

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 1/25/06>>>

David Petty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board Office Admin.& Bldg/Zoning Admin; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Supervisor; and several interested citizens. Petty led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Linda Mitchell of Lora Lane asked if neighbors would be notified if Eagles Nest would apply for a zoning change. Paul LaFayette, Attorney, explained the application and notification procedures. Mark Mitchell asked if property owners would be notified. Reply was that neighbors within 500 feet would be notified of a public hearing.
- Carol Alf: asked if residents would have input. The reply was that public comment is accepted at any public hearing.

CLERK REPORT

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of Organization meeting and regular meeting held 1-12-06; also emergency meeting held 1-16-06 at 5:00 for plumbing issues. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$15,312.23 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$53,078.97 having been certified by the clerk that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements:
 - Amended Certificate of Resources received from the Budget Commission. Estimated revenues for the following funds were increased: General, Road & Bridge, Road Improvement, and Fire.
 - County Engineer's annual meeting with Twp Trustees Thursday, FEB 23, 6:30 p.m.
 - Fiscal Officer and Office Administrator training is Monday, February 6 for Greenapple Website.
 - Wanda Carter of MOOTS, CARTER & HOGAN having session at Winter Conference on "ANNEXATIONS: AGREEMENTS, TAX ISSUES AND SHARED SERVICES." Petty plans to attend. Smith may also attend.
- Former Trustee Larry Coyle reported on a meeting he attended regarding Alspach/Lora Lane Storm Sewer project. He said the engineer's office is contacting the prosecutor's office to go over final details. He said Jeff Baird will get back with us

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fairfield County Trustees & Clerks Assoc. meeting will be hosted by Bloom Twp in March. Discussion of date and plans. It was decided it will be March 4, 2006, at the American Legion and all candidates for the upcoming primary will be invited to speak before the association. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to set the date of March 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion (pending availability) and have Anne Cyphert look into prices for catering. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to enter into executive session for the purpose of meeting with Township legal counsel, trustees, fiscal officer, zoning administrator, fire chief, and any other designated person(s) regarding pending and/or imminent litigation. Motion Carried 3-0.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of unisex restroom appliance needing repair. Aaron Upp of Freeland Contractors told Aimee Hunkele that he is waiting for the wall to be chipped out so he could access the leaking pipe. Moore asked the trustees to assign someone to handle the problem so it would be taken care of. Randles volunteered that he would oversee the repair.
- Petty read aloud a letter from the Assistant State Fire Marshal that expressed appreciation for the Road Department personnel who assisted them in use of the back hoe during a house fire on Rock Mill Road. Petty requested a copy of the letter be put in the personnel file of Randy Solt, Mike Kouns, and Scott Richardson.
- Petty said the mayor of Lithopolis had requested a meeting with the Bloom Township Trustees regarding annexation issues. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to re-schedule the 2/8/06 regular trustee meeting an hour earlier at 6:30 p.m. to meet with Lithopolis Mayor regarding annexation issues. Motion carried 3-0.
- Petty requested that Gill and Solt investigate the cost and feasibility of above ground diesel tanks for township vehicles. Gill stated the cost would be about \$20,000 for 1000 gallon tank.

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- Smith and Randles stated they are looking into exterior lighting solutions and lighting above the trustees in the meeting room.
- Sean Burke, duty officer for Sheriff's Office introduced himself and stated he is available for public questions. Smith stated Former Trustee Coyle reported to him that the Collegeview motorbike racing is becoming a problem again. Burke also invited the public to a benefit concert to establish a scholarship in the memory of Deputy Ethan Collins for students interested in law enforcement education. Burke said he will attempt to attend our township meetings when he can.
- Petty said the Bloom Twp. Firefighters' Association will be present at the 2/22/06 meeting to discuss renewing their contract. Discussion of meeting time change. Decision is not to change meeting time.

BOARD OFFICE AND B&Z ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Cyphert reported an Eagle Scout candidate, in Troop 241, has expressed an interest in possibly erecting a lighted flag pole at our Greencastle offices. She will keep the board updated as to the status of the request.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Gill reported one of his firefighters received a letter from the State Fire Marshall's office expressing their gratitude for his assistance in an investigation. The letter is in the firefighter's personnel file.
- It was noted the Fire Chief should be added to those authorized to use legal counsel.

Motion to amend RESOLUTION #03-06 to read: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES to authorize the Zoning Administrator, the Board of Trustees, the Fiscal Officer, and the Fire Chief to utilize the legal services when necessary of Jerrold Schwarz and of Paul-Michael La Fayette of Reminger and Reminger as needed at an hourly rate not to exceed \$130.00.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to approve the amended resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

- Gill said they have #268 on their fire apparatus in memory of Deputy Ethan Collins who was killed in a cruiser accident while en route to an emergency call in Bloom Township.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Solt reported NAPA is having their annual filter sale. **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to allow up to \$1,000 for purchase of air filters from NAPA. Motion carried 3-0.
- Solt said he spoke to Madison Township about brine storage. They have a 500 gallon unit on a dedicated truck. Fairfield County is also purchasing one. Discussion whether this would be a feasible option for Bloom Township. Solt recommended a pre-treatment on the spreader such as one used by Violet Twp. Violet Twp. Road Worker Will Yapple explained how his township applies substances for winter weather.
- Solt presented specification, including 4-wheel drive, for the truck purchase that is being researched. Total cost will be under \$50,000. Ford, who has the State Purchasing Contract, will hold the price for the 2007's. Solt said he will get at least three price quotes on the body. The truck will be titled 2007.

- Petty asked if Solt had found a computer for the cemetery. Solt said the new computer will be ordered this week. Zoning will purchase the same Dell model as used for cemetery.

- Randles asked if they can spread more grits like Greenfield Twp. does. Solt said they are using a 50/50 mix and making a hotter mix.

OTHER:

- The county Engineer's Office sent a fax today stating the legal date to erect signs to reduce weight limits on specified County and Township Roads is February 2, 2006. Solt will inform the trustees at the next meeting which Bloom Township roads will have weight limit reductions.
- Chief Gill requested an executive session to discuss Fire Dept. personnel matters. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to go into executive session to discuss Fire Dept. personnel matters. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chair

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer