

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 10/11/06>>>

David Petty, Board Chair, called the meeting to order. Members present were Trustees Petty, Brian Randles, Joseph Smith, and Fiscal Officer Carol Moore. Also present were Anne Darling Cyphert, Board and Bldg/Zoning Administrator; Fire Chief Terry Gill; Randy Solt, Acting Road Department Supervisor; and several interested citizens.

Petty led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to approve minutes of regular meeting and special meeting, both held 9-27-06. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Randles second by Smith to approve within fund transfers to Vehicle Repair as follows to cover anticipated Fire Dept. vehicle maintenance for the rest of the year:
 - \$3,000 from 2111-220-420-0000 (Operating Supplies) to 2111-220-323-0551.
 - \$2,000 from 2111-760-740-0000 (Mach.,Equip,Furn.) to 2111-220-323-0551.Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$62,249.94 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$42,260.43 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Update on compliance with recommendations of OTARMA Loss Control agent Cathy Gonzalez. Cyphert stated OTARMA would like to have a Complaint Form (provided by OTARMA) filled out whenever there is a complaint and it should be entered into the minutes at the next meeting. Cyphert provided trustees with a supply of forms to use when they receive a complaint.
- Correspondence:
 - Ltr dated 9-26-06, Michael Smith, Mason Rd regarding flooding along property frontage.
 - Village of Lithopolis requests price agreement for 2006-2007 Winter; Ltr dated 9-27-06.
 - Email (OCT 3), David Barno requesting speed bumps in Fairfield Farms development.
 - Email (OCT 3) from Nancy Reger of MORPC asking Member Officials to review 2007 population figures. The trustees said they believe the figures are low.
- Everyone's attention diverted to the sound of the leaking roof onto the sub ceiling of the meeting room. Cyphert offered to get the final roof quote for the Greencastle roof and put the issue on the next meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tornado Sirens Report: Dave Petty provided information from a recent meeting with other county officials regarding the repair of the 21 acquired sirens. They would like to get 10 up in the county by spring. New sirens would cost \$15,000- \$20,000 each, while a repaired siren would cost \$6,000 each and have a 20 year life. South Central Power will donate half of the cost of the poles. Petty said Moore had agreed that we could take \$4,000 from General Fund and \$4,000 from Fire Fund. Discussion of approving \$8,000 for the project. Two sirens would be installed in Bloom Twp. by spring: One at the Old Carroll Mill location and the other location to be determined but probably in the Greencastle area. Perhaps the Pickerington Road orchard area. Petty said the maintenance would be minimal and our employees could handle it. Petty said next year we can budget for the third and fourth sirens.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to authorize the spending of \$8,000 for the purchase of two repaired tornado sirens. Motion carried 3-0. Petty would like a check by next meeting and he will let Moore know how the check should be made out because the county auditor is going to set up a special fund. The county is contributing \$80,000 for the project share. Smith said the township will need a legal contract drawn up by the township attorney to secure permission before placement of sirens on properties and towers. All agreed.

- Moore farm – TIF, 900 acres discussion: Petty said the developer wants to talk with all three trustees.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to hold a special meeting November 8, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the development of the Chestnut Ridge area. Motion carried 3-0. Petty said the road is going to benefit the county also and no more than half of the fire millage should go to the project. The developer should come up with the rest of the money from somewhere else other than Bloom and Violet Townships. Petty discussed including a "no annexation" agreement. A possible CEDA agreement with Lithopolis was discussed. Petty said 2/3 of the land is in Violet, but 2/3 of the homes will be in Bloom Twp. The commercial would be in Violet. Petty said the county should be the driving agency because of their ability to sell bonds. Randles reminded everyone that was also what the OSU Extension representative had advised.

