustees said as long as the county engineer’s office approves, they concur with Bailey’s plan.

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Smith requested it be noted in these minutes that if there is a problem in the future with that tile, it would have to be fixed. Bailey agreed. Scholl said a hole should be put in at some point in Bailey's pipe with a grate over it to let air in and to drain surface water. Bailey agreed. Bailey will talk to Rick Althouse and his excavator and Beatle about the project.

Smith said he had talked with Beatle and he would like to pay his part at 7% over 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BLDG/ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

Cyphert reported on the following:

- OTA Leadership Academy: Cyphert graduated from this two year program sponsored by the Ohio Township Association and Ohio State University Extension Office. Smith offered his congratulations.
- Hansard and Hazel properties in Greencastle: Cyphert reported the Health Department will be present at a meeting with her regarding possible nuisances at the property. She requested that an inspector from the fire department also be present and she will also request that our building inspector, Don Day, be present. Noxious weeds violations have been sent out to all lien holders and property owners of both properties. She will let the trust
- Cyphert presented a letter to the trustees that she wrote regarding the tire house property owned by Hans Gorsuch on Lithopolis Road. She cited him under the junk part of the zoning resolution and has given him until October 1, 2005 to rid the property of the violations or it will be turned over to legal counsel for possible litigation.
- Cyphert presented a letter to the trustees regarding the Doss properties on Coonpath Road. She cited them for unlicensed junk yard and junk; and running a towing business without a conditional use permit. She has given him 20 days to rid the property of the violations or it will be turned over to legal counsel for possible litigation. Cyphert also informed the trustees that she received a call from a neighbor who was concerned about the noise and that he said he called the sheriff at 3:00 in the morning when the noise was excessive and there were junk trailers on fire.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Gill reported on the following:

- His department responded to the fire at the Doss property again. It has been turned over to the EPA for further investigation. He said when the department responded, there was a track-hoe in use in the middle of the night and a deputy instructed them to turn the track hoe off and cited the noise resolution.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Scholl reported on the following:

- Kokosing has agreed to blacktop the Greencastle Lot if our road crew will dig out the bad spots and Scholl agreed to do that. He will need gravel and limestone for that project. In addition he needs an additional \$2400 for gravel and limestone for the project approved at the last meeting:

Motion by Coyle, second by Smith to approve an additional \$3000 for gravel and limestone materials for the current berming project and for the Greencastle Office parking lot repair. Motion carried, 2-0.

OTHER:

- Coyle received a report from the County Engineer's Office that they will reduce speed from Mason to Amanda Northern on Slough Road from 55 to 40 MPH.
- Smith will contact Darrell Hardin for mowing noxious weeds
- Gill reported that Cyphert did a nice newspaper article on Brad Shull who provided support in the gulf coast area for Hurricane Katrina victims. Shull was deployed for 9 days with his urban search and rescue team for which he serves as a communications specialist. The trustees congratulated and thanked Shull for his service.

Smith adjourned the meeting.

Joseph Smith
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Clerk