

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

David Petty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the township's Greencastle Office complex where it is proposed to build new fire department substation. 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; David Wynkoop; and Jason Funderburg and Chris Widener of Widener Design & Construction Group.

The purpose of this special meeting was to get information from the two representatives of Widener Design concerning the general possibilities for positioning the proposed Fire Department Substation with respect to building size and orientation and septic system needs.

Chris Widener provided answers to questions from those present concerning the placement of the building and the timeline for the construction project.

Trustee Petty said the substation will house a maximum of six firefighters. It will have three bays; two for trucks and one for storage; also will have living quarters with basement.

Widener said building would fit on the property and could face Lithopolis Road.

David Wynkoop asked why a fire truck and not an emergency squad is planned for the new substation. It was explained that the only thing the personnel on the fire truck could not do is transport a patient. The truck is equipped with emergency medical supplies.

Fire Chief Terry Gill said a state EPA representative who did a previous walk-through of the property, advised that a residential size septic system would be adequate. It was discussed that an upgrade to the current septic system would be cost prohibitive.

Wynkoop said his mother, whose property is adjacent to the township's property, does not want to be approached again about selling her land. He also wanted assurance that it is on the record that his mother does not want to sell the land.

Petty said the township is looking at beginning construction in the fall of this year. He said we are paying cash with no financing. Fiscal Officer Carol Moore said the money would not be available in the building fund until 2007 and no construction could begin until all funds are available for the project. Randles agreed that the money has to be there first. Widener said the project could be done in stages. After further discussion, it was decided that only the architectural plans could be completed prior to costing the entire construction project. Widener said the architect would cost in excess of 25,000 and would need to be bid out. Discussion of advertising for the architect and the selection process.

Petty said he and Gill anticipate building to cost \$80 square foot for a total around \$400,000. Widener said it would be higher and 7 to 9% of total cost for the architect.

Widener suggested the township send out request for proposals. He provided a sample RFP for architects.

Widener estimated the site work and septic to be around \$70,000.

Randles said we need to get a committee together to plan the process.

Petty adjourned the meeting.

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David Petty  
Chairperson

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Carol J. Moore  
Fiscal Officer