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- Petty requested that the next agenda include a payoff of the Fire medic for the first of November. Randles had suggested the pay-off at a previous meeting and expressed his agreement. Petty would also like to review zoning fees at the next meeting. He sees a shortfall of \$16,000 and would like the board to consider increasing fees from \$850 to \$1,500.
- Petty reported sending a letter to Julia Dillion regarding H.B.385 concerning the deferred compensation issue. The letter asks if the township is required to offer more than one program and what is a reasonable number of programs? Letter also questions whether the same liability stated in her opinion applies no matter what company is represented. (Letter from Petty to Dillon on file). Petty said we have not heard anything back yet.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- State share of Building Inspection fees: Cyphert presented an article from the Columbus Dispatch regarding the new building code that will mandate the township to pay a certain percentage of our building permit fees to the State of Ohio Building Department. She stated the trustees may want to consider this when contemplating a fee adjustment later this year. She stated the goal is to provide less reliance on the general fund from our existing residents' tax dollars and force the new residents to pay for the costs associated with building a new residence in Bloom Township.
- She stated the plat for Fox Chase subdivision is available for trustees and department heads to view.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- BWC check for \$1,243.96: Petty stated there was a refund check in this amount due to our participation in the safety awareness program by our employees.

ROAD DEPT REPORT:

- OPWC application filed SEP 29, 2006 with Lockwood-Lanier: Solt said it was filed last month and was hand delivered to the engineering firm.
- Report on Brandt Rd. grading and reground asphalt. Solt said he started grading it last week with \$900 worth of material.
- Lithopolis Salt Contract. Solt will have a contract for trustee signature at next meeting.
- Drainage issue Mike Smith, Mason Rd: Solt said the issue was aggravated when a concrete driveway was installed. Solt will view the property and meet with the owner.
- Fairfield Farms speeding issues: A request was made by a resident of the township regarding speed limit issues. Randles said he had talked with Mr. Barno and told him the roads have not been dedicated yet (turned over to Bloom Twp. by Regional Planning Commission). The developer is responsible for signs. Randles asked the resident to call the Sheriff's Office to report speeding issues.
- Moore asked about two phone calls she had referred to Solt regarding drainage issues at Kauffman Road at the property owned by Loretta Castle. Solt said he checked it out and has taken care of the issue.
- Dan Starkey is requesting Sheriff's patrol around Wesley Chapel cemetery due to inappropriate litter being left at the site. Solt said he has already done that. Dan Starkey reported the sign for the cemetery has been ordered and delivered.
- Cemetery Plan: Dan Starkey reported he researched cleaning grave stones and presented the trustees photos of stones needing cleaned. Repair of stones is also needed. Starkey asked what the trustees would like to move forward with regarding his proposed plans for the cemetery department. Randles stated location of 19th century graves should be done. Smith wants to preserve the stones. Starkey said it is labor intensive. Petty suggested it could be an Eagle Scout project.

Petty stated he would also like to see revenue increase in the cemetery fund. Starkey said he is also finished with computerized mapping of Wesley Chapel. He said could sell more lots by more advertisement. Petty said a sign with a township phone number should be installed at Wesley Chapel. Locating stones at Cedar Hill cemetery may be difficult due to age. Randles stated Starkey's main focus should be stone identification. Petty agreed. He said increasing revenue and maintaining database should be next priorities, Smith concurred. Starkey said computer enhancements may be considered for the data base at a later point. Starkey inquired about making data base more accessible such as putting it on a website. No funds would be expended for that type of project. He said this would be good for genealogical research. Moore cautioned about putting families' private information on the website. Starkey said it is already public record. Randles said he should concentrate on the stone refurbishment for the time being and address the rest of his plan at a later time. Petty and Smith concurred.

Petty summarized the trustees' priorities as first priority being item number six, second priority being increased revenue, and third priority being the database. All trustees agreed.

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OTHER:

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to enter into Executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of personnel. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to approve the hiring of Lisa Fisher as a part-time administrative assistant on a one year probationary period retroactive to August 1, 2006 at \$10 per hour with four hours holiday pay on official state holidays. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer