

<<<BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 4/26/06>>>

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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sheriff Dave Phalen asked if the township has any issues to discuss. He stated they are investigating a home invasion on Cedar Hill Road. He said there is an unusual set of circumstances in that case.

Phalen discussed the new link on the Sheriff's website regarding crime identifications around the townships. He said a program called "Safety First" is being offered throughout the county and is free. Also a women's self defense class will continue to be offered. Petty offered the use of the township meeting room for a Safety First presentation. Cyphert will meet with Phalen to discuss holding Safety First presentations in various township locations including the township meeting room. Smith asked if the program would be introduced to county and township road workers so they would know what to look for and how to report crime activity. Phalen said he plans to do that.

- David Wynkoop reminded the trustees he wanted it on the record that his mother is not interested in selling her property to the township.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve minutes of 4-12-06 regular meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** by Smith, second by Randles to approve \$1,400.00 ACLS course for Fire Dept paid to Grant Med Ctr. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Motion** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$17,159.17 and Payroll/charges in the amount of \$50,376.82 having been certified by the fiscal officer that funds are available. Motion carried 3-0.
- Announcements
 - DEPARTMENT HEADS: Must prepare estimate of revenues and expenditures for 2007. Submit copy to fiscal officer NLT **June 1, 2006**. Make appointment with F.O. if help is needed.
 - MORPC letter requesting representative be sent WED 5-3-06, 10:00 a.m., Hamilton Twp Hall, 6400 Lockbourne Road, Lockbourne OH. RE: Rickenbacker Area Road Network Assessment Study. Petty will attend the meeting.
- Correspondences:
 - Letter from Bloom-Carroll School Superintendent James Herd dated 4-12-06. RE: "gathering" of the Community Engagements Initiative 4-27-06 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Greenfield Twp Fire Dept on Havensport Rd. And Letter from Lancaster FF Cty Chamber of Commerce dated 4-18-06 with same invitation as sent by B-C Schools. Petty stated there is controversy over the consultant hired by the district. The trustees stated they are not interested in contributing any township funds to the consultant fee. Anne Cyphert (zoning) and Carol Moore (fiscal officer) will attend the meeting.
 - Letter from OP&F says they propose firefighter member contributions to increase from 10% to 12% over 5 years. Moore said firefighter employer contribution is already 24% and will not increase. Police employer contribution is 19.5% and is proposed to increase to 24% over the 5 year period.
 - 2005 Annual Report from The Fairfield County Engineer's Office

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reminder: Retirement Reception for Tom Scholl on Sunday. Scholl dedicated 27 years of service to the township.

ZONING & BOARD OFFICE REPORT:

- Anne Cyphert reported on the meeting she and Joe Smith had attended at the Sheriff's Office. Also reported on CEO luncheon she and Smith attended required for Workers' Comp discount.

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- Cyphert reported the red truck has been declared safe by Bootsie's and she has been using the truck in removal of signs from the township right-of-ways. The only problem found was a loose screw in the steering column that was replaced for \$128.00.
- Cyphert reported on a zoning volunteer who has a business operating without a conditional use permit and she will speak to the member about it. Trustees said to let them know if she runs into any problems.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Terry Gill reported the township will continue to receive the BWC 4% discount for next year. The 15% discount is extended due to the Drug Free Workplace program. Our annual training will not be reimbursed this year.
- Gill said the 1997 International Medic is ready to be declared surplus. He requested the trustees approve the "*Resolution for the Sale of Township Personal Property by Internet Auction*" that was introduced at the 4-12-06 trustee meeting.

Motion by Randles, second by Smith to pass **RESOLUTION #21-06**, "*Resolution for the Sale of Township Personal Property by Internet Auction.*"

ROLL CALL: Randles-Yes; Smith-Yes; Petty-Yes. Resolution passed 3-0. Original on file in the office of the fiscal officer.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to declare extra medic as surplus to be sold at internet auction. Motion carried 3-0

- RPC Meeting on Chestnut Ridge: Gill, Petty, and Cyphert will attend a meeting to discuss a proposed subdivision.
- Gill presented the trustees with a log of runs. Randles said they had also received Solt's Road Dept. report. Cyphert submitted her report as well.
- Gill asked if the fire department could update their link on the website. Cyphert recommended the trustees approve the fire department to have access to update their own website information. Moore suggested the trustees designate someone as the authorized person to have the password. Smith suggested also having an alternate.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles to appoint Frank Reis to update the fire department section only of the Bloom Township website and to keep the password confidential with Eric Smith as the back-up. Motion carried 3-0.

- New substation committee: Gill recommends F.O., a trustee, department heads. Moore recommended the trustees make a list of tasks and set parameters for the committee. Randles asked if a firefighter should be on the committee. Gill stated not at this point. Moore will work on suggested committee tasks to review at next meeting.
- Petty stated the Bloom Elementary PTO would like the fire department to donate a fire truck ride for a raffle ticket winner. Gill said they must be big enough to not be in an infant car seat and must be big enough to be in a seat belt.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Acting Supervisor Randy Solt presented two spec bid sheets for review. He worked with the county on coming up with split bid specs, one for paving, and one for chip and seal. Petty said he has worked with Solt and has discovered quality differences in the materials used. He said the split bids will allow more companies to submit bids to allow for more competition. Moore presented the trustees with the legal notice for bidding the projects. She said the trustees may want to set maximum amounts to be spent on each of the two different applications.

Randles asked if Robert Stebleton had contacted him about the tree removal on Brandt Rd. Solt said he had not.

Solt discussed he would like to replace 13 culverts with 2006 county matching funds. He is getting quotes, thinks it will cost around \$14,400. Also two guardrail installations are being considered for the remainder of the matching county funds.

Randles asked again about Brandt Road. Solt said trees must be removed and grading performed. The county will appoint an engineering firm to do a design for an Issue I grant application. Smith asked about Kauffman Rd. Solt said we need a design plan for Kauffman and Brandt. Solt said the township road department does not have the funds needed to do what needs to be done on Brandt Road. He said you can't just put asphalt on it. He put 58 tons of gravel on Brandt Road. Randles asked if funds for Brandt Road were set aside last year. Moore state the funds were

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there, but no decision was made. Moore stated there is money in road and bridge fund for the Alspach Road project.

Discussion turns back to how much to spend on asphalt/paving versus chip and seal.

RESOLUTION #22-06: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES that the two Summer Road Maintenance Project advertisements for bids and the bid packages are approved as presented with bids to be opened May 24, 2006. Further, that the asphalt/paving performance bond is set at \$380,000 and the chip and seal performance bond is set at \$20,000.

Motion by Smith, second by Randles

ROLL CALL: Randles-Yes; Smith-Yes; Petty-Yes. Resolution passed 3-0.

- Solt said he toured ABC Truck Company and was impressed by it. All body work and extra items are performed on site. This is the company he is considering for building the body for the new road truck. Solt will report back to the trustees on this issue.
- Solt said the village of Lithopolis may be interested in the township mowing the Lithopolis Road right-of-way. Solt said the county price for operator and equipment is \$53.00. So far the village has not written a request to the township for the project.
- Solt said he will be applying weed killer to the grounds of the administrative office.
- Solt said Dan Starkey is on vacation this week.

OTHER:

- Petty asked about the plans for dealing with noxious weeds. Cyphert explained formal complaints will be received starting June 21 and explained the process.
- Randles spoke to Mike Leatherman about remodeling the front counter at the meeting room.
- Cyphert presented a flyer that was dropped off by a township resident (Tim Stubbins) for anyone interested in Assistive Technology Workshops.
- Moore requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment duties and benefits. **Motion** by Randles, second by Smith to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment duties and benefits with the fiscal officer. Motion carried 3-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Petty adjourned the meeting.

David Petty
Chairperson

Carol J. Moore
Fiscal Officer